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SOUTH (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in Belle Isle Family Centre, Belle Isle Road, Leeds, LS10 3PG on
Tuesday, 20th February, 2007 at 6.30 pm (Map attached)

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

D Congreve	-	Beeston and Holbeck
A Gabriel	-	Beeston and Holbeck
A Ogilvie	-	Beeston and Holbeck
P Davey	-	City and Hunslet
M Iqbal	-	City and Hunslet
E Nash	-	City and Hunslet
J Blake	-	Middleton Park
D Coupar	-	Middleton Park
G Driver	-	Middleton Park

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A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL FUNCTIONS AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

There are certain functions that are defined by regulations which can only be carried out at a meeting of the Full Council or under a Scheme of Delegation approved by the Full Council. Everything else is an Executive Function and, therefore, is carried out by the Council's Executive Board or under a Scheme of Delegation agreed by the Executive Board.

The Area Committee has some functions which are delegated from full Council and some Functions which are delegated from the Executive Board. Both functions are kept separately in order to make it clear where the authority has come from so that if there are decisions that the Area Committee decides not to make they know which body the decision should be referred back to.

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2			<p>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC</p> <p>To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public</p>	
3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	
4			<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To declare any personal/prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 13 of the Members Code of Conduct</p>	
5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting</p>	
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8	Beeston and Holbeck; City and Hunslet; Middleton Park;		<p>PROGRESS ON REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES WITHIN SOUTH LEEDS</p> <p>To receive a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which assesses the implications of the decision on the Round 5 PFI Scheme in the context of the proposals that are being developed for a South Leeds Regeneration Area</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation/10 mins discussion)</p>	9 - 20
9	Beeston and Holbeck; City and Hunslet; Middleton Park;		<p>A PLAN FOR DELIVERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LEEDS</p> <p>To consider a report from the Chief Housing Services Officer which sets out the background to the establishment of the Affordable Housing Task Force and the subsequent production of the Affordable Housing Delivery Plan, 'Making the Housing Ladder Work'.</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation/10 mins discussion)</p>	21 - 38

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11	Beeston and Holbeck; City and Hunslet; Middleton Park;		<p>DRAFT AREA DELIVEREY PLAN 2007/08</p> <p>To consider a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which reviews the 2006/07 Area Delivery Plan and presents for discussion a draft Area Delivery Plan for the 2007/08 municipal year</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation/10 mins discussion)</p>	53 - 90
12	Beeston and Holbeck; City and Hunslet; Middleton Park;		<p>AREA COMMITTEE WELLBEING BUDGET</p> <p>To receive a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which updates Members on both the revenue and capital elements of the Area Committee's Wellbeing budget, advises Members of the current position of the Small Grants budget and invites the Committee to determine those proposals which have been submitted for consideration</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation/10 mins discussion)</p>	91 - 122

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13	Beeston and Holbeck; City and Hunslet; Middleton Park;		<p>AREA MANAGER'S REPORT</p> <p>To consider a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which provides Members with details of the range of activities currently taking place within the Inner South area of Leeds</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation/10 mins discussion)</p>	123 - 136
14			<p>DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday, 26th March 2007 at 6.30 p.m. (Venue – Cottingley Community Centre, 115 Cottingley Approach, Leeds, LS11 0HJ)</p> <p>MAP OF TODAY'S VENUE</p> <p>Belle Isle Family Centre, St. John & St. Barnabas Church, Belle Isle Road, Leeds, LS10 3PG</p>	

Agenda Item 6

SOUTH (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 2006

PRESENT: Councillor G Driver in the Chair

Councillors J Blake, D Congreve, D Coupar,
P Davey, E Nash and A Ogilvie

44 Appointment of Chair

By consent of the Members present, it was agreed that Councillor Driver assumed the position of Chair for the duration of this meeting only, as the elected Chair, Councillor Gabriel, had submitted her apologies for the meeting.

45 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the December meeting of the South (Inner) Area Committee.

46 Late Items

In accordance with his powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair admitted to the agenda two Small Grant applications for determination, on which unanimous agreement had not been reached. The applications were to be considered as part of agenda item 12, entitled 'Area Committee Wellbeing Budget'. (Minute No. 56 refers).

Both applications had not been available at the time of the agenda despatch as this had occurred during the routine consultation period and both needed to be considered as a matter of urgency, as a deferral to the February 2007 meeting of the Committee would have been too late.

47 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Coupar declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 12 entitled, 'Area Committee Wellbeing Budget' due to being a representative of the local authority on the Belle Isle Tenants' Management Organisation (BITMO) Board. (Minute No. 56 refers)

Councillor Blake declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 10 entitled, 'Making Leeds Better Progress Report' due to being a member of the Making Leeds Better Project Board and a personal interest in relation to agenda item 12, 'Area Committee Wellbeing Budget', due to being a representative of the local authority on the BITMO Board. (Minute Nos. 54 and 56 refer).

Councillor Ogilvie declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 9 entitled, 'Building Schools for the Future – Phase 1 – Cockburn High School', due to being a governor of Cockburn High School. (Minute No. 53 refers).

Councillor Congreve declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 9 entitled, 'Building Schools for the Future – Phase 1 – Cockburn High School', due to being a governor of Cockburn High School. (Minute No. 53 refers).

48 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Chair, Councillor Gabriel and the Lord Mayor, Councillor Iqbal.

49 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2006 be approved as a correct record.

50 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Area Manager's Report (Minute No. 40 refers)

Members enquired whether further information had been sought from Councillor Harris in relation to the ways in which 'Narrowing the Gap' was being implemented within Inner South Leeds. In response, the South Leeds Area Manager confirmed that clarification on this issue would be sought from the Chair and that any information received would be forwarded to Members in due course.

51 Open Forum

In accordance with paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to ten minutes for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

Tunstall Road Centre

A local resident raised concerns about the proposals surrounding Tunstall Road Centre and the transfer of the services currently based at the centre to alternative sites. He stated that as the centre was a focal point of the community, which had provided a range of valuable services for some 35 years, the lack of public consultation undertaken on the proposals had been unacceptable.

In response, Members expressed their concern at the recent developments, emphasised the importance of the centre and stressed the need for it to remain as a community facility. In conclusion local Ward Councillors assured the resident that the issue would be pursued further.

Street lighting in Cottingley

Concerns were raised by a representative of the local Tenants and Residents Association regarding the removal of a street lamp in Cottingley, the time it was taking to replace the lamp and the anti social behaviour that the lack of appropriate street lighting could encourage.

In response, Members concurred with the resident's concerns and the South Leeds Area Manager stated that he would seek further information on the issue.

52 Children's Trust Arrangements for Leeds

The Committee received a report from the Director of Children's Services which advised Members on the progress made in relation to the implementation of the Children Act 2004 and summarised the children's trust arrangements which were being adopted in Leeds.

Having received a brief overview of the issues detailed within the report from the Deputy Director of Children's Services, a discussion ensued. The main areas of debate were as follows:-

- That a tailored approach was required when implementing the children's trust arrangements in order to ensure that the specific needs of each individual community were catered for;
- Having stressed the need for services to be commissioned in a locally sensitive way whilst maximising local knowledge and experience, Members questioned how centrally based bodies such as the 'Integrated Strategic Commissioning Board' would be able to achieve this;
- The methods which would be used to ensure that any representatives appointed as part of the new arrangements would reflect the diverse nature of the local community;
- The extent to which local Ward Councillors had been consulted on the proposals and the ways in which Elected Members could become more involved in the process;
- Issues relating to the appointment of Elected Members as Corporate Carers and the extent to which the Committee had been consulted on the issue;
- The robustness of the work which was being undertaken in this field throughout South Leeds and the need to ensure that a more cohesive and multi agency approach would be taken in the future.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

53 Building Schools for the Future - Phase 1 - Cockburn High School

A report was submitted on behalf of the Acting Chief Planning and Development Services Officer which provided Members with information on the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme specifically in relation to Cockburn High School.

Having received a brief presentation on the programme from the Planning Projects Manager, a discussion ensued. The main areas of debate were as follows:-

- The levels of interest which had been attracted at the public consultation meetings;
- The length of time the development was scheduled to take and the extent to which pupils of the school would be disrupted;
- The enhanced catering facilities which were proposed as part of the new development;
- The extent to which the facilities within the new school would be accessible to the local community and whether such accessibility would be incorporated into the relevant contracts;

- The need to consider the demography of the local area when planning the development, in order to ensure that the school had the facilities to accommodate any demographic shifts.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

(Prior to the commencement of this item, Councillor Congreve indicated that he was a Member of the Plans Panel (East) and could possibly be considering this matter at a later date in that capacity.

He stated that in view of this, and in order to avoid any perception of pre-determination when the matter came before Plans Panel, he would not discuss any planning matters relating to this issue. Councillor Congreve also stated that he would not be bound by any discussions or decisions taken at today's meeting when this matter came before the Plans Panel, but would consider all representations and viewpoints presented at the planning meeting before reaching a conclusion based on the merits of the case).

54 Making Leeds Better Progress Report

Members received a report from the Making Leeds Better Programme Team updating the Committee on the progress which had been made in relation to the initiative.

The importance of this issue was emphasised by the Committee, especially when considering the socio-economic trends present in Inner South Leeds and the implications that the presence of such trends had on the community's health. Members stressed the importance of effective service provision at a local level in order to ensure that the inequalities which currently existed were addressed and sought assurances that the Making Leeds Better Programme would enable the necessary changes to service delivery to be made.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the contents of the report, including the resolution of the NHS Boards from 19th September 2006, be noted;
- (b). That the comments raised by the Committee be relayed to the Making Leeds Better Programme Team for consideration.

55 Scrutiny Action Learning Project around Community Development in Health and Wellbeing

The Committee received a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which invited the Area Committee to discuss where community health development projects had made a difference in their local area and provided an opportunity for Members to help the Scrutiny Board identify and address potential barriers in the delivery of effective community health development work in Leeds.

Additional information relating to the terms of reference for the Action Learning Project had been circulated to Members for their information prior to the meeting.

Having emphasised the importance of community based health initiatives in the area, Members were encouraged to submit any comments or suggestions on this issue to the Area Manager who would in turn relay such comments to the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) for consideration.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the contents of the report be noted;
- (b). That Members submit any comments or suggestions arising from the report to the Area Manager who will in turn forward them to the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) for consideration.

56 Area Committee Wellbeing Budget

A report was submitted on behalf of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which updated Members on the current position of both the capital and revenue elements of the Area Committee's Wellbeing budget, summarised the Small Grant applications received since the last meeting and requested Members to determine the proposals for Wellbeing funding which had been submitted.

Members were also invited to determine two Small Grant applications on which unanimous agreement had not been reached. The Committee was advised that both applications urgently required a decision as a deferral to the February 2007 meeting would be too late.

With regard to the manager of the Belle Isle Family Centre, a position which had been funded by the Area Committee, Members noted that the position had recently become vacant and questioned whether any financial slippage had arisen as a result which could be returned to the Area Committee budget. In response, the Area Manager undertook to investigate the matter.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the report and information appended to the report, including the current position of the Area Committee's revenue and capital Wellbeing budgets in addition to the Small Grants budget be noted;
- (b). That the following decisions be made in relation to the Small Grants funding proposals which have been submitted for determination to this meeting (funding will be allocated from the Area Committee's 2006/07 Small Grants budget unless otherwise stated):-
 - (i). Fayre Care for Christmas – Fayre Care for Christmas - **£500.00 – Approved;**
 - (ii). Youth Worx – Youth Worx Wednesday Youth Club - **£580.00 – Approved.**
- (c). That the following decisions be made in relation to the Wellbeing funding proposals which have been submitted for determination to this meeting (funding will be allocated from the Area Committee's 2006/07 Wellbeing budget unless otherwise stated):-
 - (i). Lady Pit Lane Allotment Regeneration – Parks and Countryside (Learning and Leisure Department) - **£5,250.00 Revenue – Approved, subject to confirmation being sought from the Learning and Leisure Department that the improvements cannot be funded internally and that alternative sources of funding cannot be found;**

- (ii). The 'Feel Good' Furniture Shop – South Leeds Alternative Trading Enterprise (SLATE) - **£3,000.00 Revenue – Approved;**
- (iii). Conversion of housing office into Credit Union & Community Meeting Space – Belle Isle Tenants' Management Organisation (BITMO) - **£30,000.00 Capital – Approved, with £15,000.00 being allocated from Middleton Park's 2006/07 Capital Wellbeing budget and £15,000.00 being allocated from Middleton Park's 2007/08 Capital Wellbeing budget.**

57 Parkside and Westland Road Industrial Estates CCTV Scheme

Members received a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which provided a review of the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Scheme on the Parkside and Westland Road Industrial Estates, gave an assessment of future developments, sought Members' views on future funding arrangements and requested that the report was referred to the Beeston Hill and Holbeck Regeneration Board.

Following a brief summary from the Neighbourhood Renewal Manager which highlighted the main issues within the report, a question and answer session ensued. The main areas of debate were as follows:-

- The current performance of the scheme and the proposals in place to develop it further;
- The upgrading of the CCTV equipment used as part of the scheme and the benefits which would be reaped by such an upgrade;
- The extent to which the cameras could focus upon the wider area, rather than solely focussing upon the premises, in order to support both the local community and local businesses;
- The possibility of the area in question being used as a bus route and the implications that this would have on the scheme.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the contents of the report and information appended to the report be noted;
- (b). That the Parkside and Westland Road Industrial Estates CCTV scheme be referred to the Beeston and Holbeck Regeneration Board for consideration.

58 Area Manager's Report

The Committee received a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which provided Members with details of the range of activities currently taking place within the Inner South area of Leeds.

Regarding the Middleton Regeneration Board, Members noted that the Board was now operational and that the first meeting had been held successfully.

With regard to Leeds South Homes environmental bids, Members were requested to forward any suggestions to the Area Management Team by 19th December 2006 for consideration.

Due to the additional funding received from the City Services department for the Beeston Hill Binyard Improvement Scheme, Members noted that there

had been an underspend of approximately £27,967.00. It was then proposed that the underspend could be used to fund additional binyards in the Beeston Hill area, to enable an even greater impact to be achieved.

With regard to the key themes and priorities of the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan (ADP), the South Leeds Area Manager confirmed that an informal meeting had taken place on 12th December 2006 to consider the issue. The Committee noted that several suggestions for additional key themes and priorities had been received which would be addressed as part of the 2007/08 ADP process. Members were then advised that it was intended to formally submit the ADP for 2007/08 to the next meeting of the Committee for approval.

In response to Members' enquiries regarding the community facilities audit which was currently taking place in the Middleton Park Ward, the Area Manager undertook to keep Members updated on the initiative and confirmed that it was intended to roll out the audit across all three Wards.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the contents of the report and information appended to the report be noted;
- (b). That the draft Terms of Reference for the Middleton Regeneration Partnership Board be noted;
- (c). That Members' suggestions on environmental improvements to be carried out by Leeds South Homes ALMO be forwarded to the Area Manager by Tuesday, 19th December for consideration;
- (d). That the 'underspend' of approximately £27,967.00 from the Beeston Hill binyard improvement scheme be used to create additional binyards in the Beeston Hill area of Leeds.

59 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 20th February 2007 at 6.30 p.m. at Belle Isle Family Centre, Belle Isle Road, Leeds, LS10 3PG (TBC).

(The meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.)

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Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing

South Inner Area Committee

Date: 20th February 2007

Subject: Progress on regeneration and development issues within South Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:

City and Hunslet
Beeston and Holbeck
Middleton Park

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available for
Call In

Delegated Executive Function
not available for Call in Details
set out in the report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On the 19th April 2006, the Council's Executive Board

- Agreed the principle of developing a comprehensive South Leeds regeneration scheme
- Approved the submission of an Expression of Interest proposal for Beeston Hill and Holbeck relating to central government's Housing PFI fifth bidding round, and the inclusion of a range of potential development opportunities owned by the Council within this scheme (focused on the area shown on the plan in Appendix 1 of this report)

The Council has now been advised that the outline Housing PFI scheme for Beeston Hill and Holbeck, although not approved, has been given first priority status on a reserve list to be allocated future PFI credits.

This report assesses the implications of the decision on the Round 5 PFI scheme in the context of proposals that are being developed for a South Leeds Regeneration Area.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 To seek Members support to the principles that will underpin the development of a regeneration strategy for the South Leeds area which includes the communities of Holbeck, Beeston Hill, West Hunslet, Belle Isle and Middleton, with a view to detailed proposals being submitted to the Council's Executive Board for approval in the summer of 2007.
- 1.2 Following the decision of the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) to place the Beeston Hill and Holbeck Housing PFI scheme on a priority reserve list, this report outlines the key issues that will need to be addressed in developing regeneration proposals for the wider South Leeds area.
- 1.3 The PFI scheme forms an integral part of these regeneration proposals for South Leeds. If the scheme goes ahead, it will complement other proposals that are emerging, but if PFI credits are not made available, the principles of the scheme outlined in the Expression of Interest bid will be embraced as part of overall proposals for South Leeds.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 On the 19th April 2006, the Executive Board
 - Agreed the principle of developing a comprehensive South Leeds regeneration scheme
 - Approved the submission of an Expression of Interest proposal for Beeston Hill and Holbeck relating to central government's Housing PFI fifth bidding round, and the inclusion of a range of potential development opportunities owned by the Council within this scheme (focused on the area shown on the plan in Appendix 2 of this report)
- 2.2 A decision on the £90 million Housing PFI scheme was not received until the 23rd December 2006. As reported to the February Executive Board meeting, although the scheme has not been placed on the Housing PFI programme at this stage, it has been placed on the fifth round reserve list and will have first call on any credits that become available. The Council has been advised that it will not be necessary to resubmit the Expression of Interest (although this would be necessary if the scheme was radically changed)
- 2.3 PFI credits may become available as a result of schemes from earlier rounds not progressing, or as a result of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review that is due to be completed in July 2007. Although discussions are continuing representatives from the DCLG regarding the scheme, there is no guarantee that PFI credits will be available.
- 2.4 The PFI proposals sought to use the Council's land assets as well as PFI credits and external funding sources such as the Regional Housing Board as a catalyst for regenerating the area. As part of this strategy, the February 2007 Executive Board approved the clearance of further 'back-to-back' housing in Holbeck which forms a

significant element of the overall approach to improve the area and link potential development opportunities..

- 2.5 This work, along with extensive consultation undertaken as part of the development of a Regeneration Action Plan for Holbeck has created momentum and expectation, which needs to be maintained.
- 2.6 At the same time that the PFI scheme has been developed, initial proposals have been implemented to improve access to the newly constructed South Leeds High School and the sports facilities centred on the John Charles Centre for Sport and initial feasibility work has been undertaken in Middleton that has identified a major opportunity to link cleared Council owned land in Middleton with land at Sharp Lane, which was disposed of by the Council in 2006 and is being developed by a consortium of housebuilders. The relationship and interface between this major private sector scheme and the adjacent older housing areas in Middleton will need to be addressed as part of regeneration proposals that are being developed for the area.
- 2.7 The challenge will be for the Council and its partners to integrate these various initiatives to ensure that the benefits for South Leeds are optimized and proposals to address the regeneration objectives have clearly been established.

3.0 KEY FACTORS THAT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED IN DEVELOPING REGENERATION PROPOSALS FOR SOUTH LEEDS

- 3.1 South Leeds is a large geographical area with a population of in the region of 140,000 and includes a diverse range of communities. Some areas, particularly within the inner city and parts of local authority owned housing estates are characterised by serious levels of deprivation. 33% of all households in South Leeds receive a Council administered benefit compared to the city average of 22%
- 3.2 Overall there are a number of factors that will need to be addressed in developing regeneration proposals. These include:-
- Unemployment rates that are above the city average
 - Pockets of unsustainable housing and poor environmental conditions that are acting as a disincentive for investment and influence the perception of certain neighbourhoods
 - Poor levels of educational attainment and skill levels (only 34% of school pupils gained 5 GCSE's at grades A-C in the summer of 2005 compared to the city average of 50%.
 - High, but falling crime rates and significant levels of anti-social behaviour
 - Poor connectivity between neighbourhoods
 - Issues relating to the provision of affordable housing
- 3.3 South Leeds however has considerable strengths and opportunities. The area is easily accessible to the M62, M1 and M621 motorways, first class sports facilities have been developed at the John Charles Centre for Sport, and there is potential to establish good links to major employment opportunities in the Aire Valley and Holbeck is immediately adjacent to the growth being experienced in Holbeck Urban Village and the expanding city centre.

3.4 Market testing carried out as part of the development of the PFI scheme has demonstrated clear interest from the private sector in potential development opportunities and the way they relate to regeneration proposals being developed, and the Sharp Lane development in the south area, which will result in the construction of 1286 dwellings is demonstrating that there is current demand for private sector housing development in this part of the city. The long term impact of Sharp Lane on the South Leeds housing market will however need to be assessed.

4.0 MAIN POINTS

- 4.1 The needs of South Leeds outstrip planned levels of investment, and major funding streams such as the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund are coming to an end. The scale of intervention required to achieve effective, long-lasting and sustainable change throughout South Leeds will require massive levels of new investment. Whilst there is a prospect of securing Housing PFI credits for the Beeston Hill and Holbeck scheme, the Council should pursue this option, and Members are requested to endorse the preparation of an Outline Business Case for the scheme at risk, in consultation with the DCLG's Housing PFI Team. It is envisaged that a final decision on the availability of additional PFI credits will be made by the government by July 2007, and progress on this issue will be reported to future meetings of the Board
- 4.2 Although some of the work undertaken to prepare the PFI Outline Business Case may prove to be abortive, the majority of this work will form a solid basis for developing an alternative PPP delivery mechanism as part of an overall contingency plan. If this becomes necessary proposals for Beeston Hill and Holbeck may need to be linked to other opportunities in South Leeds in order to achieve an integrated scheme that has sufficient critical mass to attract the level of private sector interest and investment that will be required to deliver the objectives identified for the area.
- 4.3 Irrespective of whether or not PFI credits are secured or not, there will be a requirement for Leeds South and South East Homes to take decisions about unsustainable elements of its housing stock and for the Council and its partners to develop comprehensive proposals that will address the issues outlined in paragraph 3.2 above, which will require a range of interventions.
- 4.4 In order to progress proposals for South Leeds the work that has been undertaken to date is being used as the basis for identifying strategic and local regeneration objectives and key priorities. This will help to determine the type(s) of intervention(s) and scale of transformation that will be required. In turn, this will determine the most appropriate mechanism or mechanisms for delivering the objectives, which will require detailed consideration. Although many priorities are likely to be focused on individual neighbourhoods, issues for example such as the creation of employment and training opportunities, improving educational attainment, open space and infrastructure and addressing health inequalities will have implications for a wider area.
- 4.5 The overall objectives of the scheme are to
- Create mixed tenure and mixed income neighbourhoods in South Leeds, and ensure that there is an adequate supply of affordable housing
 - Improve educational attainment and the creation of new training/employment opportunities

- To look at opportunities available in the area to address social exclusion, disadvantage and inequalities being experienced by people living in South Leeds
- To create a sense of identity and place for individual neighbourhoods within the area
- To increase choice and improve the quality of life for people living within South Leeds
- To encourage and promote cross-sector and inter-agency working to achieve regeneration objectives
- To attract new investment and create investor confidence for the wider South Leeds area and underpin long-term partnership working.

4.6 Specifically, the scheme will need to:-

- Address issues relating to unsustainable parts of the housing stock within South Leeds
- Improve connectivity between Holbeck and Holbeck Urban Village and the City Centre
- Improve the image of the Parkside industrial area and strengthen accessibility to the John Charles Centre for Sport and South Leeds High School from adjacent communities.
- Integrate the major private sector housing development at Sharp Lane, Middleton with adjacent older housing areas

4.7 As mentioned above, the integration of the Sharp Lane development in Middleton with the adjacent housing areas will be critical to achieving regeneration objectives for this area. A number of former Council owned properties have been cleared, and there is an opportunity for this cleared land to form the basis for developing new housing that could connect with the Sharp Lane site. A key objective is to construct a new access road that will link these two areas, through a Council owned site that is marked as A on the plan attached in Appendix 1. This was a site that was reserved for a new primary school that is no longer required for this purpose. It is important that the site is retained in the Council's ownership until planning issues relating to the potential development of these areas have been assessed. A report recommending this course of action is to be presented to the Council's Executive Board in March 2007

4.8 Detailed consultation has commenced with key stakeholders and residents, with a view to reporting recommendations on a preferred strategy for South Leeds to the Executive Board in the summer of 2007, by which time hopefully some clarity will have been achieved. regarding the PFI scheme for Beeston Hill and Holbeck.

4.9 As part of this initial phase of developing regeneration proposals for South Leeds some of the important issues that will need to be addressed are:-

- Assessing the type and value of Council assets in the area that could be used to deliver the objectives identified in paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 above
- Assessing what investment from key partners is already going into the area, and seeking agreement to the principle that these commitments will be maintained to add value to the overall strategy

- Assessing the planning/highway issues associated with the development of potential sites
- Assessing the cost of assembling potential sites, including acquisition costs, legal checks, site investigation works and implementing road closures etc.
- Identifying potential mechanisms to deliver the identified objectives
- Identifying resources to deliver the project(s)

5.0 Policy context

- 5.1 The improvement of parts of South Leeds and the Beeston Hill and Holbeck area in particular is a corporate priority for the Council, which is identified in the Vision for Leeds 2004-2020, the Corporate Plan 2005-8, and the Leeds Regeneration Plan 2005-2008. The area is a designated Neighbourhood Renewal Area. There is reference in the Unitary Development Plan to the need to regenerate parts of the area and in 2005 the Executive Board approved a Land Use Framework for Beeston Hill and Holbeck as Supplementary Planning Guidance.
- 5.2 Planning policy for this area of the city is established by the UDP and UDP Review, and several parts of the area are within the Green Belt. There is an approved Land Use Framework that covers the Beeston Hill and Holbeck NRA area, and has been approved by the Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance. The influence of these policies on the development of regeneration proposals for South Leeds will require further detailed consideration.

6.0 Proposed consultation and indicative timetable

- 6.1 The Project is being governed and managed by a structure that includes
- The Council's Asset Management Group and Executive Board
 - A Housing PFI Board and a PPP/PFI Coordination Board within the Council that provides guidance on the development of PFI and PPP projects
 - The South Leeds District Partnership
 - The Council's South Inner Area Committee
 - The Board of Leeds South and South East Homes
 - A Regeneration Partnership Board for Beeston Hill and Holbeck
 - A Regeneration Board for Middleton
 - A range of established Forums and resident/tenant groups throughout the area
- 6.2 Over the next three months, proposals for South Leeds will be developed in consultation with Lead Members, Ward Members and key stakeholder groups such as the South Leeds District Partnership, the Beeston Hill and Holbeck Regeneration

Partnership Board, the Middleton Partnership Board and tenant/resident groups within the area.

7.0 Recommendations

Members of the South Leeds Inner Area Committee are requested to:-

1. Note the DCLG's decision on the Beeston Hill and Holbeck Round 5 Housing PFI scheme
2. Support the preparation of an Outline Business Case for the PFI scheme, on the understanding that the work undertaken will support the development of an alternative PPP delivery mechanism, should this be necessary if PFI credits are not allocated to the scheme.
3. Support the objectives for the South Leeds Regeneration Area and the progression of work on developing regeneration proposals, with a view to presenting detailed proposals to a future meeting of the Inner Area Committee

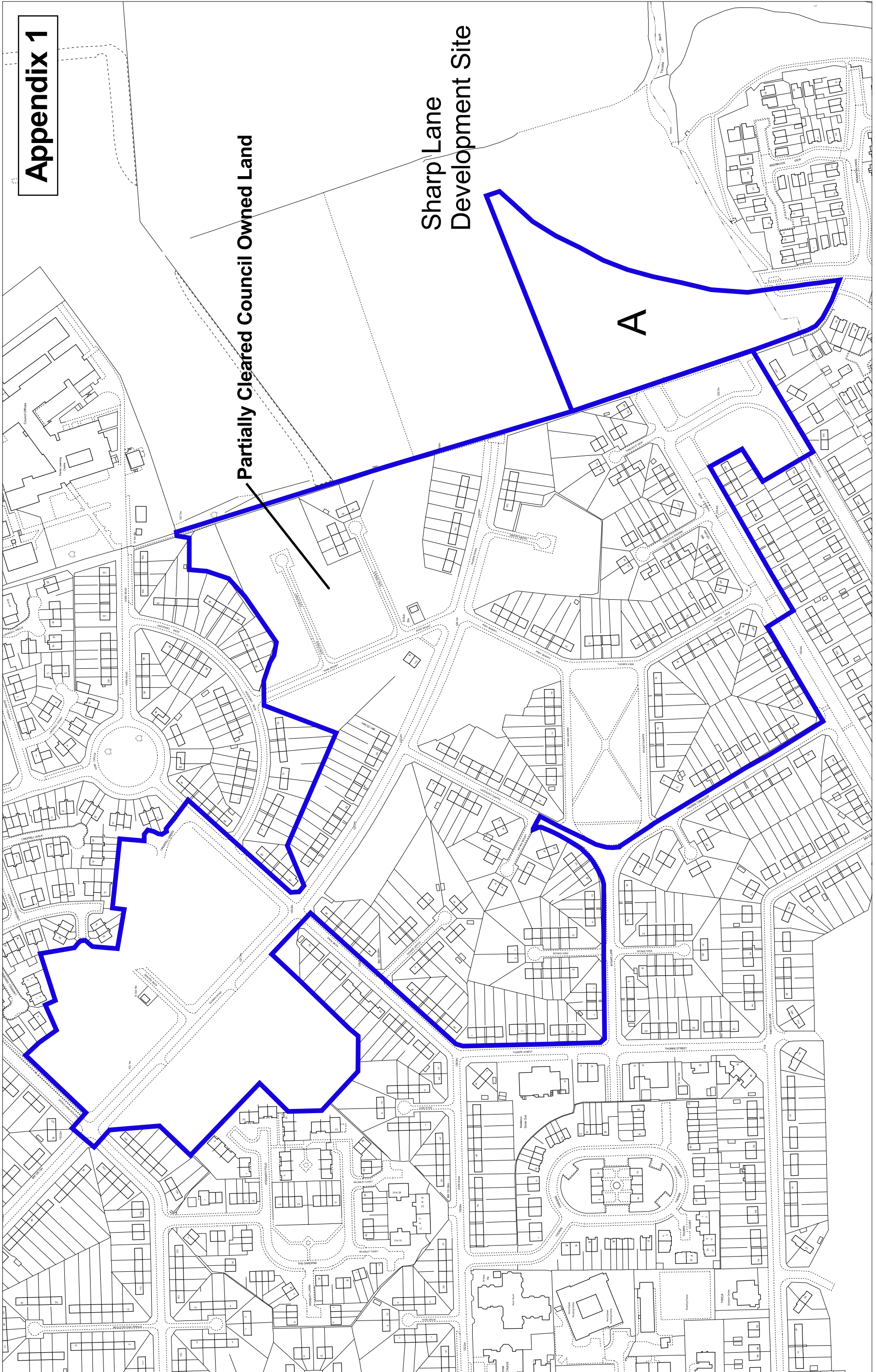
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Appendix 1

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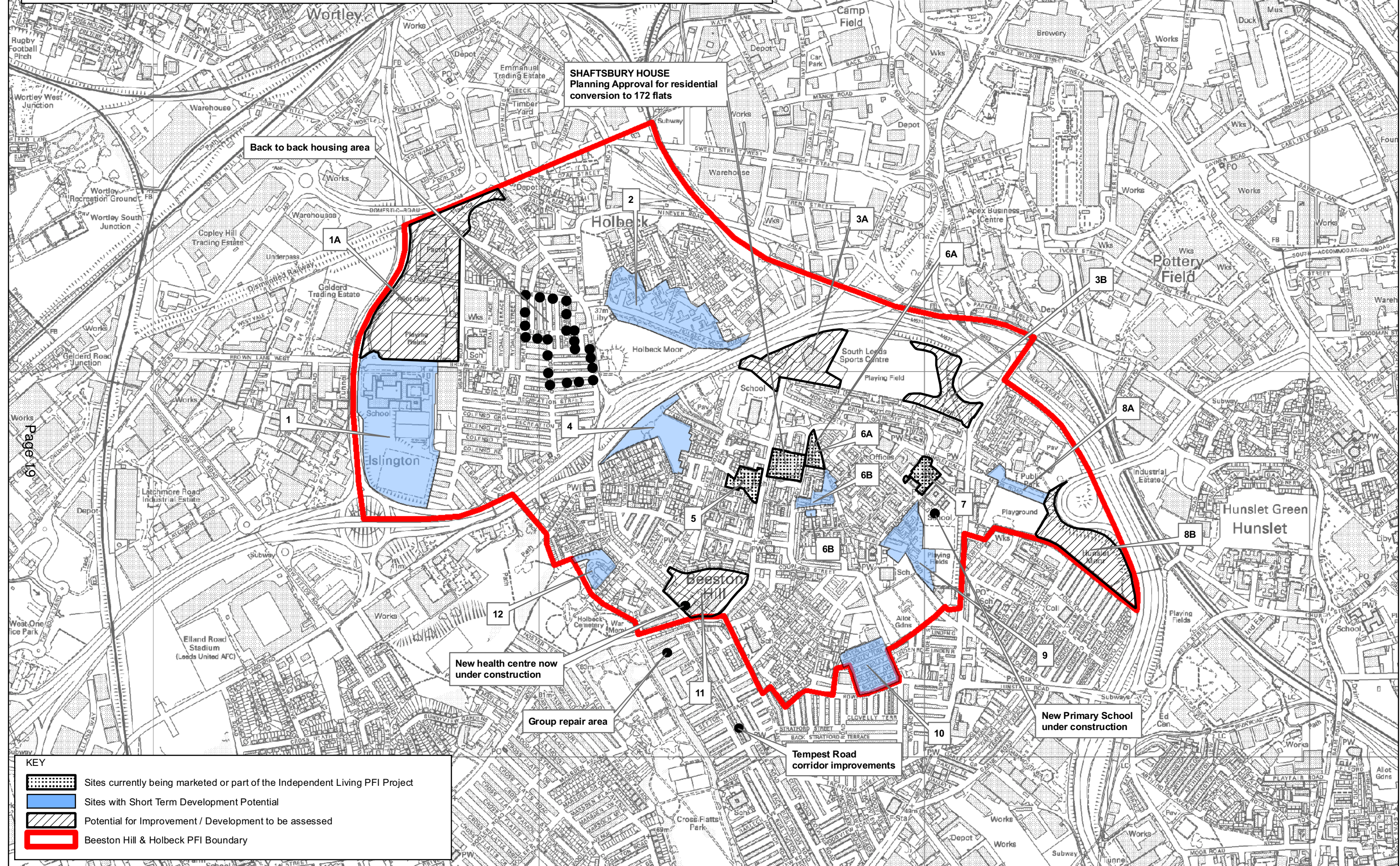
Partially Cleared Council Owned Land

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BEESTON AND HOLBECK ROUND 5 PPFI REGENERATION OPPORTUNITIES



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Report of the Chief Housing Services Officer

South (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 20th February 2007

Subject: A Plan for Delivering Affordable Housing in Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:
All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

Executive Summary

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It describes where existing policy and procedures can be improved and puts forwards a number of proposals in order to increase the supply of affordable housing.

The purpose of the presentation to the South (Inner) Area Committee is to describe the overall picture across the city in terms of housing markets, the issues of increasing affordable housing across the city and to seek from a local perspective issues that need to be taken into account.

Recommendations

The Area Committee is requested to note the report and provide comment on any local issues from their perspective.



Report of: Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing

Meeting: Executive Board

Date of meeting: 15th November 2006

SUBJECT: A Plan for Delivering Affordable Housing in Leeds

This Report is for;

Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information Only <input type="checkbox"/>	Advice/consideration prior to taking a Key or Major decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Decision to be taken by:

Full Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate Governance and Audit Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Executive Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Standards Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to describe the key components of the plan for the delivery of Affordable Housing in Leeds – “Making the Housing Ladder Work” that has been developed by the Corporate Affordable Housing Task Group. Copies of the plan are now available on the intranet.
- 1.2 The report recommends Executive Board to:
- Support the principles of the Plan
 - Authorise Officers to deliver the key actions
 - Request a report on an SPV, the primary objective of which would be to deliver more affordable housing in Leeds.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Leeds is a vibrant, successful and modern city with a thriving quality of life and it is set to grow further in the future. In order to ensure that Leeds can develop and grow, it is essential that there is a range of good quality housing that can meet the needs, requirements and aspirations of its citizens.
- 2.2 The Council has responded to the government’s agenda to create balanced mixed sustainable communities by the development of the large scale regeneration schemes such as the PFI scheme at Swarcliffe and the proposed schemes at Holbeck Moor and Little London, together with the EASEL initiative. However members have become concerned that over recent years increasing numbers of citizens can no longer afford to buy housing or get access to social housing.
- 2.3 In response to these concerns a corporate ‘Affordable Housing Task Force’ was established in July 06, chaired by the Chief Housing Services Officer from the Department of Neighbourhoods and Housing. This group has been looking at increasing the provision of affordable housing across the City.

The key issues the Task Force has focused upon are:

- How the lack of affordable housing may compromise the economic strength of Leeds
- The increasing difficulties for first time buyers
- The mismatch of the demand for social housing and its supply.
- How vulnerable groups, like the elderly and disabled are experiencing problems in getting the housing they need in the areas they want to live
- How poor quality housing in areas with high levels of deprivation can impede proposed regeneration initiatives
- How a range of high quality housing can be developed across the city for all the people of Leeds as well as the incoming population.

2.4 In September 2006 a deputation from Leeds Tenants Federation, 'Right to Rent Campaign' was heard by full Council. The campaign is calling for increased social rented housing. The Affordable Housing Delivery Plan in part responds to this campaign but seeks to cover the full range of affordable housing that can be provided in Leeds and the mechanisms to improve access to existing housing. The Plan stresses the importance of ensuring that there is sufficient affordable housing to meet current and future needs across the city.

2.5 The plan sets out the priorities and actions that will need to take place in the short, medium and long term, to increase the provision of affordable housing across the City.

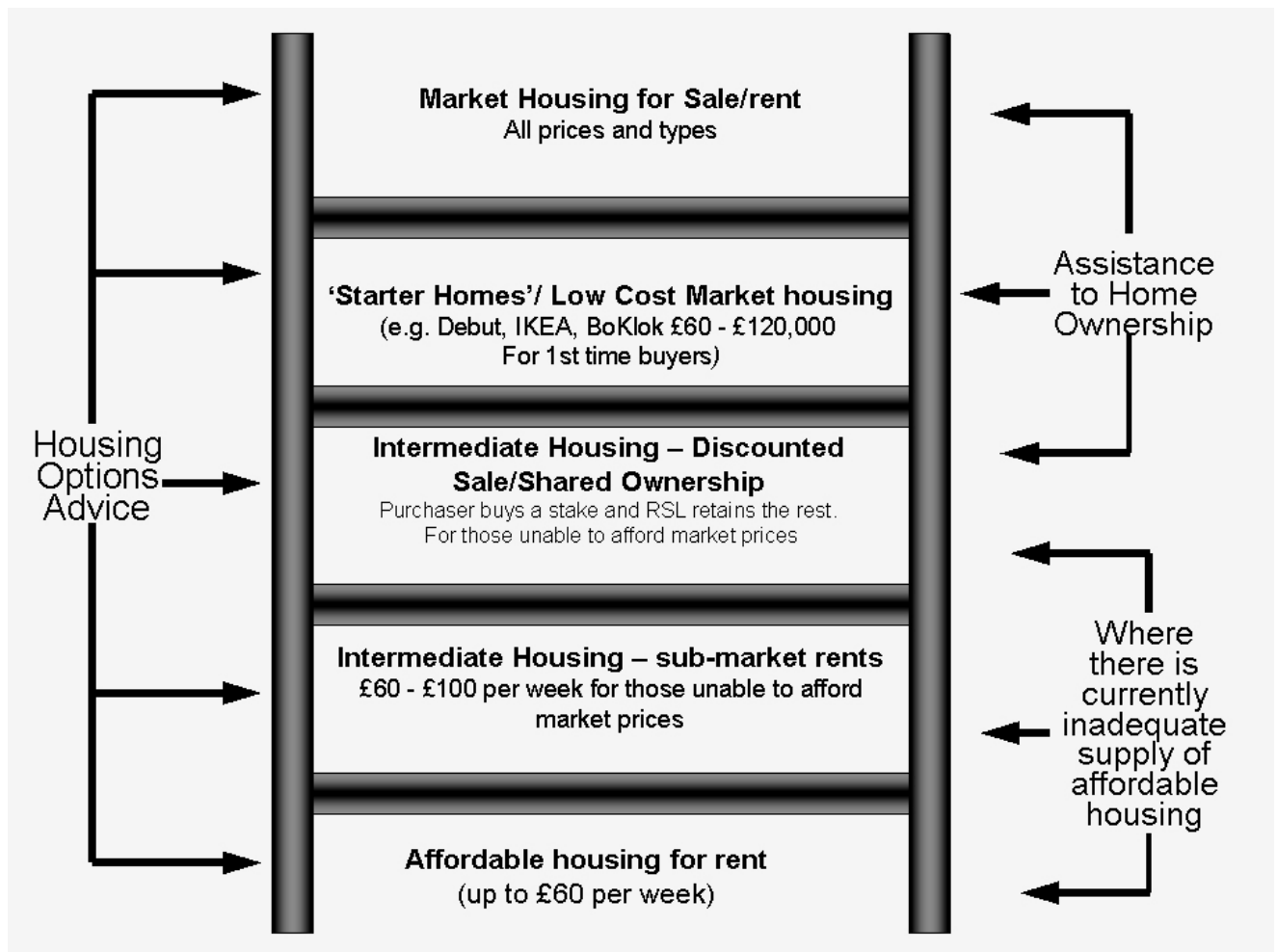
3.0 Affordable Housing Plan 'Creating a Housing Ladder'

3.1 In the past affordable housing tended to be seen as being social housing for rent provided either by local authorities or Registered Social Landlords. In view of the escalation of property prices over the last five years, however, the question of the affordability of home ownership has become ever more pressing. As part of the Affordable Housing Plan, the concept of the "local housing ladder" has been developed. This seeks to establish a range of housing for sale, shared ownership and rent.

3.2 Putting an effective 'local housing ladder' in place will need a mix of 'supply side' measures to increase the supply of affordable housing and 'demand side' measures to improve access to existing housing in the market. In the Affordable Housing Delivery Plan, the 'rungs' of the ladder are explored and explained in more detail.

3.3 The Chief Housing Services Officer is presenting the aims and objectives of the Plan to key Members, Department Heads, and Partner organisations over the next 3 months. This will ensure that all those involved directly and indirectly in the provision of affordable housing will have a better understanding of the issues, and the steps being taken by the Council to increase the supply of affordable housing.

The Local Housing Ladder



3.4 Why there is a Need for Additional Affordable Housing

The Plan explains how the Leeds Housing Market has not been working effectively enough to provide the range of housing which is needed. The social and personal consequences of a lack of supply are well known, manifesting themselves in extended council waiting lists, homelessness and over crowding. There is also a real threat that a lack of suitable housing as described by the "housing ladder" will hold back economic growth within the city

Economic growth will generate substantial job growth for key workers and those in low paid, short term and part time jobs, in the service, retail, leisure and catering industries. It is essential that suitable housing is available, other wise it may be difficult for employers to fill vacancies, thus restricting economic growth.

Other issues which the plan covers include:

- Home ownership has become increasingly unaffordable. At the moment only 4 out of 102 postcodes in Leeds have house prices affordable to those on below average incomes. The city average income for a single person is £22,000 per

annum based upon 2005 figures. A single income of £18,571 or dual income of £22,414 is needed to afford the cheapest back to back of £65,000. The city wide average for house prices according to the latest HM Land Registry information is £159,000.

- Reduction in social housing stock and lettings. There are almost 27,000 fewer social rented homes now compared to 1980. A further reduction of up to 10,000 is predicted by 2016 which will reduce the council housing stock to below 50,000.
- There is also the issue of neighbourhoods across Leeds where there is no access to housing for those on low to average incomes. Providing appropriate housing can help maintain neighbourhoods and ensure the viability of schools, shops, post offices etc and so protect the sustainability of the area.
- Regeneration issues, such as creating mixed tenure housing, promoting low cost home ownership and shared equity in areas of deprivation can help diversify demographic profiles, and enable the housing ladder to operate effectively and ensure more affluent households remain in the area.
- Statutory duties and obligations are also explored in more detail in the Plan and the consequences for not meeting these requirements are explained.

4.0 Increasing Affordable Housing through Existing Routes

4.1 There is a need to further develop existing approaches and programmes to enhance affordable housing provision and improve access for those unable currently to access housing through the open market. There is recognition that in a lot of areas across Leeds the preferred route to home ownership is through shared ownership arrangements. The following mechanisms are in operation at the moment but in order to increase provision needs to be improved and accelerated.

- **Land release (Less than best)**

Disposal of Council owned land at 'less than best' consideration is a tool open to the Council in conjunction with its partners to support the development of affordable housing. Schemes of this nature would, in the main relate to funding by the Housing Corporation through their Approved Development Programme (ADP).

The Housing Corporation has been charged by central government to increase affordable housing supply across the country. One of the mechanisms that the Housing Corporation is now using is to place a ceiling of £5,000 per plot on land values for the provision of affordable housing. This will increase the supply of affordable housing, but will be on the basis that the land owners will take a significant reduction in the value of the land.

This mechanism places difficulties on the Authority, which resulted in a below average allocation to the city for the ADP 2006/08 programme.

To attract future ADP resources, together with any other public funding for affordable housing, a more strategic commitment to making sufficient land available at less than best consideration for affordable housing is required.

This could deliver a higher overall level of grant funding from the Housing Corporation and lever in significant private sector investment to the City to improve the supply of affordable housing and also support the traditional housing market.

- **A more sophisticated ‘evidence based’ approach to delivery**

A robust and continuous housing market assessment and local housing market tracking, will form the basis for geographical focus on “hot spots” in terms of need for market restructuring or where affordability pressures are greatest.

- **Full integration of Housing and Planning in Delivering Affordable Housing**

The use of the Council’s planning powers to require a certain proportion of new developments to be affordable housing, has gradually developed as way of increasing new affordable housing across the City. Close and effective working relationships between the Neighbourhoods and Housing and Development Departments of the Council are key to increasing the supply of new affordable housing. More effective joint working between the two departments will deliver speedier responses to planning applications, streamline the project management of affordable housing schemes and improve targets for affordable housing completions.

- **Proactive approach to Council owned miscellaneous properties**

These are council owned properties which have been leased to Registered Social Landlords and supported housing agents. A number of these properties have been returned to the Council, and do not form part of the ALMO Decency portfolio. A starter home initiative is being piloted on the current void properties, and will be reported to Executive Board.

5.0 How Can Affordable Housing Supply Be Further Increased

5.1 The following represent short-term priorities for action that should be considered to enable progress to be made, to enable significant change in the provision of new affordable housing:

- **Consideration of a ‘Special Purpose Vehicle’ (SPV)**

Modelling of a range of different SPV needs to be explored. This would involve less than best consideration being agreed for cleared Housing Revenue Account land, previously used as council housing, up to an agreed value sufficient to maximise Housing Corporation Grant Funding and private investment within the city, over initially a five-year period. The Housing Corporation has stated that schemes are only supported where land costs do not exceed £5k per unit.

A comprehensive and planned approach needs to be developed towards land use to lever in investment for affordable housing development. A city-wide SPV Land agency should be established to hold HRA land to an agreed value, created from clearance of council housing or regeneration schemes, to maximise the ADP and private investment in affordable housing for the city.

While the Council would need to satisfy itself that the other alternatives for the sites were less attractive, (i.e. an open market scheme or commercial use) there would be a predisposition to treat the land for affordable housing.

A pilot exercise is being undertaken to map out HRA land designated redevelopment. To date land in the region of 5.56 hectares has been identified. Over the last two years in Leeds 95 dwellings per hectare is the average number of units built on new developments, however a majority of these have been flats. For new family accommodation, per hectare, the new build rate is in the region of 50 units per hectare. The average grant per unit received from the Housing Corporation is £33,066; added to private finance per unit of £106,309, would give levered investment of £139,375 per unit.

Therefore, should the 5 hectares of land be offered for affordable housing, this would fund approximately 250 new units; the grant funding levered in would be in the region of £8.3 million and the total grant plus private finance levered in would be in the region of £34.8 million, compared to the estimated value of the land of approximately £6.4 million.

Corporate Asset Management Working Group in September 2006 considered a report outlining the proposal to develop a Special Purpose Vehicle. It was agreed in principle that developmental work commence in order to produce a report to Executive Board in early 2007.

- **Proactive Marketing and Monitoring of low cost home ownership schemes**

There needs to be increased involvement in the marketing of low cost home ownership options. This will involve establishing a database of interested persons and closer liaison with RSLs to ascertain when the schemes are ready to sell. Close monitoring will also be required as accurate clear and timely data is required in respect of delivery, type and the location of units of schemes under construction and completed.

- **Identify the missing 'Rungs' from the Ladder**

There is a pressing need to identify which forms of tenure are absent across Leeds to help fill the missing 'rungs' from the 'housing ladder'. This will assist in the provision of appropriate housing in those areas.

- **Section 106 Agreements**

More flexibility and closer monitoring of S106 agreements for affordable housing is required. A policy is being discussed in relation to the collection of commuted sums in city centre areas on developments over 166 dwellings in order to provide affordable family housing elsewhere in the city.

- **Private Developers/Financial Institutions**

It is proposed to establish closer links with private developers who specialise in starter home products and make contact with financial institutions to research financial products to support access to home ownership.

- **ALMOs and Social Housing Grant**

ALMOs are able to take part in the Housing Corporation's National Affordable Housing Programme, either bidding for social grant themselves or in partnership with others. ALMOs that do this are expected to demonstrate their capacity to manage the risks related with acquiring new stock and demonstrate that they can continue to deliver the core business. ALMOs need a three star rating to bid direct and a two star rating to bid in partnership.

- **Long Term Future of ALMOs**

As round 1 and round 2 ALMOs near the completion of their decency programmes, the government together with ALMOs and Local Authorities is looking at the longer term future for ALMOs. One consideration is over the future funding of ALMOs. It is being considered whether or not ALMO funding could be outside the Public Sector

Borrowing Requirement (PSBR). If this was achieved then ALMOs would be able to borrow money on the open market with a view to funding the development of additional affordable housing. The results of this review will be published in a white paper in early next year. The reorganisation of the ALMOs into larger units places them in a better position to take advantage of these potential freedoms.

6.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

6.1 The Affordable Housing Delivery Plan is complementary to the Vision for Leeds, the Corporate Plan, Leeds Housing Strategy, the City Wide Regeneration Plan and the Corporate Asset Management Strategy.

6.2 The Affordable Housing Task Group is a corporate group and includes representatives from Neighbourhoods and Housing and Development Department, led by the Chief Housing Services Officer. The officers and partnership representatives of the Group are fully supportive of developments and proposals. However it is recognised by the Group that a programme of consultation needs to be carried out to include, key Councillor Members and Partner organisations including the Housing Corporation and Government Office. A detailed programme of consultation is being undertaken by the Group.

7.0 Legal and Resource Implications

7.1 The legal and resource implications of increasing affordable housing by improving current procedures and introducing new vehicles e.g. the SPV will require further analysis and will be reported at a future Executive Board meeting

8.0 Conclusion

8.1 The Affordable Housing Delivery Plan outlines how the housing 'ladder' is not working properly across many areas of Leeds and describes the extent of the problems facing those unable to buy or rent on the open market.

8.2 The Plan outlines and provides a strategic framework for improved access to existing housing and provision of new affordable housing for those unable to afford to buy or rent on the open market. It sets out the approach that will be taken in Leeds, based upon enabling access to a range of housing by operating 'local housing ladders'.

8.3 The Plan also features a range of actions that are needed over the coming years to enable an adequate provision of access to affordable housing to take place. It also identifies the key priorities for the short term.

9.0 Recommendations

That Executive Board:

- Note the contents of the report
- Support the principles of the Plan for Delivering Affordable Housing in Leeds and the key actions required for delivery
- Note that a proposal to develop a 'Special Purpose Vehicle' in respect of cleared Council land is being developed as one of the key mechanisms to deliver affordable housing solutions on the scale required

- Agree that progress on delivering the 'Affordable Housing Delivery Plan', be reported back to Executive Board in early 2007

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Making the Housing Ladder Work

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Chief Housing Officer

The Case for more Affordable Housing

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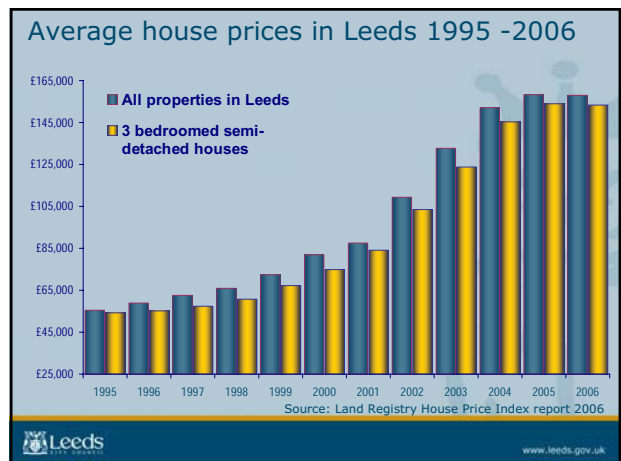
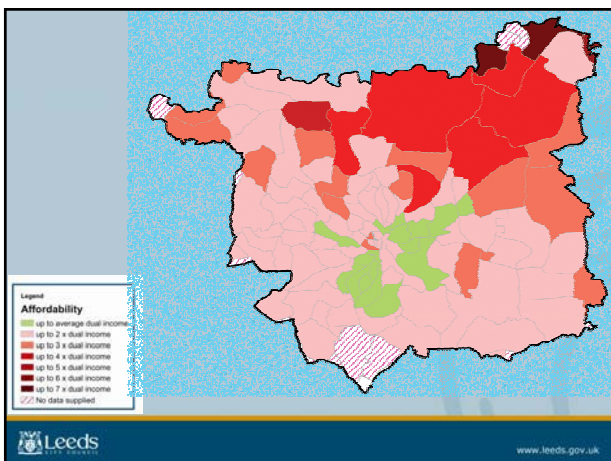
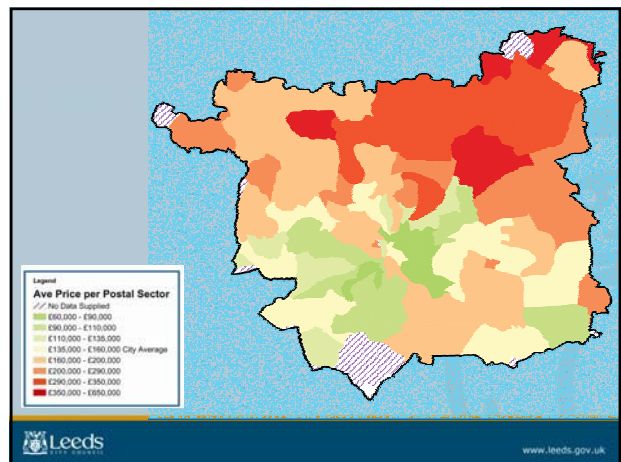
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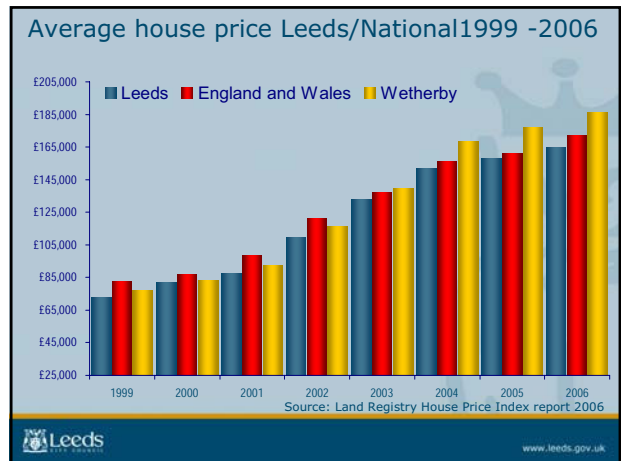
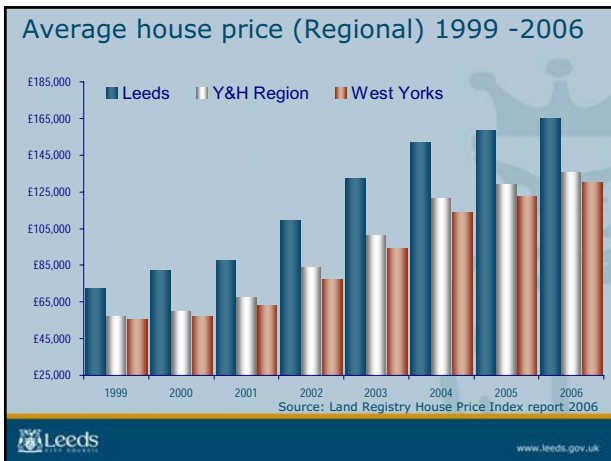
Why do we need affordable housing?

- Unaffordable house prices
- Reducing social housing stock
- Lack of replacement of social housing stock
- Reducing access for those on below average incomes

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1996
£24,000

2000
£21,000

2006
£85,000

Holbeck
2 bedroom
back-to-back terrace

Chapel Allerton
Through terraced house

1984
£19,500 Scale 4
£7,000

2006
£217,000 Scale 4
£17,400

Leeds 17
Former Council
3 bedroom upper
maisonette

£94,000

Beeston
Bedsit
£195 pcm

Cottingley
Former Council
3 bed house
£400 pcm

City Centre
Studio Appt
£525 pcm

Reducing social housing stock

	1995	2005	Change 1995 - 2005	2010	Change 2005 - 2010
Council	77934	60500	- 17434	50000	- 10500
RSL	13000	14413	+1413	15383	+ 970
All	90934	74913	-16034	65383	- 9530

Current replacement rate = approx 200 units pa

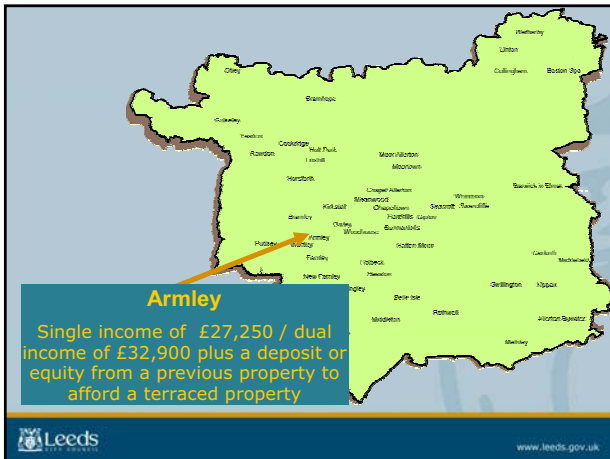
Right to Buy

Introduced in 1980
LCC Stock 96,000

2003 – 2006
6000 homes sold

1980 – 2006
30,000 homes sold

LCC stock 2010
50,000?



Salaries in Leeds

- Senior House Officer (based at LGI)
 - Starting Salary – £25,324
- Newly qualified teacher
 - £19,641 – £28,707
- Police Officer
 - Starting Salary £22,700 (Feb 2006)
- Chef Manager
 - £15,000 -£16,500
- HGV driver
 - £7.50 - £10.25ph (£14,430 -£19,721)

The Case for more Affordable Housing

- Unaffordable Home Ownership
- Reducing Social Housing Stock and Lettings
- Supporting economic growth and success
- Creating and sustaining mixed communities
- Improving access to housing
- Supporting regeneration
- Meeting statutory duties

The response in Leeds so far



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Report of Director of Adult Social Services

To : Inner South Leeds Area Committee

Date: 20/2/07

Subject: Learning Disability Day Services Modernisation

Electoral Wards Affected:

Middleton Park
City & Hunslet
Beeston & Holbeck

Specific Implications For:

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Executive Summary

In July 2006 Executive Board approved the plan contained in the "Commissioning Plan for Learning Disability Day Services" to modernise day services for adults with learning disabilities in Leeds.

The report to Executive Board recommended locality based consultation take place to ensure implementation plans responded to the aspirations and concerns of all stakeholders. This process commenced in October 2006.

This report provides members with details of the consultation process in the Inner South Area of Leeds and invites comment and ongoing contribution to this process. It is hoped that the consultation needed to complete a detailed plan will be concluded for South Leeds by April 2007 and this plan will form part of the city wide plan for learning disability day services to be ready by July 2007.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 To provide local ward members with relevant background information regarding the plan to modernise learning disability day care in Leeds and up to date information on the local consultation exercise that is taking place in South Leeds during February and March.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 In line with the Governments' 2001 White Paper "Valuing People" Local Authorities are required to modernise their day services for adults with learning disabilities to improve their:
- rights,
 - choices,
 - independence and
 - social inclusion.
- 2.2 Following an extensive consultation exercise in the winter of 2002-2003, the Learning Disability Partnership Board in Leeds adopted a vision for change for people with learning disabilities; this is that:
- “People with learning disabilities living in Leeds will be supported in having a lifestyle, which offers the same opportunities as any other adult in the local community.”**
- 2.3 The Commission for Social Care Inspection will in due course introduce a system for the registration, inspection and regulation of day services. It is essential that the Council is prepared for the introduction of inspection and regulation. Many of our current buildings bases are in a poor state of repair and are wholly unsuitable for a modernised service.
- 2.4 Whilst, people with learning disabilities will be supported to use mainstream services as other adults in our community, an essential ingredient of the modernisation plan is to ensure that local, high quality buildings based more specialised services are also developed to meet the needs of those individuals with complex and specialist needs and to maintain the day time respite support that family carers have told us is so important to them. This approach will ensure continuity of service to those who may be unable to access mainstream services.
- 2.5 In July 2006 Executive Board approved the plan contained in the "Commissioning Plan for Learning Disability Day Services" to modernise day services for adults with learning disabilities in Leeds. A summary included in the Letter to Carers (appendix1) gives a brief overview of the main aims for the service which are contained in this plan

3.0 The Local Consultation Exercise

- 3.1 One of the agreed recommendations of this paper was to undertake an intensive local consultation exercise to ensure local implementation plans responded to the aspirations and concerns of stakeholders. It was decided therefore to consult with the service users, staff and family carers who directly receive or deliver current social services day service provision with the aim of gaining their broad support for a local implementation proposal. Consultation with Ward Members and other stakeholders is

a key part of this process. This process began in October 2006 and in this part of Leeds will focus on the service currently provided by Moor End Day Services in Hunslet. (Details of Moor End Day Services are contained in appendix three)

- 3.2 Each local implementation proposal will be agreed by one of five Consultation Boards representing the five City Administration Wedges. Two of these areas will be split into 2 separate stakeholder areas to ensure the consultation has a local focus. The Consultation Boards in those areas will therefore need to consider two separate implementation proposals. There will be seven implementation proposals to be agreed in total. These seven local proposals will outline the future of all existing day services and will provide the framework for the city wide project plan to modernise learning disability day services.
- 3.3 Each board will have service user, carer and staff representatives and be chaired by an independent chairperson. Local elected members will also be invited to be involved in these discussions. The Project Manager will plan every aspect of this process and be responsible for its delivery. This is summarised in the flow diagram in appendix 2.
- 3.4 At the beginning of December a letter (see appendix1) was posted directly to all family carers and we have now begun to process the replies as we aim to visit every carer who responds, to gain their views. Service user consultations have been planned and will be carried out by Leeds Advocacy and will take place in each day centre in January. All consultations with staff have been completed and presentations to Parents & Carer Associations at the day centres have also taken place.
- 3.5 We have recognised that we have a significant number of carers from South Asian communities who have sons or daughters who currently attend our services in this area. To ensure they are not excluded from this process, every letter sent to these carers has been followed up with a phone call from a specialist worker with the appropriate language skills. This aims to check that these carers understand the information sent to them and are offered support to contribute to the consultations if they wish.
- 3.6 The consultation process aims to generate sufficient feedback from the various stakeholder groups to ensure their aspirations and concerns are fully considered in any proposals drafted. This information allied to the analysis of need in each area will be presented at the Consultation Boards to form part of any proposals agreed there. (Preliminary findings from this exercise are contained in appendix three)
- 3.7 A number of Independent Chairs from outside social services will be employed to chair these meetings. It is anticipated each board will meet up to three times to agree proposals for each area.
 - First Board Meetings : Introductory Session : clarify role and remit of each Board
 - Second Board Meetings: Presentation and discussion of needs/resources analysis and stakeholder views for each area.
 - Third Board Meetings: Agree and sign up to proposal for each area. Proposal of members who may want to join a future DSM Strategy Board which will represent stakeholder views throughout the modernisation process.
- 3.8 The consultation process will be conducted in two stages. Five area proposals covering Wetherby, Moor End, Horsforth and Bramley centres will be completed by the end of April 2007. The proposals for the remaining four areas covering Ramshead

Wood, West Ardsley, Potternewton and Rothwell we aim to have ready by July 2007 along with the final report and city wide plan.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 4.1 This consultation process is part of the “Commissioning Plan for Learning Disability Day Services” agreed by Executive Board in July 2006. It also forms part of the wider “Commissioning Strategy for Adult Day Services” agreed by Executive Board in December 2005 and the Department’s Adult Service Transformation agenda.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1 The consultation process is being carried out by dedicated Social Service staff from within existing resources. Any proposals arising from this consultation will be costed as part of the capital and revenue business plan for the city wide day services modernisation project. No particular legal issues have been identified at this stage.

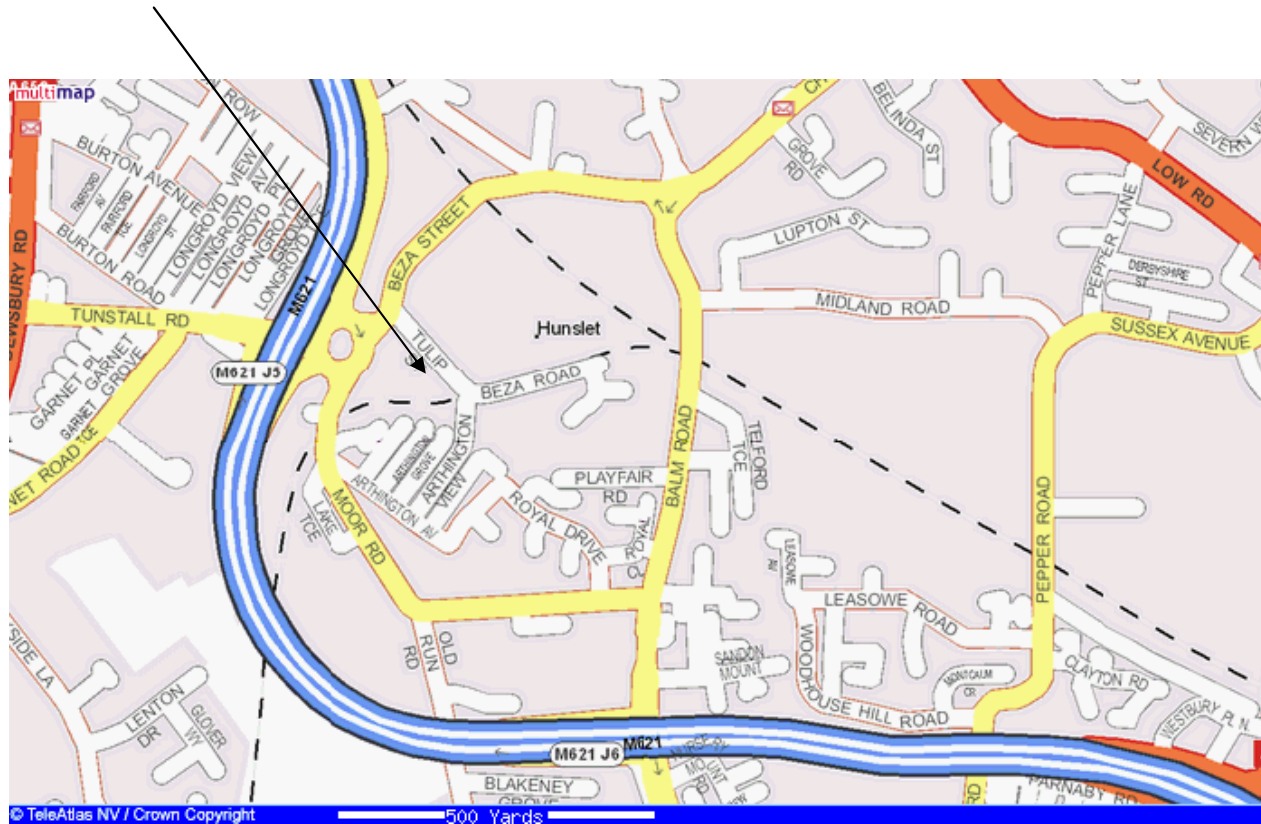
6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 The consultation process for the modernisation of learning disability day services in the Inner South Leeds Area will involve service users, family carers, staff, elected members and wider stakeholders.
- 6.2 A local consultation board will be formed with an Independent Chairperson to consider the needs of the adult learning disability population in this area and the feedback from the local consultations.
- 6.3 The Board will have representatives of these various stakeholder groups will be asked to agree a set of proposals for how the framework for modernisation agreed by Executive Board in July 2006 will be implemented in the Inner South Leeds area.
- 6.4 It is anticipated that this process will be completed in this area by April 2007 and will form part of a city wide plan for learning disability day services to be completed by July 2007

7.0 Recommendation

- 7.1 Members are asked to note this report and are invited to comment on aims of the plan and on the local consultation process.
- 7.2 Members are invited to suggest how they wish to be kept informed of the outcomes of this process in the future and how they would like to be represented on the local consultation board.

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6th November 2006

Dear

IMPROVING DAY SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

In July the main decision making group in Leeds City Council, the Executive Board agreed the framework to modernise day services for adults with learning disabilities in Leeds. This framework was the result of over three years of city wide consultations with service users, carers, staff and other stakeholder groups and is in line with the Government's expectations on how it expects us to deliver our services as set out in the "Valuing People" White Paper.

A Modernisation of day services for adults with learning disabilities aims to provide:

- A person centred service which offers more choice and independence for service users
- Fit for purpose modern high quality facilities and buildings
- Services delivered in your local area
- Improved access to mainstream services including better access to education, employment, social and leisure opportunities
- More flexible respite care during the week

A more detailed summary of the modernisation framework is attached to this letter.

The next stage of the modernisation process is to agree what services will look like in each local area in Leeds. This will involve discussion of what services are required to meet the individual needs of people with learning disabilities in their local community in line with the agreed framework.

The consultations will consist of a number of meetings in each local area and/or the opportunity for individual consultations in your own home. This will be taking place over the winter months

If as a family carer you wish to be involved in these discussions please return the slip on the back page of this letter and we will contact you when the consultations in your part of Leeds take place.

Your sincerely

Dave Rosser
Head of Learning Disability Services



What does day service modernisation mean ?

“People with learning disabilities living in Leeds will be supported in having a lifestyle, which offers the same opportunities as any other adult living in the local community” (Leeds Learning Disability Partnership Board)

- **Attending local services** : people should be able to access appropriate services in their local community and not have to travel long distances to receive these services.
- **Increasing social inclusion** : by the far greater use of mainstream services for social, leisure and educational activities.
- **Supporting employment** : more emphasis on supporting people to make contributions to society through voluntary and paid employment.
- **Modernising buildings** : where needed they should be fit for purpose, smaller, at the heart of people’s communities and ideally sharing space with non learning disabled groups. Many of the existing day centres will need to be replaced with more suitable, up to date buildings.
- **Continuing to provide respite for family carers** : day services provide vital respite for many family carers and this service will continue where needed.
- **Offering flexible services** : allowing support for individuals and respite for carers to be offered at the times they are needed, not just Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.
- **Developing person centred approaches** : should be used for service planning and reviews for individual service users
- **Responding to changes to accommodation services** : people in residential care having the choice to stay at home, using their homes as community bases and receiving their day opportunities in different ways.
- **Making changes to transport** : people travelling shorter distances to services and developing more flexible forms of transport provision which promote independence rather than dependence.
- **Offering self directed support** : such as Direct Payments or Individualised Budgets will be offered to people as alternatives to traditional services.
- **Developing partnerships** : with other Council Departments and independent sector providers to offer more choice and greater access to community facilities.
- **Using signposting** : to alternative provision either in the independent sector or in mainstream services for people who are not eligible for, or moving on from statutory services.

Appendix 1

REPLY SLIP

(To help us plan our consultations it would be appreciated if this slip could be returned within two weeks. Thank You)

I / We (name)

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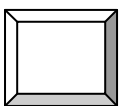
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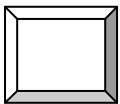
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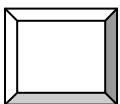
Please tick appropriate box and return in envelope provided



On the basis of the information provided I am happy with the proposed direction of change and don't feel the need to be involved in further consultations. I would like however to be kept informed as the plan for my local area is agreed.



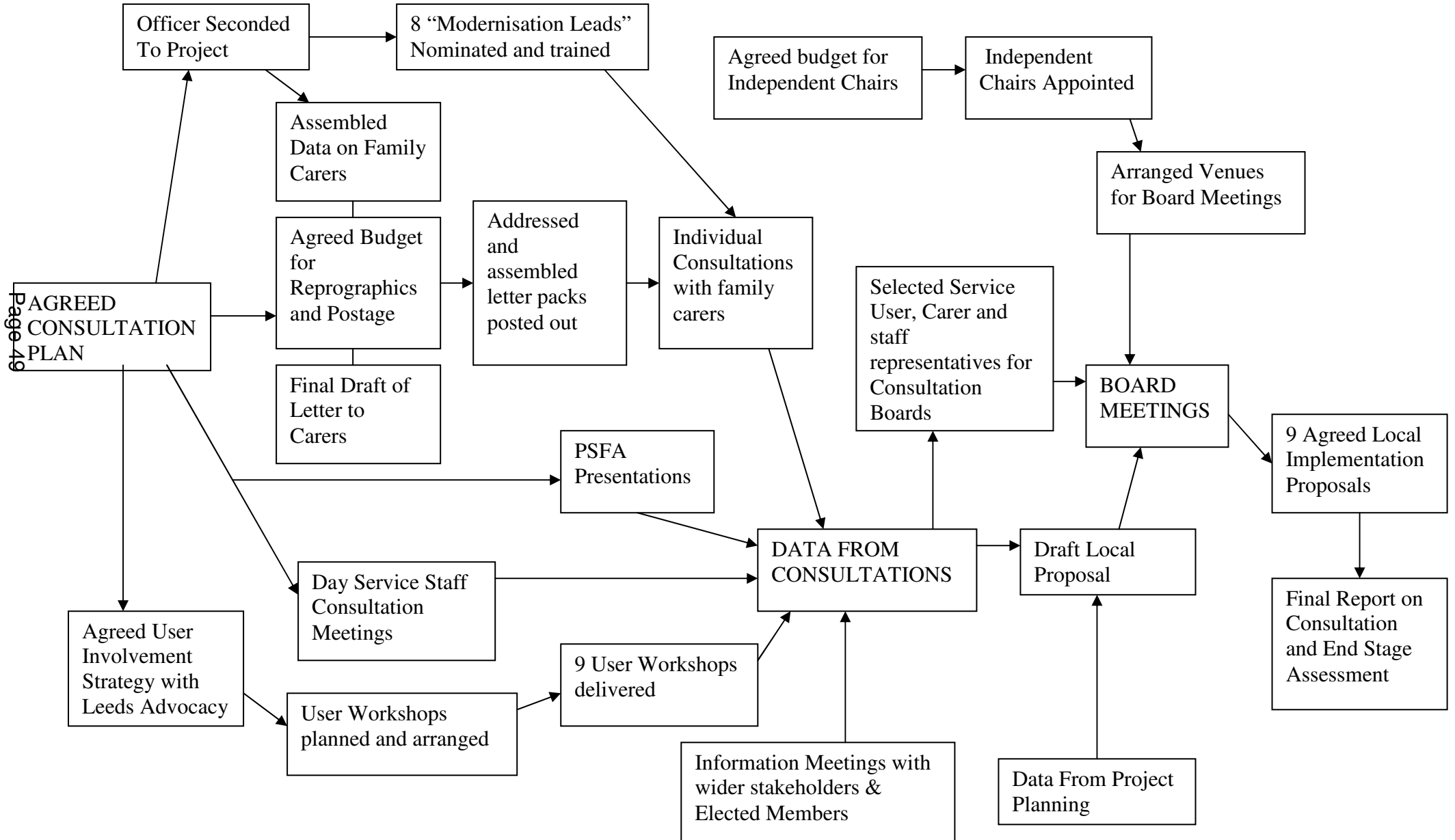
I do not wish to be involved in formal discussions but would I would like someone to talk to me about how the changes may effect the service I receive now so I can give you my views.



I would like to be involved in any formal discussion groups that are held about services in my local area.

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Day Services Modernisation Project : Stage One Plan : Product Flow Diagram



Family Carer Consultation Letter Replies (as of 22/1/07)

Day Service	Number of letters sent / Replies	People happy with us to proceed without further consultation	People wanting a visit but not to be involved in formal consultations	People wanting a visit and to be involved in formal consultations	Percentage of carers who responded
Moor End	78 / 20	8	4	8	24.4%
Wetherby	22 / 9	1	1	7	40.9%
Bramley	64 / 22	14	1	7	34.4%
Horsforth	44 / 20	8	1	11	45.5%

Total number of letters sent : 208

Total number of replies : 71 (34.13%)

% People replied happy for us to proceed 43.66%
 % People replied wanting visit for more information 9.85 %
 % People replied wanted to be part of formal consultation meetings 46.48 %

Moor End Day Services Facts & Figures

Formally known as Moor End Adult Training Centre this day centre has been providing a service for Adults with Learning Disabilities since the early 1970's. It was built on a light industrial estate on Beza Road as a factory type unit. This was because the main focus of day services thirty five years ago was contract work. The aim of modern day services is to promote independence and social inclusion rather than keeping people with learning disabilities separate from the rest of the community in large segregated institutions. The building itself is now deemed to be wholly unsuitable as a modern social care facility in terms of its size, location, condition and facilities. It has no special care facilities which means people with more complex needs in this part of Leeds have to be transported to other parts of the city to receive a day service. The Centre is also currently home to the SLATE furniture project run by a local voluntary organisation but this runs separately to the Social Services day service.

Moor End is a 150 place day service open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm
There are currently 127 people who attend there at some point during the week
It has an average daily attendance of 95

At any given time a high proportion of these people attending will be outside the centre building supported by staff to attend college, employment training or social and leisure activities in the community.

Of the 127 people who attend Moor End :

Only 42 live in Leeds 10 & 11

A further 12 live in other South Leeds postcodes.

73 people are therefore transported from North East and North West Leeds to Moor End to receive their day service.

A further 26 people with learning disabilities live in the Leeds 10 & 11 area who currently attend other day services (some of which have high support needs which cannot be met at Moor End)

It would be the plan to replace Moor End with two small modern community bases with specialist facilities to meet the needs of the 68 people with learning disabilities who live with family carers in Leeds 10 & 11. These buildings would provide the safety net of day time respite for family carers but the focus of the service would be to support people where possible to use mainstream community facilities in their local area and in Leeds as a whole.

The 73 people from outside Leeds 10 & 11 will as part of the city wide plan receive a service in their own local community.

Feedback from consultation

The carers group at Moor End have been wanting a new building for a number of years so we were anticipating a large percentage of them to be in favour of the modernisation plan.

Individual letters were sent out to all 78 family carers with a reply slip and a stamped addressed envelope at the beginning of December.

All letters sent out to carers from the South Asian Community were followed up with a phone call from a specialist South Asian worker to ensure the letter was understood and people were offered assistance to register their views.

We had 26 replies in total (33%) of which 13 said they were in favour of the plans and did not need to be consulted further.

Another 13 people asked for someone to visit them to explain the plans further.

All these people have been seen in January either individually or in small groups.

12 out of these 13 people are saying they are broadly in favour of the plan

One person has so far objected. His objection was however not about the plan itself but that he did not believe that the Council intended to replace the Centre and it was a trick to do away with day services altogether.

So far therefore 96% of family carers who responded to the letter say they support the modernisation plan

We have held half day workshops with all staff and Leeds Advocacy has run a workshop for over forty service users at the Centre. Again feedback has generally been positive and people seem very supportive of the modernisation plan. Some staff are worried about their jobs and both groups are concerned they might not get what's been promised. Almost everyone agrees the current building is a very poor environment to spend their days.



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Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods & Housing Department

Inner South Leeds Area Committee

Date: 20th February 2007

Subject: Draft Area Delivery Plan 2007/08

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Beeston & Holbeck City & Hunslet Middleton Park</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

Executive Summary

The December 2006 Area Committee agreed the main headings and key thematic priorities that would provide the framework of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) 2007/08. As part of this process the ADP for 2006/07 has been reviewed and this has assisted in developing a draft ADP for 2007/08.

Members are formally asked to consider stronger links between the ADP and the Local Area Agreement (LAA) outcomes in order to better influence non-delegated services and provide clearer links to the District Partnership Action Plan and city-wide Children and Young People Plan. The LAA for Leeds was agreed in March 2006 and sets out a three year plan which the Council and its partners must deliver in order to meet key commitments to government.

Members are asked to comment on the issues identified as priorities and the suggested actions included in the draft plan. A final version of the ADP will be presented to April's Area Committee for approval before being submitted to Executive Board.

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:-

- Review the 2006/07 Area Delivery Plan
- Present a draft Area Delivery Plan for 2007/08 including the key priorities for Area Committee in 2007/08 for discussion
- Suggests greater links with the LAA for Leeds and the South Leeds District Partnership Plan and;

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On an annual basis each Area Committee is required to prepare a draft Area Delivery Plan for consideration by the Executive Board. Area Delivery Plans have previously been approved for 2005/06 and 2006/07. Members representing each Ward of the Area Committee met in December 2006 to informally discuss key themes and priorities for 2007/08. The meeting included consideration given to forming stronger links between the Local Area Agreement outcomes and the Committees' ADP.

3.0 Area Delivery Plan 2006/07 Review

- 3.1 A brief review of the 2006/07 ADP has been undertaken with a view to helping inform the 2007/08 action plan. Some of the achievements are outlined in appendix 2. This process included assessing the performance of each action against the expected outputs.
- 3.2 The assessment reflects that 75% (52) of actions agreed by the Area Committee for 2006/07 have been progressed (green). A further 24% (16) have experienced minor delays (amber), 0% (0) have incurred significant setbacks (red) and the remaining 1% (1) are yet to commence (white).

4.0 Linkages to the LAA (Local Area Agreement)

- 4.1 By aligning the ADP closer to the LAA outcomes, the Area Committee will be in a stronger position to influence council and non-council services in their area in its negotiation of local actions to meet area priorities. An overview of the LAA is attached at Appendix 1 for information. Its outcomes are structured into four thematic 'blocks':-
- Children and Young People;
 - Safer and Stronger Communities;
 - Healthier Communities and Older People;
 - Economic Development and Enterprise.
- 4.2 To provide an example of how this may work the following are some of the outcomes from the Safer Stronger block of the LAA which the Area Committee may consider should form the basis of priorities for local action in their ADP:-
- A cleaner neighbourhood; free from litter, graffiti and flytipping;
 - Less crime in the area;
 - Less anti-social behaviour in the streets.
- 4.3 In order to develop the final ADP 2007/08 for the March Area Committee meeting, Members are invited to say which LAA outcomes they would want to see a focus on in the area. Alternatively officers will assume the interest in LAA outcomes that were expressed by Members at the informal meeting in December.

5.0 Draft 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan

5.1 The draft 2007/08 action plan of the ADP is attached at Appendix 3. This has been developed in line with emerging priorities that have been highlighted through discussions with Elected Members, service providers and reflect issues typically arising from various community forums and consultation processes (e.g through the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans, Intensive Neighbourhood Management). Listed below are the key priority themes covered in the draft ADP :-

- Cleaner Neighbourhoods
- Involving Communities
- More for Children and Young People
- Regenerating Areas
- Safer Neighbourhoods

6.0 Next Steps

6.1 The ADP will be undergo further scrutiny and checks for deliverability with a final ADP and Action Plan incorporating any changes being presented to the Area Committee for approval at its meeting in March 2007. The ADP and action plan will then be presented to the Council's Executive Board in May for approval.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 The Committee is asked to:-

- a) Note and comment on the review the 2006/07 Area Delivery Plan
- b) Agree that the 2007/ 08 ADP include linkages to the LAA for Leeds where appropriate.
- c) Note and make comment upon the contents of the draft action plan for 2007/08 at Appendix 3

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Leeds Local Area Agreement – An Overview

the **Leeds Initiative**



The Local Area Agreement (LAA) for Leeds was signed by the Rt Hon David Miliband MP on the 23rd March 2006. The document is a written agreement, negotiated with Government, which sets out what we're trying to achieve, how we will do it, the targets by which we will measure and report progress, and the way public money will be spent.

The LAA brings people and agencies together to deliver better, more co-ordinated results for the people of Leeds.

The Agreement lasts for three years and is structured into four 'blocks':

- Children and Young People
- Safer and Stronger Communities
- Healthier Communities and Older People
- Economic Development and Enterprise

Each of the Blocks has a working group of senior officers from different organisations, responsible for delivery.

The Local Area Agreement for Leeds simplifies the way government funding is allocated to organisations and projects,

bringing key accountability under one governance structure.

The Local Area Agreement reflects the actions needed to strengthen existing infrastructures at neighbourhood and city-wide levels. It sets out priorities that are dependent on a new relationship between local partners and central government.

Our priorities build on existing plans and strategies in two important ways: They accelerate delivery of key priorities and programmes of change; and develop multi-agency work to deliver a more lasting impact on the lives of individuals, families and communities facing particular obstacles that prevent them from living lives that are happy, healthy, safe, successful and free from the effects of poverty.

In summary, the LAA provides a unique opportunity to make real progress against our key priorities. We welcome the opportunity afforded by government to put an agreement in place that will define a new relationship between government and local partners and, most importantly, deliver better outcomes for the people of Leeds.

Cross Cutting Principles

- **Empowering local people and building the role of the voluntary, community and faith sectors**

We are committed to valuing and strengthening the three distinctive but interdependent and overlapping contributions of the VCF Sector. These are:

- Representation both at strategic level in governance and decision-making bodies and of service users and residents participating in local forums or district partnerships;
- Service delivery in terms of winning contracts or partnering with statutory agencies to deliver, monitor or review services, also through funding or self help groups to deliver specific activities: and
- Capacity building through activities that build skills, create social inclusion and encourage community cohesion and good relationships between diverse groups

- **Utilising the role of culture**
- We recognise the important role that culture plays in unlocking the creative aspirations of people and

communities and its vital role in promoting Leeds at the hub of the city-region

- **Promoting equality, diversity and social inclusion**

- We recognise that equal outcomes for all individuals and groups cannot be achieved without significantly different inputs. This involves understanding the unique expectations, needs and contributions of individuals and groups and ensuring discrimination and social exclusion are effectively tackled

- **Community Cohesion**

- We recognise that there are different kinds of relationships within communities. These must be recognised and opportunities taken to close existing divides to ensure individuals and families feel comfortable and positive about living and working alongside their neighbours

- **Respect**

- We recognise that all agencies, groups and individuals in the city need to behave in respectful ways to each other. We will seek opportunities for individuals, families and agencies to come together with others in neighbourhoods to build trust, share

values and agree acceptable behaviour.

Children and Young People Block

We want all children and young people in Leeds to be happy, healthy, safe, successful and free from the effects of poverty. To achieve this we will continue to make Leeds a great city for children and young people and their families, working with them to ensure they have the skills, confidence and opportunities to thrive and achieve their potential, regardless of their circumstances and the barriers they may face.

The CYP block of Leeds LAA will provide:

- A mechanism to support delivery of our [Children and Young People's Plan](#), a bridge to [the Leeds Regeneration Plan 2005 - 2008](#) and a focus on 'narrowing the gap' for the children and young people in the communities targeted;
- A catalyst for accelerated change to release creativity, intelligent innovation and build sustainable community capacity to deliver change for children, young people and their families in our most disadvantaged communities.

The LAA Will support our aspirations and plans to:

- Bring about a step change in the lives of children, young people and their families focused on recognisable communities based on the 31 super output areas,

measured in terms of impact by reference to our LPSA2 targets;

- Focus in the first instance on families within these communities who have a young person in Year 9;
- Pioneer a holistic approach focused on prevention and early intervention that offers opportunities to support all family members clearly informed by common data sets, joint planning arrangements and local stakeholder participation;
- Develop a universal offer for children, young people and their families differentiated to meet the needs of individuals and groups and which fully takes account of the role and contribution of the voluntary community and faith sector;
- Offer a menu of possibilities to the young person and their family focused on their needs and

aspirations and negotiated with them.

- Raise aspirations, self esteem, ambitions and achievement through development of personalised multi-agency provision delivered at a local level;
- Improve provision for those who are out of school; and
- Promote community cohesion through the design and delivery of the universal offer.

Healthier Communities and Older People Block

We want to promote a healthy and positive society, to protect health and address health inequalities, to provide high quality, sustainable and accessible services, and to reduce the barriers which prevent people from being involved in every day life - whatever their condition or age.

To achieve this we will:

- Promote a healthy and positive society;
- Protect health and address health inequalities;
- Provide high quality, sustainable and accessible services;
- Reduce the barriers which prevent people from being involved in every

day life - whatever their condition or age;

- Enable people in Leeds to actively choose health, in terms of opportunities and their determinants, and choice in health and social care.

The Block will focus on 2 significant work streams:

1. The health and wellbeing of older people

Our ambition for older people is a life worth living, where older people are respected and included; their contributions acknowledged; they are enabled to remain independent; and enjoy good mental and physical health. Priorities have been drawn from the Older People Strategy and focusing on areas of financial security; transport and physical activity.

2. Employability with special reference to exclusion through mental health and musculoskeletal disorders

This directly addresses a key issue for Leeds where 32,500 people are registered as being on incapacity benefit. The intention is to develop an innovative Leeds model that can offer individualised packages to move people from incapacity benefit due to mental illness and/or musculoskeletal conditions to employability.

The two specific work areas within this Block are divided between two leading partnerships.

The first, focussing on Older People will be led by Social Services, with direct input from a range of organisations including: the Pensions Service, The Revenues and Benefits section of Leeds City Council, the Learning and Leisure Department, the transport section of City Services and the Older Better Strategy Team.

The second area of work is being led by the NHS and has a project team including representatives from [Job Centre Plus](#), [Jobs and Skills Service](#) (Leeds City Council), and the [Leeds Mental Health Employment Consortium](#).

Safer and Stronger Communities Block

Our vision is for everyone to feel safe in and part of their thriving neighbourhood. Individuals and communities should have a sense of belonging to and pride in their neighbourhood. They should feel that their neighbourhood benefits from and contributes to the success of the city.

To achieve this we will:

- Target resources in a more responsive and flexible way at the neighbourhood level;

- Build on existing partnerships that maximise our ability to deliver improved services at the local level;
- Put local people, families and communities at the heart of service planning and delivery.

How will we use the Local Area Agreement?

- To deliver safer, cleaner and greener neighbourhoods that people will be proud to belong to;
- To achieve reductions in the misuse of alcohol and drugs and the associated violence and antisocial behaviour that affects families, communities and the city as a whole;
- To invest in housing renewal and major regeneration schemes to develop sustainable mixed communities, access to affordable housing and improved housing conditions;
- To increase social inclusion and cohesion through empowered communities that have a common vision, sense of belonging and positive identity where diversity is valued.

The LAA will support our plans in:

- Developing respected and cared for public and private spaces;

- Developing community confidence to challenge anti-social behaviour and hate crime;
- Developing opportunities for local residents to help manage their neighbourhoods through strong, inclusive and accessible neighbourhood structures.

Economic Development and Enterprise Block

The aim of the block is to deliver improved and accelerated outcomes through innovation and utilising freedoms and flexibilities to make sure that the wider community can benefit - part of the city's Leeds Regeneration Plan.

To achieve this we will:

Tackle Worklessness:

- We will help more lone parents and people who claim incapacity benefit to get jobs;
- Target the activity towards the most deprived areas;
- Build on Leeds' track record of high quality projects.

Develop a new business and enterprising culture across the city growth area

- Develop an enterprise culture in the city;
- Support new business formation;
- Support business growth and survival.

Tackle financial exclusion in deprived areas

We will strengthen and support the partnership based Leeds Financial Inclusion Strategy, focusing on providing for those in deprived communities. This work will look particularly at:

- Affordable credit;
- Debt advice;
- Knowledge of financial literacy and basic household budgeting.

Improve the physical infrastructure to support long term social, economic and sustainable objectives by:

- Transport to link local people in deprived communities to economic opportunity;
- Public realm projects to attract investment and benefit local people;
- Ensure investment in 14-19 learning skills provision is aligned to high quality resources in communities.

The LAA will enable us to work further and expand our already strong links to wider policy agendas such as the [Regional Economic Strategy](#); [The Northern Way Growth Strategy](#); and [The West Yorkshire Sub Regional Investment Programme](#).

A full copy of the agreement and all papers relating to the work of the LAA can be found at

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Key Dates

November 2006 – Assessment of the LAA by Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber

November – January 2007 ‘Refresh’ negotiations with Government Office Yorkshire and Humberside

April 2007 – ‘Refreshed’ LAA with new targets and indicators goes live

Access to Documents

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Inner South Leeds Area Committee

Summary of the key achievements of the 2006/07 Area Delivery Plan

Safer neighbourhoods

- 4 + multi-agency initiatives to tackle crime and grime in priority neighbourhoods were carried out
- Action on anti-social behaviour included Signpost working with 20+ families to tackle anti-social behaviour; ASBOs, Dispersal orders, Anti Social Behaviour letters
- Residents reassured with high visibility patrols (using mobile cctv, PCSOs and neighbourhood wardens) particularly in problem areas. Funding from Area Committee for Police re-assurance patrols.
- Measures to help prevent burglary e.g 4 alleygating schemes (Middleton Circus, Normantons, Holbeck, Back Stratford Terrace); 200 homes target hardened (via INM and Area Committee funding); 50 sheds and 50 garages secured (with Area Committee funding).
- The risk of violent crime, theft or robbery was reduced by providing information to young people and distributing 3,000 personal alarms to vulnerable groups (with Area Committee funding)
- Children for Peace Project supported with Area Committee funding to promote ways of resolving conflict with young people at South Leeds High School
- Two Neighbourhood Safety Liaison Officers have been appointed for the INM areas.
- Community safety roadshow held (with funding from the Area Committee)

Cleaner Neighbourhoods

- 650 referrals on grime to the Environmental Pride Team
- 17 intensive clean ups carried out by Environmental Pride team and other partners (+ clean ups carried multi-agency initiatives to tackle crime and grime).
- 50 community skips provided for clean ups
- In Bloom groups supported – Holbeck in Bloom and Cottingley in Bloom actively supported. Two small grants approved for In Bloom groups.
- INM initiative focusing on 3% worst neighbourhoods: INM projects for cleaner neighbourhoods included provision of dedicated litter picker in INM area and provision of 40 new litterbins
- Binyard improvements funded by the Area Committee and Cleanest City.
- Community environment programme funded by Area Committee (with 2 of the projects targeted on young people) – projects also promote community involvement

- Programme of environmental awareness started in Middleton Primary School as part of central Middleton NIP.
- Lady Pit Lane allotments being cleared up and area improved with part funding from the Area Committee
- ITV/CSV Big Clean in Holbeck

More 4 Young People

- Youth work networks in Beeston and Holbeck and Middleton Wards supported and further developed
- Mobile Youth Provision – funded by the Area Committee - launched providing activities and support for young people particularly in areas where there is no existing provision (operating for an average of 12 hours per week)
- 12,400 summer holiday activity guides distributed to schools in Beeston and Holbeck, Belle Isle and Middleton so that every pupil could have a copy, together with additional copies sent to libraries, youth centres and other venues
- I Love South Leeds Festival – funded via the Area Committee - ran during the summer of 2006 providing a wide range of activities culminating in a gala day at the John Charles Stadium
- Support for DAZL from the Area Committee
- Youth Forum to be set up by Hamara HLC in conjunction with Youth Service (Area Committee funded)
- Vocational training for challenging 14-16 year olds (8 students on horticultural training scheme and 12 students on construction skills training scheme BTEC Introductory Certificate in Construction)
- Support to High School transition
- With INM funding, the Throstle recreation ground is to be cleared of weeds and debris, the surface will be renewed and playground marking painted, a games wall and seating will be provided for older children and access to the area will be improved, new boundary fencing to properties that back on to the recreation ground.
- Improvements to the playground on Hunslet Moor with INM funding.
- Area Committee funding for staff costs at the Urban Bar, with INM funding for capital costs

Improving Neighbourhoods in Need

- Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan completed – various improvements funded by Area Committee included improvement to shops, removal of playground, newsletters produced; welcome boards to be provided
- Central Middleton estate Neighbourhood Improvement Plan completed, newsletters produced, fencing to be provided with Area Committee funding
- Normantons improvements carried out via Neighbourhood Improvement Plan with Area committee funding e.g. removal of old playground, installation of boulders and removal of planters to reduce

anti-social behaviour, kickabout area with goal posts and tarmac path provided; further improvements to be carried out via INM funding e.g. gating of dead-end ginnels and lighting to be provided for various ginnels.

Regenerating Areas

- Action Plans drawn up and consulted on e.g for Holbeck
- Various capital schemes e.g INM, M621 underpass improved – part funded by Area Committee, LIFT,
- Investment secured for area e.g for Aspire - to link disadvantaged groups to economic opportunities, successful NRF bids
- Support for community-led regeneration e.g capacity building project; support given to various organisations e.g. TIGER 11, ASHA, Vera Media, SLATE, Belle Isle Foundation, St Lukes Cares, Mariners Resource Centre
- Links with private sector e.g Leeds Ahead, Parkside, Leeds 11 Business Forum

Involving communities

- Community Forums supported including Hunslet Hall Road, Gaitskells, Hunslet Moor 2000, Cross Flatts, Neighbourhood Renewal Residents Forum
- Three issues of Area Committee Newsletter were produced.
- 20 + small grants approved for community groups.
- Community facilities in Middleton Park Ward were reviewed.
- Priority Neighbourhood Development worker recruited to assist with community engagement and with NIP projects

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Cleaner Neighbourhoods (ADP code: CN)

<u>ADP Code</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Outputs</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Agencies</u> (lead in bold)	<u>Monitoring</u>
Action on environmental crime and grime (e.g. flytipping, flyposting, litter, graffiti discarded needles)					
CN1	Clear dumped rubbish by action on referrals from Elected Members/Area Management Team/Police/Fire Service/other agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Environmental Pride referrals • No. of jobs completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Streetscene /Environment/reduced litter and waste on streets/land • Referring agencies satisfied that actions taken to meet their concerns 	Streetscene/ Area Management/Parks and Countryside/Leeds South Homes/Environmental Enforcement	Monitoring of referrals cleared up (monthly by Streetscene/Area Management; quarterly reports) Results of BV199/ENCAMS surveys
CN2	Specific action to target the problem of littering with teenagers (i.e. the Reparation Scheme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Fixed Penalty Notices/letters served on children/young people • Number of children/young people referred to the Reparation Scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in littering in streets by children and young people • Improved awareness of environmental and environmental crime issues 	Streetscene	Quarterly update report

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CN3	Co-ordination of 'Community clean ups' of identified hotspots for rubbish carried by Streetscene/Leeds South Homes/Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation/local community/other agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a proactive programme of clean ups for each ward (two clean ups per month across the Inner South wards) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in number of streetscene hotspots • Improved action by agencies working together to solve environmental issues 	Area Management /Streetscene/Leeds South Homes/Belle Isle TMO/Parks and Countryside/Leeds Federated Housing Association/other agencies	Quarterly report Results of BV199/ENCAMS surveys
CN4	Take enforcement action on environmental crime offenders and publicise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Fixed Penalty Notices served • Number of Section 46 and 47 Notices served • Number of problems cleared up following service of Section 46 and 47 Notices • Number of successful prosecutions for environmental crimes • Number of times press/newsletters publicise successful prosecutions for environmental crimes and issue of environmental crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved appearance of area • Fewer homes and business with waste in gardens/immediate environment • Greater public awareness of environmental crime 	Streetscene – Environmental Enforcement /Area Management/Environmental Health Services	Quarterly report
CN5	Action to clear gardens of waste and tidy up overgrown gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of gardens cleaned up and tidied up • Number of pledges signed by residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved appearance of area • Greater responsibility by residents for clearing up their gardens 	Streetscene/ Environmental Enforcement /Area Management/Leeds South Homes/Belle Isle TMO/Groundwork Leeds	Quarterly reports

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CN6	Provide litter bins in hotspots as identified (depending upon funding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of litter bins provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved appearance of area – less litter on street 	Area Management/Streetscene	Annual report
CN7	Develop programme of further binyard improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of binyards improved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved appearance of area • Less dumping in binyards 	Area Management/Streetscene	Report following completion of programme
CN8	Develop programme of environmental improvements (depending on funding) Link with Cleanest City Award and INM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved appearance of area 	Area Management/Groundwork Leeds/other agencies	Report following completion of programme
CN9	Combat graffiti problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti hotspots identified and monitored • Number of graffiti removal operations • No. of jobs completed • Review graffiti reporting and removal systems (and link in with emerging city wide strategy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More effective co-ordination of services • Reduction in Graffiti 	Streetscene/Area Management/Leeds South Homes/BITMO/Police	Report via graffiti update report

Encourage recycling, reusing and reducing waste

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer (in bold)	Monitoring
CN10	Raise awareness of recycling etc issues in schools and in neighbourhoods where action is most needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of awareness raising activities/days carried out • No. of schools involved • No. of community groups involved • No. of people benefiting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in littering, particularly around schools and school routes. • Increase amount of recycled waste. • Community involved in awareness raising 	Streetscene Services /Area Management/Groundwork Leeds/BTCV	Quarterly update report
CN11	'Recycle Us' back to basics campaign aimed at educating public about what can/cannot go in the green kerbside recycling scheme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of properties contacted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved quality/quantity of green recyclable material 	Streetscene Services	Quarterly update report
CN12	Green bin participation/contamination initiative – customer surveys and door knocking to develop a true picture of participation and coordination of the green bin recycling scheme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of properties contacted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved quality/quantity of green recyclable material 	Streetscene Services	Quarterly update
CN13	Improve/increase 'Bring Site' recycling facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of new sites. • No. of refurbished sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased recycling, improved facilities and increased customer use. 	Streetscene Services	Quarterly update report
CN14	Promote the sustainable management of commercial and industrial waste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of companies involved • Tonnage diverted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced levels of waste per business 	Streetscene Services	Quarterly update report

Support for community groups helping to improve the local environment

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer (in bold)	Monitoring
CN15	Provide skips to community groups for environmental and clean up projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of skips provided • Number of groups using the service • Number of community clean up events supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved streetscene in local neighbourhoods • Increased community cohesion 	Area Management	Quarterly update
CN16	Provide support for 'In Bloom' groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of 'In Bloom' groups supported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved appearance of area • Increased community cohesion 	Area Management	Annual report
CN17	Hold Community and City pride event. Aimed at encouraging individuals, groups, schools, colleges and universities to get involved in making sustainable improvements to their local environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of environmental improvement activities done • No. of community groups involved. • No. involved in Community Pride Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved appearance of area • Increased community cohesion 	Streetscene Services	Annual report

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Involving Communities (ADP code: IC)

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer (in bold)	Monitoring
Supporting community activities and projects					
IC1	Provide small grants up to £1,000 to support Area Committee Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community & voluntary groups supported • Number of small grants provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community groups supported • Enhanced relationship with voluntary & community sector 	Area Management Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring report to every Area Committee
Providing effective communication channels between Area Committee and the community					
IC2	Production and distribution of an Area Committee Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of newsletters produced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community better informed of Area Committee issues 	Area Management Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report
IC3	Capacity building of community organisations in key neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community organisations assisted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stronger and more sustainable community led organisations 	Area Management Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly progress report
IC4	To maintain engagement and community led initiatives with residents in Beeston Hill and Holbeck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assist in the co-ordination of two major community festivals in Beeston and Holbeck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community cohesion and pride enhanced by the events 	Area Regeneration Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly progress report
IC5	Provision of support and encouragement of community led forums by giving advice and information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community forums supported • Number of people involved in community events / forums 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community involvement in local matters is maintained and enhanced 	Area Management Team, Area Regeneration Team, Leeds Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly progress report

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IC6	Further development and establishment of a community forum in Middleton Park ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people involved in community events / forums • Promotion of community forum through local agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community involvement in local matters is maintained and enhanced 	Area Management Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly progress report
Developing Community Cohesion					
IC7	Advice and support to community based activities which help create a more cohesive community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of activities and events held • Number of residents and groups involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safer, more harmonious community created 	Area Management Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report
IC8	I Love South Leeds Festival to be held with a focus of creating harmonious communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community cohesion and intergenerational focussed events held • Number of people evolved with the events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of communities involved in the events 	Area Management Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report
IC9	Continuation and development of project with Warrington Peace Centre and South Leeds High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Area Management Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly progress report

Enhancing community centres

<p>IC10</p>	<p>Establish an Inner Community Centres Sub Committee to look at facilities within the area to assess and review the portfolio of Neighbourhoods and Housing community centres</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community facilities reviewed • Made efficiency savings • Development of work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A robust community centres action plan for the area to be developed • Better community facilities for people in Inner South Leeds • A co-ordinated approach to the management of community facilities in Inner South Leeds 	<p>Area Management Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six monthly report
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More for Young People (ADP code: MYP)

ADP Code	<u>Action</u>	<u>Outputs</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Lead Agency/ Officer</u> (in bold)	<u>Monitoring</u>
Involve more young people in more activities					
MYP1	<p>Develop youth work (support) network for organisations working with young people</p> <p>Continue to develop Youth Work Network in Middleton Park</p> <p>Continue to develop the Youth Work Network in Beeston & Holbeck/City & Hunslet Wards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of groups involved • 2 Networks in Inner South • Summer programme developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in provision and gaps identified • Increased support for organisations resulting in more stable groups and expansion of provision for young people to fill gaps • More co-ordinated provision 	Youth Service	Quarterly reports

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MYP2	Provide guidance and support to voluntary sector to deliver appropriate programmes of work with young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of organisations assisted by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Youth Service b) Area Management No. of young people reached, participating in programmes and gained accreditation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wider coverage of provision for young people particularly in those places and with those people where there are gaps in provision especially in priority neighbourhoods 	Youth Service/Area Management	Quarterly reports
MYP3	Develop and improve a range of programmes to meet young people's needs (building based or mobile) including continuing the mobile youth provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of improved programmes and facilities No. of sessions run from the mobile youth provision No. of young people involved in the mobile youth provision sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better quality, choice of provision Young people's priority needs met 	Area Management / Youth Service	Quarterly reports
MYP4	Publicise and develop provision available for young people including during school holidays..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of main forms of publicity e.g leaflets No. of young people receiving publicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better informed young people Increased participation in activities 	Youth Service/Area Management	Quarterly reports
MYP5	To develop ways for how the voice of young people can be heard on a range of matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of youth fora or other mechanisms set up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better informed Area Committee and Services/agencies about young people's needs 	Youth Service	Quarterly reports

Assist schools to expand the range of vocational courses

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer (in bold)	Monitoring
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MYP6	Develop horticultural training scheme for 14-16 year olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of young people involved • No. of jobs created • No of environmental improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced school attendance for target group • Increased vocational opportunities 	Education Leeds/ District Partnership/Leeds South Homes	Quarterly reports
MYP7	Develop schemes in - health & social care - construction - business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of schemes developed • No. of students participating • No. of qualifications/accreditation gained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced school attendance for target group • Increased vocational opportunities 	Education Leeds/ District Partnership/Leeds South Homes	Quarterly reports

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Regenerating Areas (ADP code: RA)

<u>ADP Code</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Outputs</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Lead Agency/ Officer (in bold)</u>	<u>Monitoring</u>
To progress a Public and Private Sector Partnership (PPP) in South Leeds to deliver regeneration					
RA1	Executive Board approval to Stage 1 proposals for a PPP in South Leeds OJEU notice posted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 approval obtained • OJEU notice posted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress made towards procuring a partner to deliver physical regeneration 	Area Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly report
To facilitate the on-going development of the Beeston Hill and Holbeck Regeneration Programme					
RA2	<p>To support work linked to the Housing PFI project</p> <p>To conclude consultation on and agreement to three Regeneration Plans</p> <p>To develop stronger practical links with Holbeck urban Village for the benefit of residents</p> <p>To ensure key sites / locations for regeneration in the area are progressed to improve housing diversity and employment opportunities:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hillside • Shaftesbury • Parkside • Hunslet Hall Road shops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £90million of investment secured • 3 plans consulted on and approved by Planning Board • Strategy agreed by both relevant Boards • At least four key sites / locations progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources available to support housing renewal • Clarity on regeneration plans for the whole of Beeston Hill and Holbeck • Commitment made to securing benefits for the areas • Improvement in the housing market in the area and also in business areas 	<p>Area Management</p> <p>Development / Area Regeneration Team</p> <p>Area Regeneration Team / Development</p> <p>Development / Area Regeneration Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly report

To facilitate the initiation of the Middleton Regeneration Programme					
RA3	Provide support to the Middleton Regeneration Board and assist with the delivery of the action plan for the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan produced and progressed by multi-agency board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership approach to improve Middleton and provide a comprehensive and sustainable regeneration programme 	Area Management Team / Re'new / Leeds South Homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly report
To deliver Intensive Neighbourhood Management initiatives in agreed target neighbourhoods of Inner South Leeds					
RA4	<p>To manage and co-ordinate the INM Programme in South Leeds on behalf of the District Partnership</p> <p>To ensure the improvement of the environment through cleansing and streetscene services in the target SOA neighbourhoods</p> <p>To contribute to projects that enhance the environment of the priority SOAs that are not resourced through INM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital and revenue budgets allocated and spent. Outputs met as per separate INM agreement Outputs met as per separate INM agreement At least three projects initiated through the Area Regeneration Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents' perceptions of the area improve DLEQS evaluation shows improvement in the state of the streets 	<p>Area Regeneration Team</p> <p>Streetscene / Area Management</p> <p>Area Regeneration Team / Groundwork / Parks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly report
To manage, co-ordinate and participate in projects that address important Local Area Agreement targets in priority areas					

<p>RA5</p>	<p><u>Safer and Stronger Communities</u> a) Manage the Leeds 11 CCTV scheme</p> <p>b) Support community safety events and funding bids</p> <p><u>Children and Young People</u> c). Support the establishment of a youth gym at South Leeds Sports Centre</p> <p>d) Assist in the development of a youth cohesion project</p> <p><u>Economic Development and Enterprise</u> e) Support the uplift extension for the ASPIRE project</p> <p>f) Support the TIGER 11 initiative</p> <p>g) Work with Leeds Community Foundation and Leeds AHEAD to support voluntary and community sector groups</p>	<p>At least 3 business forum meetings and 2 newsletters</p> <p>At least 1 event supported and support for 1 bid given</p> <p>1 new youth gym established</p> <p>1 new project established</p> <p>Project delivers agreed outputs</p> <p>TIGER 11 is able to appoint staff and get established on its first scheme</p> <p>£ worth of grants awarded to local group and at least 2 local group access support through Leeds AHEAD</p>	<p>Reduced crime in the defined CCTV area</p> <p>Increased information about and resources for community safety schemes</p> <p>Young people occupied and getting healthier</p> <p>Improved cohesion between young people</p> <p>Community radio established</p> <p>Improved opportunities for business and enterprise and new space created for groups to use</p> <p>Growing momentum of support for voluntary and community groups and social enterprises</p>	<p>Area Regeneration Team</p> <p>Area Regeneration Team</p> <p>Leisure / Area Regeneration Team</p> <p>Hamara / Area Regeneration Team</p> <p>Area Regeneration Team</p> <p>Area Regeneration Team</p> <p>Area Regeneration Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly report
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Working with Neighbourhoods in Need					
RA6	Supporting identified neighbourhoods in need and creation of Neighbourhood Improvement plans to support the improvement process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of three Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) covering Arthingtons, Recreations and Manor Farms areas • Establishment of multi agency steering groups to over see the implementation and development of the NIPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to neighbourhoods in terms of service and physical improvements 	Area Management Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly report

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Safer Neighbourhoods (ADP code: SN)

ADP Code	<u>Action</u>	<u>Outputs</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Monitoring</u>
Deliver targeted community safety operations with the support of other agencies					
SN1	Deliver Operation Cava in targeted areas in Inner South Leeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a minimum of 4 operations in inner per year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Community • Reduce Crime • Offer reassurance to communities 	Area Management/Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agency Outputs reported/evaluated after each Cava
SN2	Increase use of CCTV cameras, both permanent and mobile in hotspot areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of days use of van • Number of hotspots targeted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in issues/hotspots identified – such as anti social behaviour • Reduction in fear of crime 	Leeds Watch/Police/Area Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly report

ADP Code	<u>Action</u>	<u>Outputs</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Monitoring</u>
Action on anti-social behaviour					
SN3	Signpost project to continue working with families to reduce incidents of ASB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of families supported • Number of young people supported • Number of contracts with families • Number of therapeutic interventions 	Reduction of ASB	Area Management	Quarterly report
SN4	Deliver actions to tackle ASB hotspot areas and Neighbourhood Improvement areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of hotspot areas tackled. • Number of ASB warnings/Acceptable Behaviour Contracts issued. • Number of referrals to support agencies (e.g. Youth Service) • Number of Micro Beat projects undertaken 	Reduction in ASB Quicker response to localised crime	Police/ASBU/Leeds South Homes Police/Youth Networks	Quarterly report
SN5	Provide support on a range of diversionary activities to prevent/deter young people's involvement in ASB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of additional young people engaged in positive activities • Reduction in children truanting from school and ASB • Number of diversionary activities. 	Reduction of ASB	Youth service Schools	Quarterly report

ADP Code	<u>Action</u>	<u>Outputs</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Monitoring</u>
SN6	Identify worst truant offenders through joint visits with ED Leeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs to be agreed 	Reduction of ASB	Education Leeds/Schools	Quarterly report

ADP Code	<u>Action</u>	<u>Outputs</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Monitoring</u>
Tackle under age drinking					
SN7	Action to identify under-age drinkers and shops selling alcohol to them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nos. of under-age drinkers cautioned by the Police • Nos of operations to identify shops selling alcohol to underage drinkers. • No. of license visits • No. of fixed penalty notices to licensees 	Reduction in underage drinking resulting in reduction in ASB and criminal damage & violent crime	Police /Trading Standards	Quarterly report

ADP Code	<u>Action</u>	<u>Outputs</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Agencies</u>	<u>Monitoring</u>
Drugs					
SN 8	Support the increase of locally provided drugs treatment services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nos. of people receiving treatment. 	Increase in numbers of drug users receiving support Reduction in drugs users in area	Community Safety/Police/ Primary Care Trust/ Area Management	6 monthly report

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Agencies	Monitoring
Reduce vehicle crime in hotspot areas					
SN9	Promote the sale/distribution of crime reduction products to local residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of security products sold/distributed. 	Reduction in car crime. Reduction in burglary Increase awareness of car crime	Police	6 monthly report
Support the neighbourhood approach to community safety through high visibility policing, increased Neighbourhood Wardens patrols and development of neighbourhood/community policing initiatives					
SN10	Increase the visibility of Neighbourhood Policing Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police/PCSO attendance at community forums 	Increase community reassurance	Police	6 monthly report
SN11	Provide information to young people via schools about personal safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of young people receiving information about personal safety. No. of presentations/talks given to schools/community 	Reduction in/prevention of theft from person type offences.	Police	6 monthly report
SN12	Explore option to distribute personal alarms to vulnerable groups (e.g. young people, older people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of people receiving personal safety alarms 	Reduction in/prevention of theft from person type offences.	Police	6 monthly report

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Agencies	Monitoring
SN13	Wardens to work in targeted areas to provide reassurance. Activities may include clean ups, leafleting etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of projects delivered. (each project will also have its' own outputs) 	Improved visibility of wardens	Area Management	6 monthly report

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Agencies	Monitoring
Deliver initiatives to reduce domestic burglary					
SN14	Explore alleygating schemes in priority areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of gating/fencing schemes delivered 	Increase community reassurance Reduction in fear of crime	Area Management/Police	6 monthly report
SN15	Develop burglary and crime prevention initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of initiatives targeting crime prevention No. of garages and sheds provided with improved security Number of properties receiving target hardening & Smartwater. 	Increased awareness of crime prevention methods Increased community safety and reduced domestic burglary	Police/ Area Management	6 monthly report and included in Multi agency Tasking Action Plans
SN16	Promote development of Neighbourhood Watch schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of new Neighbourhood Watch schemes established 	Reduction in fear of crime	AMT/N'hood Watch Co-ordinator	6 monthly report

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Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing

To the Inner South Area Committee

Date: 20th February 2007

Subject: Area Committee Well Being Budget

Electoral Wards Affected:

Beeston & Holbeck
City & Hunslet
Middleton Park

Specific Implications For:
 Ethnic minorities
 Women
 Disabled people
 Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the Area Committee's Well-Being expenditure.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The report summarises:

- Small Grant applications which have been approved
- An update on both the revenue and capital elements of the Area Committee's budget
- Brings proposals for the Area Committee to determine for commissioning

2.0 REVENUE WELL BEING BUDGET POSITION FOR 2006/07

2.1 The current outstanding balance yet to be committed from 2006/07 revenue funding is **£20,653.76**. The position of the revenue Wellbeing budget as at January for 2006/07 is detailed in appendix 1 which includes updates made since the December Area Committee meeting.

2.2 Ringenced well –being budget amounts

The position of the ringenced amounts from the revenue Wellbeing budget as at December for 2006/07 is detailed appendix 2. Members are asked to note the following balances remaining on each of the Area Committee's ringenced budgets for 06/07 as follows:

- Area Committee Small Grants (£20,000 ringenced). Balance remaining: £6,370.
- Area Committee Community Skips (£5,000 ringenced). Balance remaining: £330. We have had more requests for skips than the current budge allows and this has brought the Area Committee over the budget. Members are consequently asked to approve the transfer of £2,500 from the Communication and Consultation budget to cover anticipated expenditure on community skips in the next few months.
- Area Committee Communication and Consultation (£10,000 ringenced). Balance remaining: £4,951.

2.3 We have assumed that the revenue budget for 2007/08 will be the same as for 2006/07 and that any underspend in 2006/07 will be carried forward to 2007/08, but this is subject to confirmation.

3.0 CAPITAL WELL BEING BUDGET POSITION FOR 2006/07

a) At the September meeting of the Area Committee, £14,000 was approved towards the re-landscaping works and the creation of a new play area in the Sissons Road area. After further consultation undertaken by Leeds south Homes/ Groundwork and Members with local residents, it was decided that it would be more appropriate just to grass over the land and fence off the adjacent electricity sub station. Leeds South Homes has agreed to fund these works. This has released £14,000 back into the capital pot for Middleton Park Ward and following discussions with Ward Members, it is proposed that this amount is transferred to the Throstle Recreation Ground improvements (See paragraph 7 below).

b) The position of the capital Wellbeing budget as at January for 2006/07 is detailed in appendix 3.

c) **The remaining balance from the 2006/07 capital budget is £51,480.25** . Of this approximately £18k (taking into account para 3.0a above) remains for Middleton Park, £32.8k remains for City and Hunslet, and £585 remains for Beeston and Holbeck ward.

4.0 SMALL GRANTS UPDATE

Members are asked to note the position of the following applications made to the Area Committee for a small grant. The applications were submitted to the Area Management office in between Area Committee meetings. The applications were processed in the usual way by seeking approval or not from all Elected Members of the Area Committee.

The position below is correct at the time of writing and excludes any applications which had been received after this report had been written or were received prior to the report being written but which had not been assessed by officers as yet before being circulated to Elected Members.

SMALL GRANTS: POSITION SINCE LAST AREA COMMITTEE				
Project title	Organisation	Ward(s) affected	Amount	Approved or awaiting approval
Development of TIGER 11	TIGER 11	B&H/C&H	£1,000	Approved
Horticulture project	Beeston In Bloom	B&H/C&H	£500	Approved
Christmas Hampers	Fayre Care For Christmas	B&H/C&H/MP	£500	Approved
St Matthews Community Market	St Matthews Community Centre Management Committee	B&H	£500	Approved
Exhibition and Artists Workshop	Peripheral	B&H/C&H	£360	Approved

Appendix 4 provides a summary of each application for Small Grants since the last Area Committee.

5.0 LIST OF WELL BEING PROPOSALS FOR AREA COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Below is a list of the total proposals to this meeting for the anticipated 2007/08 revenue budget and the 2004/05 – 2006/07 capital budget (a summary of each proposal is in the main body of this report with appendices 4 onwards providing more detail):

Project Title	Organisation (proposed to be commissioned)	Ward(s) affected	Total proposal from Revenue	Proposal from Capital	Total proposed revenue spend in 06/07	Total proposed revenue spend in 07/08
DAZL Youth Dance Well Being Project	Dance Action Zone Leeds (DAZL)	B&H/ C&H/ MP	£10,548			£10,548
Community Safety Roadshow	Hamara Healthy Living Centre	B&H/ C&H/	£2,250			£2,250
South Leeds Sports Centre Community Worker	Sports and Active Recreation Service	B&H/ C&H/	£14,952			£14,952
Future Roots at Hamara	Youth Service/Leeds Racial Harassment Project-	B&H/ C&H/	£3,200			£3,200
Throstle Recreation ground improvement	Parks and Countryside	MP		£14,000		
Totals			£30,950	£14,000		£30,950
Current remaining balance				£51,480.25	£20,653.76	£127,133
Potential balance if all above projects approved				£37,480.25	£20,653.76	£96,183

Notes:

*£127,133 has been used as an estimated figure of the remaining balance for this Area Committee's outstanding Well being revenue budget for 2007/08. The figure is based on the budget allocated for 2006/07 of £233,570 less committed expenditure of £106,437 (See Appendix 1) The current remaining balance for 2007/08 does not include any other potential ring fenced amounts which the Area Committee has traditionally agreed on ie for the Area Committee's small grants, community skips, communication and community engagement.

** see comment in section 7.

6.0 WELL BEING BUDGET REVENUE PROPOSALS FOR AREA COMMITTEE DETERMINATION

PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS FOR THE AREA COMMITTEE TO COMMISSION IN 2007/08 TO RUN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATUTORY, VOLUNTARY OR COMMUNITY SECTOR

6.1 Revenue Project for the Area Committee to commission for More for Young People

Name of Project: DAZL Youth Dance Well Being Project

Name of group or organisation: Dance Action Zone Leeds (DAZL)

Total Project Cost: £16,548 (These are the direct costs for running the groups and events. Other costs e.g. project management costs are met by PCT)

Amount proposed from well-being: £10,548

Amount proposed to be spent in 2007/08: £10,548

Ward(s) covered: Beeston and Holbeck; City and Hunslet; Middleton Park]

Summary of project: The project will engage young people aged 7 – 18 years in physical activity through dance with a new emphasis on a healthy living issue as the focus for creating performances. The project has two main strands:

- (a) **Three youth dance groups** - South Leeds High School Youth Dance, Escape Youth Dance Company, and Danceaction. These include term time sessions – some after school, some on Saturdays - as well as holiday programmes. It should be noted that these are out of school activities and are not funded or directly linked with schools, although school premises are used to run the groups. The group at South Leeds High School meets after school and draws in pupils from across inner South Leeds wards and works with white and black and minority ethnic communities. The young people taking part all attend South Leeds High School. The Escape Dance Company meets on Wednesdays in term time and provides holiday programmes. Danceaction group at meets on Saturdays in term time and also provides holiday programmes. These two groups draw pupils from a wide age range across the Inner South Leeds Wards and not specifically or only from the two schools at which the sessions are held (Escape Dance Company meets at Windmill Primary and Danceaction at New Bewerley Community School.)

DAZL will organise two dance showcases during the year where the groups will come together to share and celebrate their work. The young people will be involved in creating dance productions in their preferred dance styles and contribute to the ideas and choreography.

- (b) **Summer Holiday Project:** this consists of three week-long dance summer schools (for age ranges 8 – 10 year olds; 10 – 13 year olds; and 13 – 18 year olds). The summer schools will create a ‘show in a week’ and include a range of dance styles and music from a range of cultures.

Outputs for this project include:

- Over 167 children and young people engaged in regular dance activity that will help improve their mental and physical well being
- Over 310 children and young people engaged in short projects and one off dance sessions to promote engagement in physical activity

- Over 80 children and young people taking part in summer holiday projects and performance opportunities will help improve their mental and physical well being
- Over 200 children and young people taking part in dance performances to improve confidence and self esteem
- Over 800 local people attending dance shows which will allow them an opportunity to enjoy and celebrate the achievements of the young people in their neighbourhood
- 8 Peer mentors and dance leaders trained who support the dance tutors in leading dance sessions thus developing leadership skills and building local capacity for education and employment.

Area Committee/Area Delivery Plan Key Themes and Action Plan Priorities

Key Theme: More for Young People **Objectives/action:** Involve more young people in more activities – financial assistance to voluntary sector to deliver appropriate programmes of work with young people; Assist schools to offer extended provision and expand community role – broker community, voluntary and other public sector support for schools.

Comment: DAZL was funded in 2006/07 but in considering this proposal for 2007/08 Members should be aware that proposals for the coming year offers development and further progression: dance activity in 2007/08 will have an emphasis on healthy living and this will be the focus of creating performances for the Leeds Town Hall Show. In addition it should be noted that many participants are newly involved from autumn 2006 – 2 of the 3 youth dance groups have over 50% new members since autumn 2006, one dance group doubled in size in 2006, and the group at the South Leeds High school is new.

With the assistance of the Area Committee's funding, the groups run by DAZL have grown in popularity each year as they become embedded in the community and the long term nature of the groups is part of their effectiveness and appeal to young people. If approved, Area Committee funding would provide continued funding to help strengthen DAZL's bid for a second year of funding from NRF in 2007/08 for DAZL's Engaging Inactive Children's programme. Future development and funding will be pursued by the project during 2007/08 (DAZL's Director was unable to do this during 2006/07 because of long-term sickness).

Recommend To: take into consideration the project proposal, the above comments and the funding likely to be available in the well-being budget for 2007/08. If the proposal is approved, there should be a condition that DAZL will develop a vision for its long-term development and should seek alternative/additional funding.

More detail: Appendix 4

6.2 Revenue Project for the Area Committee to commission for 'Safer Neighbourhoods'

Name of Project: Community Safety Roadshow

Name of group or organisation: Partnership - Hamara Healthy Living Centre is the lead agency

Total Project Cost: £2,350 [plus other costs covered by Aspire]

Amount proposed from well-being budget: £2,250

Amount proposed to be spent in 2007/08: £2,250

Ward(s) covered: Beeston and Holbeck; City and Hunslet

Summary of project: The aim of the day to be held in May 2007 is to promote and raise awareness of different aspects of community safety and to promote community cohesion via a series of information stalls and interactive scenarios. The issues to be covered include fire safety, kitchen safety, road safety, new seatbelt law in relation to children, distraction burglary, racial harassment, anti-social behaviour, drugs and drug related crime and race hate. Other issues under consideration for the day include street cleansing, re-cycling and graffiti.

Hamara HLC is the lead agency for a partnership which includes the Fire Service, Police, Youth Service, Youth Offending Team, Leeds Racial Harassment Project, Road Safety Unity, South Leeds Regeneration Team, Environmental Health, Vera Media, Metro, Leeds Federated Housing Association and British Transport Police.

Area Committee/Area Delivery Plan Key Themes and Action Plan Priorities

Key Theme: Safer Neighbourhoods **Objectives:** provide reassurance to local residents; help prevent burglaries e.g. making alleys, houses, belongings more secure.

Comment. The Community Safety Roadshow was run successfully in 2006 with 600 people attending and in 2005 with 400 people attending. The roadshow will be promoted widely particularly in Beeston and Holbeck and City and Hunslet wards via leaflets, the local press and Leeds11FM. A minibus will be used to collect and bring back residents from several pick up points in Holbeck, West Hunslet and Far Beeston to make it easier for people to get to the event. The event will be held at the same time as the multi-cultural market and this will help to promote the event, attract a wide audience and promote community integration. Aspire will contribute 2 staff for the day and will contribute the costs of hiring Hamara HLC for the day.

Recommend To: take into consideration the project proposal, the above comments and the funding likely to be available in the well-being budget for 2007/08.

More detail: Appendix 5

PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY, VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR ORGANISATIONS FOR PROJECTS NOT COMMISSIONED

- 6.3 Name of Project:** Community Worker – South Leeds Sports Centre
Name of group or organisation: Sport and Active Recreation Service (Learning and Leisure Department)
Total Project Cost: £14,952
Amount proposed from well-being budget: £14,952
Amount proposed to be spent in 2007/08: £14,952
Ward(s) covered: Beeston and Holbeck; City and Hunslet

Summary of project: South Leeds Sports Centre re-opened on 18th December 2006 following a 12 months closure. The re-opening of the Sports Centre is subject to a 12 month “use it or lose it” arrangement. The Sports and Active Recreation Service has taken the unique step of appointing a community worker on a 6 month contract with a specific objective of making links with the local community. This is in addition to the Community Sports Officer working in the area. The Sports and Active Recreation Service is only able to provide funding for this post for 6 months as the post is additional to the staff structure. The area and Sports Centre would benefit from an extension of this post by a further 6 months as this would enable the outputs to be much greater.

The key objective of the post would be to provide a sustainable approach to increasing use of the South Leeds Sports Centre by working in the community to provide links to the Sports Centre through partnership and in consultation with the community. This will involve changing the perception of physical activity within the South Leeds area to increase use of the sports centre. The worker will have specific objectives relating to increase the use of the Sports Centre. This approach is seen as offering a more sustainable approach to increasing the use of the Sports Centre than by, for example, subsidising the costs of activities which in the experience of Officers does not provide sustainability.

Area Committee/Area Delivery Plan Key Themes and Action Plan Priorities

Key Theme: More for Young People **Objectives:** Involve more young people in more activities **Key Theme:** Involving communities **Objectives:** Develop community cohesion – support community based activities which help create a more cohesive community.

Comment. The South Leeds Sports Centre has an important role to play in providing a range of activities in the area and has to increase its usage if it is to be sustained in the longer term. There has been community activity to ensure that the sports centre re-opened.

Recommend To: take into consideration the project proposal, the above comments and the remaining funding available in the well-being budget for 2007/08.

More detail: Service Delivery Plan – available at the meeting and previously circulated by e-mail

6.4 Name of Project: Future Roots

Name of group or organisation: Youth Service and Leeds Racial Harassment Project

Total Project Cost: £5,300

Amount proposed from well-being budget: £3,200

Amount proposed to be spent in 2007/08: £3,200

Ward(s) covered: Beeston and Holbeck; City and Hunslet

Summary of project: This project will offer a series of arts based workshops to young men and women to cover dance, music, graffiti, film and photography, radio and other art forms as appropriate. The sessions will mainly be held during evenings but may involve weekend activities as well. The sessions will be held at the Hamara Centre Youth Club. The intention of the project is that the young people will produce a site specific installation work which will involve a fusion of art forms. This installation will be based at Hamara initially but subsequently the work will transfer to other locations.

The theme of the work will be the challenges and realities facing young British Muslims of Asian descent and the installation will reflect the everyday lives and experiences of the young people involved. The project is an attempt to provide a channel for communication and expression through issues of alienation and exclusion amongst young British Muslims of Asian descent can be explored. This project is intended to celebrate and champion diversity and inclusion, whilst accepting and respecting cultural and religious difference by providing arts activities to excluded/marginalised groups. It is intended that wider community participate in the process as an audience of the final artwork/installation.

Young people will be encouraged to take further any particular skills, talents or abilities that they demonstrate during the scheme, and youth work staff will support them in looking at training and career opportunities in further and higher education in the city.

Area Committee/Area Delivery Plan Key Themes and Action Plan Priorities

Key Theme: More for Young People **Objectives:** Involve more young people in more activities. **Key Theme:** Involving communities **Objectives:** Develop community cohesion – support community based activities which help create a more cohesive community.

Comment. The proposed project will be jointly managed by the Leeds Youth Service Arts, Culture and Creativity Team) and the Leeds Racial Harassment. Other organisations involved in the partnership to deliver this project include Hamara, Everything's Possible (an organisation supporting international volunteer placements.) Leeds Metropolitan University are also contributing time as part of their Community Learning Placement scheme. Contributions in kind (staff time/use of centre) and in funding will be from Hamara, Leeds Racial Harassment Project, Leeds Youth Service, Everything's Possible. Funding from the Area Committee is requested for:

- Costs of artists for running the workshops
- Materials and equipment
- Transport Costs
- Costs of opening day event

Recommend To: take into consideration the project proposal, the above comments and the remaining funding available in the well-being budget for 2007/08

More detail: Appendix 6

7.0 WELL BEING PROPOSAL FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR AREA COMMITTEE DETERMINATION

Name of Project: Throstle Recreation Improvement project

Name of group or organisation: Parks and Countryside (Learning and Leisure Department)

Total Project Cost: £14,000

Amount proposed from well-being: £14,000

Amount spent in 06/07: £14,000

Ward(s) covered: Middleton Park

Summary of project: The aim of the project is to make Throstle recreation ground much more user friendly through the creation of a new link footpath around the part of the recreation ground and provision of new fencing, gates and access controls to prevent unauthorised access by unauthorised vehicles. The project will build on the improvements being undertaken to the recreation ground through funding from the Intensive Neighbourhood Management fund. Following consultation with

Area Committee/Area Delivery Plan Key Themes and Action Plan Priorities

This project links primarily with the following theme from the Area Committee's Area Delivery (action) Plan for 2006/07: Improving Neighbourhoods in Need. The project indirectly supports the key themes of: More for Young People, Involving Communities and Safer Neighbourhoods

Comment: Parks and Countryside will carry out this work as a complement to the Central Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Plan and Intensive Neighbourhood Management work going on in the area.

Recommend To: Approve funds on condition that they are spent within the 2006/07 financial year

More detail: Appendix 7

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

There are no direct implications for the above as a result of this report.

9.0 LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Legal implications as a result of this report will be reflected in any subsequent Funding Agreements and Contracts to Tender that arise from projects funded by the Wellbeing Budget.

9.2 Resource implications will be that the remaining balance of the Wellbeing Budget for Revenue will be reduced and remaining balance of the Wellbeing Budget for Capital will be reduced as a result of projects funded.

10.0 CONCLUSIONS

The report provides up to date information on the Area Committee's Well Being Budget.

11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 To note the position of the Area Committee's revenue and capital well being budget as outlined in Sections 2 and 3 respectively.

11.2 To note the small grants approved since the last Area Committee meeting (see section 4.0).

11.3 To determine the Well being budget revenue proposals as listed in section 5.0 and summarised in section 6.0 with more detail provided in appendix 4 onwards.

11.4 To determine the capital proposal as listed in 5.0 and summarised in section 7.0 with more detail provided in appendix 7.

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Appendix 1

Inner South Area Committee Well being budget Revenue 2006/07 to 2007/08 – position at January 2007

Project	Delivery Organisation	Revenue cost 2006/07 Commitments	Revenue commitment 2007/08
Budget	Allocation	£233,570	
	Carry forward	£38,359	
	TOTAL	£271,929	
Ringfenced amounts			
Small Grants (ringfence)	South Area Management	£20,000	To confirm
Skips budget (ringfence)	South Area Management	£5,000	To confirm
Communication/community engagement (ringfence)	South Area Management	£10,000	To confirm
	Totals	£35,000	
2 or more wards			
South & West Leeds Community Capacity Building	South Area Management	£11,272	£5,000
Streetscene Area Delivery (CAST)		£2,700	
Photocopier Upgrade	South Area Management	£4,031	
Reassurance Policing [Note 1]	West Yorkshire Police	£6,992.24	
Youth Dance Cohesion	DAZL	£9,500	
Community Safety Roadshow	HAMARA Healthy Living Centre	£2,000	
I Love South Leeds 2006	Youth Service	£25,000	
I Love South Leeds 2007	To be confirmed		£33,000
I Love South Leeds 2007 (Festival Co-ordinator starting in 06/07)	To be confirmed	6,375	£10,625
Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker [Note 2]	South Area Management	£18,292	£14,512.50
Easter Hip Hop School [Note 3]	Southside Arts	£0	
Mobile Youth Provision	South Area Management	£36,488	£13,512
Hamara Youth Activities	Hamara Healthy Living Centre	£10,000	
Communities Environment Programme	Groundwork	£15,000	
Conflict Resolution Initiative [Note 4]	Children For Peace/Warrington Peace Centre	£4,000	
Senior Neighbourhood Warden		£566.00	£33,400
Robbery/Personal Safety Initiative	West Yorkshire Police	£3,000	
Shedache	West Yorkshire Police	£3,450	
Target Hardening	West Yorkshire Police	£5,000	
Urban Bar [Note 5]	St Luke Cares	£9,180	£9,181
The Feel Good Furniture Shop	SLATE	£3,000	
	Totals	£175,846.24	£119,230.50
Beeston & Holbeck			
Cottingley Vale Shopping Centre Minor Improvements (see Capital)		£3,400	
	Totals	£3,400	
City & Hunslet			
Lady Pitt Lane Allotments	Parks & Countryside	£5,250	
	Totals	£5,250	

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Project	Delivery Organisation	Revenue cost 2006/07 Commitments	Revenue commitment 2007/08
Middleton Park			
Belle Isle Family Centre Manager	Belle Isle Family Centre	£31,779	
Middleton Neighbourhood Warden		£0 100% of cost from central sources	£0 100% of cost from central sources
Totals		£31,779	£0
		TOTAL Commitments agreed	£251,275.24
		BALANCE	£119,230.50
		£20,653.76	£114,339.50*

- Assumes budget for 2007/08 to be the same as budget for 2006/07 but still to be confirmed.

Notes

(1) Police re-assurance: This project was approved in principle at the April 2006 Area Committee meeting for funding of £7,300 subject to Police reporting on their use of previous funding. The funding was re-submitted to the June Area Committee and approved for funding for £6,720. However, the Police appear to have assumed that they were funded for the original £7,300 and have actually spent £6,992.24.

(2) Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker: This project was approved for £21,900 from 2006/07 revenue funds however due to slippage it is now known a maximum of £18,292 will now be required this financial year. The balance of £4,062 has therefore been recycled back into the budget for 2006/07. Note, however, that the balance of £4,062 will now represent a commitment from the 2007/08 revenue budget in order to ensure the worker is covered for the full 12 months as initially agreed.

(3) Easter Hip Hop School (Youth Service): This project was approved for £1,600. However, the project did not take place and so the funding has now been recycled back into the budget for 2006/07.

(4) Conflict Resolution Initiative: This project was approved for £4,990 and has now been completed with total costs of £4,000. The remaining £990 has therefore been recycled back into the budget.

(5) St Luke's Urban Bar: The project was approved for £18,361. However, due to slippage a maximum of £9,180 will be required this financial year. The balance of £9,181 has therefore been recycled back into this year's budget. (Note, however, that the balance of £9,181 will now represent a commitment from the 2007/08 revenue budget).

Breakdown of Revenue Ringfenced Amounts 2006/07

Ringfence 2006/07	Description	Amount	
Area Committee Communication and Consultation Budget	Budget	£10,000	
	Cottingley Community Centre Hire for NIP Meeting 9 th May	£37.50	
	Cottingley Community Centre Hire for NIP Meeting 4 th July	£37.50	
	Bee Cool summer holiday activities guide	£4,002.84	
	Maps	£37.50	
	Cottingley Community Centre Hire for NIP Meeting 12 th Sept	£37.50	
	Inner AC Newsletter	£80	
	Sissons Newsletter	£816	
	Total	£5,048.84	
	Balance	£4,951.16	
Ringfence 2006/07	Description	Amount	
	Budget	£20,000	
Area Committee Small Grants 2006/07	Cottingley Community Centre	Cottingley Children's Holiday Adventure	£500
	Holbeck Gala Management Committee	Holbeck Gala 2006	£1,000
	Parks & Countryside	7/7 Memorial Tree	£790
	Beeston Festival & Mela	Beeston Festival & Mela	£1,000
	Manorfield Hall	Salsa & Aerobics Classes	£500
	Friends of Cross Flatts Park	Bands in The Park 2006	£1,000
	South Leeds Kabadi Association	Kabadi Team	£1,000
	Groundwork	Summer Youth Programme	£500
	South Leeds High School	Caravan Project	£1,000
	Access Committee For Leeds	Beeston Our CommUNITY Together	£980
	Skelton Volunteer Group	Open Day	£500
	Cottingley In Bloom	Capacity Building	£500
	Westwood Community Association	Community Day	£500
	Leeds City Credit Union	Credit Union Services In Beeston & Holbeck	£1000
	TIGER 11	Development of TIGER 11	£1,000
	Beeston In Bloom	Horticulture Project	£500
	Fayre Care For Christmas	Christmas Hampers	£500
St Matthews Community Centre Management	St Matthews Community Market	£500	

	Committee		
	Peripheral	Exhibition and Artists Workshop	£360
		Total Approved	£13,630
		Balance	£6,370
Ringfence 2005/07	Description		Amount
		Budget	£5,000
Area Committee		Cardinals Youth Club	£90
Community Skips		Whitehouse Farm Allotments	£90
		East Grange Flats	£180
		Sissons Road	£90
		Old Lane Allotments	£90
		Lady Pitt Lane Allotments	£90
		Middleton Crescent Sheltered Housing	£90
		Holbeck Moor	£90
		Clarksfield Allotment Association	£90
		Broom Gardens (swamp)	£90
		Whitfield Estate	£330
		Malverns	£180
		Middleton	£270
		Bismark Street	£90
		Cardinals Regeneration Group	£90
		Whitehouse Farm Allotments	£90
		St Matthews Community Centre	£180
		Parkwood Road	£90
		Intake Square	£230
		Malverns	£180
		Cross Flatts Drive	£90
		Normantons	£270
		Ingram Crescent & Colenso Mount	£230
		Belinda Street & Balmoral Crescent	£230
		Ingram Crescent	£90
		Heathcroft Lawn	£140
		Couplands	£270
		Throstle Road	£360
		East Grange Drive	£90
		Ingram Crescent	£180
		Total approved	£4,670
		Balance	£330

Appendix 3

Inner South Leeds Area Committee Capital Well Being Budget: Projects agreed to date - January 2007

Well Being Capital Initial Allocation	£382,757	Ward balance outstanding
Commitments to date	Amount	
Two or more wards		
M621 Holbeck Moor Subway	£5,000	
New Bewerley Community School MUGA	£15,000	
Hunslet Nelson Cricket Club – Changing Rooms	£19,600	
Sub total	£39,600	
Beeston & Holbeck		
Dewsbury Road Verges	£30,000	
Groundwork – Holbeck Day Centre Garden	£2,000	
Cottingley – Welcome Signs	£5,500	
Pleasants Environmental Improvements	£5,000	
Clarksfield Allotment Fencing	£4,200	
Normantons Kick About Area	£9,500	
Cottingley Vale Shopping Centre Major Works	£56,000	
Cottingley Vale Shopping Centre Minor Works	£1,600	
Sub total	£113,800	£585.66
City & Hunslet		
Belvederes Gate-It	£2,000	
Beeston Hill Binyards	£57,100	
St Luke Care's Disability Access	£6,736.25	
Ingleton Place Improvements	£12,705	
South Leeds Sports Centre Knee Rail Fencing	£3,016.50	
Sub total	£81,557.75	£32,827.91
Middleton Park		
Manor Farms Community House	£20,000	
Middleton Park Signs	£10,800	
Hopewell View Methodist Church	£5,920	
Middleton NIP Fence	£19,000	
Middleton Alleygating	£4,000	
Friends of Middleton Park – litter bins and seats	£6,099	
Belle Isle Foundation Roller Shutters	£15,500	
Credit Union & Meeting Space – Belle Isle Tenant Management	£15,000	
Sub total	£96,319	£18,066.66
Total	£331,276.75	
Balance	£51,480.25	

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Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal for Area Committee commissioning

Sections should be expanded as required and any other key information provided as an attachment

Project Name: DAZL Youth Dance Well Being Project

Lead Organisation & contact details:

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Project Delivery - How the project will be delivered (inc how any partners are involved in the project, what each will contribute, project timescale etc):

This project will be delivered by DAZL working in partnership with local schools, Youth Service, Leeds PCT. Sessions are delivered by freelance dance tutors on a sessional basis. The project is for the year 1 April 2007 – 31 March 2008.

- We promote the project through local schools and delivering taster sessions. We will also support the local schools with the taster sessions that will provide a small input into their curriculum.
- We share information with Youth Services locally and they have already referred young people though to the project over the last year. DAZL works closely with the Youth networks and has been involved in the Leeds 10 and 11 partnership groups
- We work closely with the South Area Management Teams to support other community events or activities in the area.
- We work in partnership with the South Leeds PCT Public health Directorate who deliver healthy lifestyle initiatives that will complement and support the work with the DAZL Youth Dance Groups.

Project Summary (including a brief description of the main activities and why this project is needed and its links to key priorities/actions particularly within the Area Committee's Area Delivery Plan):

This is a new project looking at engaging young people aged 7 – 18 years in healthy living awareness through involvement in dance activity. The dance activity in 2007/08 will have an emphasis on healthy living and this will be the focus of creating performances for the Leeds Town Hall Show.

Mapping of physical activity by the Leeds PCT shows that only 22% of children and young people are involved in regular organised physical activity across the South Leeds area. In South Leeds young women are a high risk group at risk of smoking and teenage pregnancy and dance can provide enjoyment, meaning and diversionary activity for them. Research from the British Heart Foundation shows that physical

activity has important beneficial effects on the current and future health of children and young people.

This project involves:

- Supporting 3 Youth Dance Groups in Inner South Leeds to create dance work on the theme of well being
- Bringing them together to create a high quality show at the Leeds Town Hall on the theme of Well Being.
- A summer holiday programme

Each group would work throughout the summer and autumn towards creating this new performance for the end of 2007. The young people would help choose a theme and they would get input from Health Education professionals in developing the idea. This would in turn engage the young people in a healthy living issue. Each group would use elements of video projection to enhance their productions at the Leeds Town Hall. Alongside developing their individual dance piece they would also be part of a finale production combining all 3 groups. This will bring the children and young people from the different dance groups in Leeds 10 and 11 together and help community cohesion across the area.

This project is also about supporting the newly expanded Youth Dance Groups that are established in the Belle Isle and Beeston and Holbeck areas. The Escape Youth dance Group has doubled in size in 2006 and the 40 new participants need extra input to develop their skills and confidence.

The Youth Dance Groups:

DANCEACTION Youth Dance Group

Community access youth dance group
Venue - At New Bewerley Primary School
Every Saturday in term time plus holiday programmes

Escape Youth Dance Company

Community access youth dance group
Venue - Windmill Primary School
Every Wednesday in term time plus holiday programmes

Both youth dance groups are open to young people of all abilities and DAZL works with peer educators - young people who will help to supervise the group and provide support for those younger and less experienced. The skills and creativity of the older members will also be developed in these peer leadership roles. We will also aim to encourage our 14 – 18 year olds into the South wide DAZL Advance project and into training opportunities in dance leadership.

South Leeds High School Community Cohesion Dance project

After school dance sessions for students at South Leeds High School
Venue – South Leeds High School
Every Wednesday in term time

In partnership with South Leeds High School a successful after school dance session has now been established with a multicultural focus. The project aims to improve community cohesion within the school and beyond. The group include young people from a wide range of backgrounds including African, Czech and Bangladeshi. It is the

most popular after school club at South Leeds High School and the group share in a love of Urban Street Dance style which integrates them as well as having time to develop dances which draw on their own cultural backgrounds. They also share dance cultures by teaching element of their traditional dance styles to the group. There will be a multicultural focus. This project also allows the group to focus on a new and important theme of healthy lifestyle.

Local young people across all these projects will attend weekly dance sessions with professional dance tutors and either a peer mentor or support dance leader. DAZL will organise 2 dance showcases during the year at which the groups will come together to share and celebrate their work. The young people will be involved in creating dance productions in their preferred dance styles (e.g. street dance, hip hop etc.) and contribute to the ideas and choreography. The performances will be videoed and copies made available to performers and families.

Summer Holiday Project - Community access youth dance

We propose to run 3 week long dance summer schools that will all culminate in a dance show. We aim to engage new participants from the community as well as those involved in the regular programme. To do this we will deliver short dance projects and workshops in 5 local Leeds 10 and 11 schools.

The summer schools will create a "Show in a Week" which we have evaluated as the most effective and popular format for our summer programmes. The performances will include a range of dance styles and music drawn from a range of cultures including Capoeira, Bhangra, Hip Hop, Samba and Salsa. We hope to work with video projection too and this could involve young people working with a professional artist.

We aim to integrate children and young people from the Leeds 10 and 11 areas and where there is a need they will be bussed from LS10 and 11 to a central venue such as Cockburn High School or Hunslet Boys and Girls Club

Summer Schools - Week long projects

- Youth Dance Summer Show project for 13 - 18 year olds
- Youth Dance Summer Show project for 10 – 13 year olds
- Youth Dance Summer Show project for 8 – 10 year olds

Outcomes (a summary the main expected outcomes, outputs and benefits to participants the project will achieve):

More young people involved in more activities.

Young people engaged in positive activity and to improve their health and well being. Schools assisted in offer an extended provision and their community role expanded.

Development of community cohesion through multicultural focus and sharing of dances drawing on different cultural backgrounds.

- Over 167 children and young people engaged in regular dance activity that will help improve their mental and physical well being
- Over 310 children and young people engaged in short projects and one off dance sessions to promote engagement in physical activity
- Over 80 children and young people taking part in summer holiday projects and

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- performance opportunities will help improve their mental and physical well being
- Over 200 children and young people taking part in dance performances to improve confidence and self esteem
 - Over 800 local people attending dance shows which will allow them an opportunity to enjoy and celebrate the achievements of the young people in their neighbourhood
 - 8 Peer mentors and dance leaders trained who support the dance tutors in leading dance sessions thus developing leadership skills and building local capacity for education and employment.

Project Cost (an indication of how much the project will cost, how much funding or in kind contributions is sought from what sources with an idea of when you will know the funding is confirmed. What funding is already secured. Breakdown between capital and revenue):

The project cost is £16,548.

Revenue funding sought from Inner South Area Committee: £10,548

Balance of £6,000 from subscriptions, ticket money and in kind from the PCT

Which geographic areas will benefit (ie particular neighbourhoods, wards etc):

Belle Isle and Middleton (Middleton Park Ward)

Beeston and Holbeck (Beeston and Holbeck Ward)

Beeston Hill and Hunslet (City and Hunslet Ward)

Other key information not covered by the above:

Re seeking alternative funding support

- Due to long term sickness of the DAZL Director, the running of this year's programme has had to be the main focus. This means that we have not had the time to pursue fundraising for next year. This is something we will prioritise in 2007/08 for 2008/09 and beyond. We will be looking to secure funding that can support the groups in the longer term

Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal

Project Name: Community Safety Roadshow

Lead Organisation & contact details: Hamara HLC
Tempest Road Beeston Leeds LS11 6RD TEL 01132773330
Arshed Lodhi

Project Delivery - How the project will be delivered (inc how any partners are involved in the project, timescale etc):

This is the 3rd annual Community Safety Roadshow, and will be delivered by a range of partners. Hamara is currently acting as lead agency and the project promotes multi-partnership working based around the theme of community safety. Partners are involved with the design and format of the event, and communication is via email, phone and in person on a regular basis.

The agencies involved in the event include: WY Fire Service, Youth Offending Team, West Yorkshire Police, Youth Services, Distraction Burglary, Leeds Racial Harassment Project, LCC Road Safety Unit, South Leeds Regeneration Team, Vera Media, Environmental Health, Metro, Leeds Federated Housing Association and British Transport Police.

The event is also supported by the Multi-cultural market, comprising of local businesses and produce and community, voluntary and faith groups. This has played a vital role in attracting a wider audience and promoting integration. There will also be fun activities for children and young people, e.g. clowns, arts competition, face painting. The aim is to encourage learning in a fun way, and activities such as these will attract families to the event.

Project Summary (including a brief description of the main activities and why this project is needed and its links to key priorities):

The target audience are the residents of South Leeds, although we do intend to promote it city wide to attract a greater audience. The event will be promoted with leaflets, in the local press and via Leeds11 FM. Residents from Holbeck, West Hunslet and Far Beeston will be encouraged to come to the event by a free minibus service which we are offering for the first time this year. There will be several pick up points throughout the area.

This is unique partnership working that seeks to promote and raise awareness of different aspects of community safety and to promote community cohesion and coexistence in an interactive way. This type of project empowers and allows the community to become part of the activities as opposed to passive observers. By using this method, the agencies are working *with* the community rather than working *for* the community.

The previous Roadshow attracted more than 1000 people in total: due to the success of the 1st event, last year's Roadshow attracting approx 600 people alone. We aim to surpass this number by reaching out to marginalised communities, such as asylum seekers refugees and travellers residing within the locality. This will be done by networking with relevant agencies.

The aim of the Roadshow is to promote different aspects of safety including fire safety, kitchen safety, road safety, distraction burglary and racial harassment etc. We address issues such as anti-social behaviour, drugs, drug related crime and race hate and the benefits of re-cycling. By using interactive scenarios throughout the day, we feel that the message is longer lasting than if a

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person just took home a leaflet.

This year we are aiming to repeat some of the scenarios to re-enforce the message, although there will be different methods of interaction to avoid the lack of community interest. We also aim to introduce new scenarios which have been identified as a result of the new seatbelt laws for the children.

It has brought to our attention via community groups and PCSO's that some parents often ignore the new seatbelt law which enforces all children to wear seatbelts or sit in booster car seats. The parents who have made the effort to purchase the booster seats often do not know the correct way to fit them. As a result, we intend to invite **Baby Centre** from Roseville Road to hold a stall with different kinds of booster seats and to give demonstrations of what kind of seat is best suited to their particular car and child.

This overall project links in to the Area Delivery Plan as it addresses crime (via agencies such as the Police and Leeds Racial Harassment Project), educates neighbourhoods in need (e.g. via promoting intergenerational work), promotes a cleaner neighbourhood (via Environmental Health scenarios). Overall, the project will promote safer and stronger communities since local people will know how and where to report community safety issues. By involving communities of all backgrounds and faiths (e.g. through the multi cultural market), it will develop and promote community cohesion.

Outcomes (a summary of the main outcome, outputs and benefits the project will achieve):

Community safety will be promoted in a fun but educational way which will have a long lasting effect on local people. The community will be more informed about a variety of community safety issues, and know how and where to address or seek help should they become a victim of crime in the future.

It is anticipated parents will be more informed about the new seat belt laws and different choices available to them with regards to the booster seats. They will be able to correctly install car seats. Different communities will have interacted with one another at some level therefore paving the road for further development in community integration.

Parents and children will have interacted at with one another paving the way for deepening the dialogue between parents and young people.

Project Cost (an indication of how much the project will cost, how much Well-being funding is sought and the breakdown between capital and revenue):

Description	Estimated cost
Clown (children's activities)	£50.00
Aikido demonstration	£40.00
Bouncy castle	£45.00
Children's arts coordinator	£45.00
Threading	£60.00
Face painting	£40.00
Henna	£60.00
Chef (x2)	£140.00
Sessional workers (x 3)	£150.00
Building Blocks hire	£150.00 for full centre all day
Road closure	£300.00

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Groceries	£167.00
Leaflets	£750.00
Arts & craft	£50.00
First Aid cover	£50.00
Total expenditure Based on last years event.	£2,100

In addition to this we anticipate further additional costs:

Cost of minibus including Midas Driver and fuel.....	£140
Cost of offering English food including staff and groceries	£110

	£250

 Total anticipated cost of the Roadshow event this year.....	 £2,100.00
	£ 250.00 +

	= £2,350.00

Leeds Federated Housing Association is making a donation of £100

THE TOTAL AMOUNT WE ARE APPLYING FOR IS: £2,250.00

Any profits from the community café will go towards the roadshow in 2008.

Aspire is contributing two staff for the day and the costs of hiring Hamara HLC.

Which geographic areas will benefit (i.e. particular neighbourhoods, wards etc) and which Area Committee this project is relevant to:

The project is primarily aimed at the communities of South Leeds, especially the wards of Beeston & Holbeck and City and Hunslet

Other key information not covered by the above:

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Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal for Area Committee commissioning

Sections should be expanded as required and any other key information provided as an attachment

Project Name: Future Roots

Lead Organisation & contact details: Arts, Culture and Creativity team, Leeds Youth Service and Leeds Racial Harassment Project. Youth Service Professional Development Team, 1, Reginald Terrace, Leeds IS7 3EZ Tel. 0113 214 5829

Project Delivery - How the project will be delivered (inc how any partners are involved in the project, what each will contribute, project timescale etc):

The project is a partnership between Leeds Youth Service, Hamara Centre and Leeds Racial Harassment Project. Everything's Possible, a local volunteering NGO are also involved via support of international volunteer placements. Leeds Met students are also contributing time as part of their Community Learning Placement scheme.

It is proposed that over a period of up to three months a series of arts based workshops be offered to young men and women in the Hamara Centre Youth Club. Some of the sessions will be gender mixed and some separate.

These workshops will cover dance, music, graffiti, film and photography, radio and other art forms as appropriate.

The sessions will mainly work during evening youth club session times, but may involve weekend activities as well.

The intention is not to aim for a specific finish date or event, but it is intended that the young people will produce a site specific installation work which will involve a fusion of art forms. This installation, based at or near the Hamara Centre will run for a period of at least a month, and it is also intended that this work will transfer to other locations across the city subsequently. Local high schools, libraries, community centres, youth clubs or one stop shop for example.

N.B. Installation Art is art that is installed, or arranged, in a particular place, either by the artist, or as directed by the artist. It might be 'site-specific' e.g. created to exist in a certain place, or not, and can be indoors or out. It may be permanent or temporary, and an important element of Installation Art is the documentation or recording of the art for posterity.

The theme for the work will be the challenges and realities facing young British Muslims of Asian descent and how this locates within contemporary urban existence.

Hamara Centre will be providing youth work staff and young people, Leeds Youth Service will provide support through its Arts, Culture and Creativity team, and Leeds Racial Harassment Project will provide staffing support through Marc Lorenzi their youth support worker. Artists and arts organisations will be involved as required throughout

the scheme.

Project Summary (including a brief description of the main activities and why this project is needed and its links to key priorities/actions particularly within the Area Committee's Area Delivery Plan):

We are intending to produce a site specific art work installation that will fuse sound, film, photography, music, graffiti and live art.

There is clearly a need to address alienation and exclusion amongst young British Muslims of Asian descent and this scheme is an attempt to provide a channel for communication and expression through which such issues can be identified and explored. There is a history of racial violence and tension in the Beeston so it is also intended that the wider community participate in this process as viewers and audience of the final artwork/installation.

We also intend to invite other youth groups to contribute during a secondary stage of development following on from the first art work presentation, and dependent on funding. This will be an attempt to enhance dialogue and the likeliness of community cohesion.

This might be for example with The Zone, the North Leeds Jewish Youth Club as well as other clubs across the city.

Fundamentally this scheme is intended to celebrate and champion diversity and inclusion, whilst accepting and respecting cultural and religious difference by thus providing arts activities to excluded/marginalised groups.

It is intended to launch the installation project with an opening day at Hamara Centre which will feature work by artists whose work will inspire the young people in their own subsequent development.

This scheme is therefore building on the success of the arts based summer activities in Cross Flatts Park in 2005 and 2006.

Outcomes (a summary the main expected outcomes, outputs and benefits to participants the project will achieve):

The initial outcome will be a month long presentation reflecting the everyday lives and experiences of the young people involved. Parts of it may be funny, parts may be sad, but it is hoped that it is a work from which we can all learn, if we listen and look.

One of the main ideas is to empower the young participants so that they can express themselves freely and share those aspects of their lives that are both significant and sometimes challenging.

It is also intended that this is not a project that simply drops in and moves on, but forms part of a continuum whereby the arts will be used to constantly address issues and concerns as well as provide joy, fun and a sense of achievement for the young people involved.

A part of the normal Youth Work outcomes, young people will be encouraged to take further any particular skills, talents or abilities that

they demonstrate during the scheme, and youth work staff will support them in looking at training and career opportunities in Further and Higher Education in the city.

This will take place with the assistance of the Connexions Personal Advisers currently on staff at the Hamara Centre.

Every Child Matters:

This scheme will address the Being Healthy, Enjoying and Achieving, Making a Positive Contribution and Economic Well Being outcomes of the Every Child Matters agenda.

Project Cost (an indication of how much the project will cost, how much funding or in kind contributions is sought from what sources with an idea of when you will know the funding is confirmed. What funding is already secured. Breakdown between capital and revenue):

Funding:

In kind:

Hamara Centre staff £600.00

Leeds Racial Harassment Project staff £300.00

Leeds Youth Service staff £600.00

Everything' Possible organisation £300.00

Use of centre £ 300.00

Contribution from Hamara Centre £ 500.00 (agreed)

Other costs

Artists

Two artists per week over three months £1,800

Materials and Equipment used £ 850.00

Transport costs £ 250.00

Towards opening day event £ 300.00

Total sum sought from Area Committee: £ 3,200.00

We have also approached Arts @ Leeds for the sum of £3,300.000 but have been advised that even if were successful then the probable maximum would be £1.000.00

If we do receive this amount we would put it towards the film aspect of the project as this is likely to be the most expensive element.

Which geographic areas will benefit (ie particular neighbourhoods, wards etc):

Beeston initially then Holbeck and Hunslet and other south Leeds wards during final run of installation

The installation will also be publicised city wide so it is expected that groups from across the city will attend the installation whilst is

operational, including Chapeltown, Harehills, Woodhouse etc.

**Other key information not covered by the above:
Management of the event is currently shared by Leeds Racial
Harassment Project and Leeds Youth Service.**

Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal for Area Committee commissioning

Project Name: Throstle Recreation Ground, Middleton Environmental Improvements

Lead Organisation & contact details: Kevin Barker Area South Learning and Leisure Parks and Countryside Leeds City Council

Project Delivery - How the project will be delivered (inc how any partners are involved in the project, what each will contribute, project timescale etc):

The aim of the project is to make Throstle recreation ground much more user friendly through the creation of a new link footpath around the part of the recreation ground.

The project will build on the improvements being undertaken to the recreation ground through funding from the Intensive Neighbourhood Management fund, which is being delivered in partnership with local residents, ward members and officers from the department of housing, area management and parks and countryside

Project Summary (including a brief description of the main activities and why this project is needed and its links to key priorities/actions particularly within the Area Committee's Area Delivery Plan):

The recreation ground is a much used facility in Middleton

The site is used by local teams for formal sporting fixtures along with young children for informal games and recreation.

The site is also used to access local amenities within the area, but sadly there is only one formal path way which is not located particularly conveniently for local people.

This project will make the site more accessible through the addition of a new path the erection of a new fence, gates and access controls to prevent unauthorised access by unauthorised vehicles.

Outcomes (a summary the main expected outcomes, outputs and benefits to participants the project will achieve):

A safer more accessible recreation ground..

Project Cost (an indication of how much the project will cost, how much funding or in kind contributions is sought from what sources with an idea of when you will know the funding is confirmed. What funding is already secured. Breakdown between capital and revenue):

The total cost for the project is £14,000

Access controls 2	£1500
Ornamental metal bollards 15 to safe guard fence from unauthorised vehicles	£1500
Fence and gate	£ 900
Provision of new footpath to include pin kerbs	£10700

Broken down as £12,650 for the path works

£1,350 for gates and fencing.

As yet no funding towards this element of the project has been secured

Which geographic areas will benefit (ie particular neighbourhoods, wards etc): Middleton Park Ward

Other key information not covered by the above:

Map to show the location of the new proposed footpath is attached.

Learning & Leisure have confirmed in e-mail 20/12/06 that they agree to carry out any future maintenance that may be required to the path / fencing. If Area Committee funding wasn't provided, L&L have not identified any other funding sources.

Depending on weather conditions completion will be early 07/08 although materials would be ordered before March 31st 2007.



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Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing

To the Inner South Area Committee

Date: 20th February 2007

Subject: Area Manager's Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

**Beeston & Holbeck
City & Hunslet
Middleton Park**

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update from the Area Manager on the work of the Area Management Team since the last Area Committee met.

It also enables the committee to raise questions or provide advice regarding the topics contained in the report.

The report is laid out along the lines of the 06/07 Area Delivery Plan key themes.

1.0 AREA DELIVERY PLAN (ADP) 2007/08

The Team has been involved in drafting up this Plan on behalf of the Area Committee, reviewing this year's and consulting with agencies and services. The Draft plan is elsewhere on this agenda

2.0 DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP AND NARROWING THE GAP AGENDA

The South Leeds District Partnership has held a review away day in December 2006, the outcomes of which were presented at the Board meeting on 22nd January 2007.

The review and discussion at the Board resulted in a revised structure and membership which streamlined the Partnership. It was agreed to retain an Area Committee representative (via the chair) from both Inner and Outer South and a representative (through Area Management) to cover regeneration.

Other membership of the Board will comprise of representatives from the sub-partnerships which are: Children Leeds, Health and Well Being, Employment/Education and Training Group; Participation and Engagement (via the Voluntary and Community Sector 'Super Forum'), District Housing Partnership; Community Safety Partnership. It has also been agreed to establish a cultural and cohesion partnership which will be developed by Leeds Voice
The Board also received a discussion paper on Fuel Poverty for sub-partnerships to support and take action as appropriate.

3.0 CLEANER NEIGHBOURHOODS

The piloting of carrying out two days of intensive clean ups a month has successfully begun. These were carried out by the Environmental Pride Team in January – the binyards in the Recreations/Runswicks/Crosbys area of Holbeck, and the St. Anthony's Drive to St. Anthony's Road in Beeston.

Further to Members being asked in December for ideas for clean ups of grotspots for Jan-March, clean ups have also now been scheduled for February (Bromptons, Beeston Hill; Bodmins, Middleton) and for March (Hunslet Moor and an area in Belle Isle). In addition Neighbourhood Wardens have organised local smaller scale community clean ups in the Normantons/St. Lukes area (West Hunslet) and on the Sussex and Rocheford Estates (Hunslet).

Members are asked to suggest ideas to Keith Lander, the Area Co-ordinator, by the 2nd March for locations for clean ups in order that agencies/council services can plan in advance for April to June. These clean ups are in addition to the day to day referrals that Members can continue to put through to the Area office for the Environmental Pride Team (formerly CAST) on issues in each Ward.

4.0 IMPROVING NEIGHBOURHOODS IN NEED

4.1 Central Middleton NIP

Updates from all agencies continue to be received on progress of the actions within the NIP. A central Middleton fencing scheme is due to commence shortly – this is a project funded through well being capital to create further community safety and cleaner neighbourhood improvements in the estate. The next edition of the Middleton NIP newsletter has been produced and will be distributed to residents shortly.

4.2 Cottingley NIP

As previously reported the Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan has now come to an end. A final report on this plan has been attached as an appendix to this report. This report sets out the achievements of the NIP, some tasks that still need to be carried out and evaluates the NIP process for lessons which can be learned for future NIPs. The Area Committee is requested to note the content of this report, and consider the implications for future NIPs.

4.3 New Neighbourhood Improvement Plans

Early work has commenced on drawing up the new NIPs which are located in the Arthingtons , Recreations and Manor Farms areas. A report will be presented at a future Area Committee meeting outlining the draft action plans and details on the establishment of the steering groups to drive these plans forward.

5.0 INVOLVING COMMUNITIES

5.1 Neighbourhood Priority Development Worker

The worker has been particularly working in Middleton and Cottingley supporting the current NIPs, and has begun some community support work on the Manor Farms. As new NIPs get off the ground the worker will have further involvement in other areas ie Arthingtons (Hunslet) and Recreation/Cleveleys (Holbeck). In Middleton the worker has particularly helped develop the Middleton Community Group (formerly 'Sissons Residents Association') including reforming its constitution, better publicity, increased involvement at meetings and initiatives to address local issues etc. In Cottingley support has been given to Cottingley in Bloom with some help in getting more members, albeit at this stage a small increase. A new treasurer is now in place and project ideas are being developed with small amounts of funding pledged from Leeds South Homes and TRAC for putting up hanging baskets on the flats. With TRAC (Tenants and Residents Association Cottingley Hall) the worker has produced a newsletter delivered to all homes, helping develop a Neighbourhood Watch, leafleted flats regarding throwing rubbish out of windows and supported a lottery application for work to a Community Centre Garden.

Although the contract for managing this post through South Leeds Health For All ends in August/September, it is recommended that the Area Committee determines soon how they would wish to consider the next steps for this initiative. An early decision allows time for any changes particularly any major ones. To assist the Area Committee in their decision it is suggested that a full report on what the worker has done comes to the next Area Committee (in March). A decision at the next March meeting would give sufficient notice for South Leeds Health For All of any continuation, change or discontinuance of the Area Committee's contract with them.

5.2 Community Centres

Preparations are already underway for the next tranche of community centres to be transferred to Neighbourhoods and Housing Department from the Learning and Leisure Department– a report is anticipated to be presented at the May Area Committee meeting providing information on each community facility which is to be delegated for the Area Committees' management.

In order to assist the Area Committee in the managing of current and future delegated centres it is proposed that an Inner South Sub Committee is formed of Elected Member representatives for each Ward. The aim of the committee is to better co-ordinate the management of the Area Committee's portfolio of community facilities across the area and create a forum for exploring issues about the future of community buildings and efficiency saving targets. Subject to the Committees agreement to the formation of such a sub committee, nominations are requested for one member from each ward to sit on the sub group. Draft terms of reference are attached at appendix 2 for approval.

6.0 MORE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Latest reports on the Mobile Youth Provision have already been circulated to Elected Members. Although operating since July, the provision was formally launched in December with several young people attending accompanied by good press coverage.

The report circulated covered work in October to December 2006 and showed that there had been 317 new young people involved with 201 young people continuing to join in. Activities were broadened out and there was increased partnership working such as with the Youth Service (in Westwoods), Police in Leasowes and Church of Nazarene. Volunteers are being encouraged to come forward with already some interest expressed from a few parents and residents although only 2 had volunteered up until December.

Poor weather and dark nights has effected how the work has been carried out and St Luke's Cares reports that people have often questioned what the bus is about. Consequently St Luke's will improve on publicity information and apart from reducing the size of their logo on it they are proposing to put the sub-title 'working with young people'.

Although the contract for St Luke's and the lease of the 'bus' currently ends in June/July, it is recommended that the Area Committee determines soon how they would wish to consider the next steps for this initiative. This allows time for any changes (particularly any major ones) to be made. To assist the Area Committee in their decision it is suggested that a full report on the provision comes to the next Area Committee (in March) including providing information on other mobile provision in the city so that the Area Committee can make as much of an informed decision as possible. A decision at the next March meeting would give enough notice for both St Luke's Cares and the lease company of any continuation, change or discontinuance of any contracts.

7.0 REGENERATING AREAS

Initial work on drafting proposals for a possible South Leeds Regeneration Area is discussed in greater detail elsewhere on this agenda. It is intended to present a report to the March Executive Board seeking authorisation for further work on this scheme. This work will sit alongside any further work undertaken as part of the progression of the Beeston Hill and Holbeck PFI scheme.

An urgent meeting has been held of the Beeston Hill and Holbeck Regeneration board to discuss a possible bid to the Regional Housing Board requesting funding to progress Housing based improvements in Holbeck, Beeston Hill and the Garnets area. This bid, which is for the period 2008-2011, will need to be considered firstly at a city level and if supported will then be appraised on a sub-regional basis. It may be possible to table more details of the bid at this committee meeting.

Also within the Beeston Hill area, Shaftesbury House has now been sold and work is expected to start soon, negotiations are also ongoing with developers regarding the prospective sale of land in Hunslet Hall Road. In addition the Leeds Leggi bid has been successful and it is anticipated that Hillside primary School will become the site of one of the cities first catalyst centre designed to encourage new entrepreneurial activity.

A regeneration board has been established for Middleton and preliminary work has commenced on the development of an action plan for the area. Re'new have also employed a neighbourhood manager for the area. Potential development sites in the area may well become essential components of a wider South Leeds scheme.

8.0 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

One multi-agency crime and grime operation (known as 'Operation Cava') has been undertaken since the last Area Committee meeting in December 2006. The Cava took place in Middleton (Acres, Throstles, Intakes and Sissons) on the 23, 24 and 25 January 2007. The choice of area was based on police hotspots and local intelligence.

The outputs from the operation were:

- Vehicles - 61 untaxed vehicles, 17 complaint letters issued, 2 summons and 16 interviews completed.
- 13 agencies (equivalent of 64 people) took part in the Cava over the 3 days, the agencies included the DVLA, Streetscene, Police, Youth Service, Fire Service etc.
- 900 community safety information packs distributed to households.
- 150 personal alarms distributed to young people, elderly and other vulnerable groups.
- Removed rubbish from 54 properties, plus cleared 5 void properties and deployed two 40 tonne roll on roll off skips to the area.
- Issued 17 enforcement letters regarding untidy gardens.
- 25 referrals to the fire service
- 120 households were interviewed over the 3 days to ascertain residents' opinion about the area and identify any issues.
- 30 feedback interviews were undertaken regarding operation CAVA.

The operation was a success because of the time, energy and enthusiasm put in by partner agencies.

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked:

a) to note the invitation to the Chair of this Area Committee to continue being a representative on the South Leeds District Partnership.

b) to suggest ideas to Keith Lander, the Area Co-ordinator, by the 2nd March of grotspot locations for clean ups in order that agencies/council services can plan in advance for April to June.

c) to particularly note the final report on the Cottingley NIP and consider the implications for future NIPs.

d) to request that officers present at the next March Area Committee meeting a report on the Area Committee commissioned initiatives (Neighbourhood Priority Development Worker and Mobile Youth Provision) in order to assist the Area Committee determine the next steps for any continuation, change or discontinuance of the Area Committee's contract with the relevant organisations.

e) to determine the proposal for having a small sub-committee to consider community centre issues and for Ward Members to propose a Ward representative to attend.

Final report on the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Cottingley

Executive Summary

This report sets out the achievements of the Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan, some tasks that still need to be carried out and evaluates the NIP process.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Inner South Area Committee of the achievements of the Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP), set out the tasks that are still to be carried out and evaluate the process.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Area Committee approved a report on 20 September 2005 which provided a profile of the Cottingley Estate, identified some of the key issues for priority action for Area Committee funding and set out the draft action plan.

2.2 The 20 September 2005 report identified the process of consultation in drawing up the action plan. Consultees included:

- Tenants and Residents Association of Cottingley (TRAC)
- Cottingley in Bloom
- West Yorkshire Police
- Leeds South Homes
- Cottingley Primary School
- The Church in Cottingley/Cottingley Community Centre

2.3 in addition approximately 46 local residents were asked about their priorities for the area immediately following a clean up day on 5 June 2005.

2.4 The proposed neighbourhood plan was also discussed by various agencies and residents at a meeting held on the estate on 10th August 2005.

2.5 In January 2006 a survey of residents was carried out to identify priority concerns and these informed the action plan.

2.6 The NIP was directed by a steering group chaired by Councillor Congreve; those regularly attending meetings included representatives from Streetscene, the Primary School, the Church in Cottingley/Cottingley Community Centre, the West Yorkshire Police, Leeds South Homes, TRAC, Cottingley in Bloom, South PCT. Representatives from Parks and Countryside, Highways Services, Libraries and Early Years Centre attended particular meetings. The steering group held 8 meetings during the lifetime of the NIP.

2.7 The main themes identified in the action plan as it developed were:

- Keeping the area cleaner
- Green environment
- Children and Young People
- Traffic and movement
- Facilities
- Estate maintenance
- Community issues
- Community safety
- Health

Should members wish to see it, the full action plan is available from the Area Management Team.

2.8 The main achievements through the NIP process are:

Keeping the area cleaner

- Environmental crime – the dumping of rubbish etc – and the fining of local residents for these crimes has been publicised through the newsletters together with information and advice about keeping the area clean and encouraging use of the bulky collection service.

Green environment

- The raised planters in front of Cottingley Towers have been cleared of tree roots, new topsoil put in and new plants have been put in.
- Overgrown trees and shrubs have been cut back
- An audit has been carried out of overgrown gardens and action has been taken to improve the position by taking action against the tenants concerned
- Cottingley in Bloom is being supported with funding from the Area Committee to pay for publicity to recruit additional members and to purchase bulbs and by the Priority Neighbourhoods Support Worker.

Children and Young People

- Weekly activities for young people aged 13 + and for those aged 9 – 13 years have been started at the Community Centre by the Youth Service.
- A tea-time club has started for those aged 0 – 11 years and their families

Traffic and movement

- The 54 bus to connect the area with Holbeck has been trialled.

Facilities

- The roof of the shops is being repaired, the shopping centre is being painted, new lights are being installed and new glazed panels. This major face-lift for the shopping centre was carried out with funding from the Inner South Area Committee.

Estate maintenance

- The paving in the area around the shops and pub has been improved.
- The old playground has been removed and the area has been cleared of glass.
- The derelict Portakabin next to the Community Centre has been removed by the Community Centre.

- The lighting in the underpass has been repaired and the missing barrier has been replaced.

Community issues

- Three editions of a newsletter for the estate have been produced by Area Management Team and distributed.
- A survey of residents' priorities for improvements has been carried out and the results have been fed in the action plan.
- TRAC (Tenants and Residents Association of Cottingley) is being supported

Community safety

- Two PCSOs are now dedicated to the estate.
- The Police have a mountain bike funded by the Area Committee which helps the Police save time travelling to and from the estate and in patrolling the estate and getting to hotspot areas quickly.

Health

- A part-time female practice nurse now works at the GP's surgery (with PCT funding).
- Health promotion sessions are being run at the GP's surgery (with PCT funding).

2.9 Although the NIP meetings have now finished, various action points will be completed over the coming months with the Area Management Team taking the lead in taking action or co-ordinating the work of others. This includes:

- New edition for Newsletter – scheduled for January 2007
- Welcome boards for the estate will be designed and installed with funding from the Area Committee
- Cottingley in Bloom will produce a greenspace masterplan for the area.
- Encroaching undergrowth on perimeter to be cut back.
- Potholes in car park near shops to be made good.
- Continued support for Cottingley in Bloom and TRAC
- Ensure the ditch between playing field and higher ground on Cottingley Drive is cleared of rubbish

2.10 There are a number of traffic and movement issues that will be pursued with the relevant Council sections. These are not likely to be resolved in the next few months.

- Cottingley Drive at the Cemetery corner - scheme to provide bollards on verge areas and waiting restrictions
- Cottingley Approach near no. 27 and the sub-station - scheme to provide bollards on verge areas and waiting restrictions
- Cottingley Approach at junction with Beechcroft View – parking on footways and grass verges to be investigated – double yellow lines and bollards to be provided if justified.
- Dropped kerbs on Cottingley Approach and Cottingley Crescent
- Cottingley Drive culs-de-sac – the current 'keep clear' markings to be converted to waiting restrictions
- Car parking outside Primary School – zig zag lines to be provided, possible 'pedestrians' sign

- Insufficient car parking by the Station – ensure study carried out by Development Department

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 A number of issues arose during the NIP which Members should be aware of as they have implications for the other NIPs. The Cottingley estate with its population of approximately 1,400 households and 3,000 people is larger than some of the NIPs. However, it would not have been sensible to have several NIPs on the estate given that most of the issues addressed affect the whole estate.
- 3.3 The action plan developed over time as new issues were brought to the Steering Group. This did demonstrate flexibility and willingness to address new issues. However, this did result in an ever lengthening action plan with issues being raised requiring a lot more time to resolve than was first envisaged for a NIP. The residents' survey gave useful information and priority issues but might have raised higher expectations about what could be achieved within a short time period originally intended for the NIP.
- 3.3 Although the NIP proved a useful focus for resolving issues, some issues relating to service delivery by Council Departments have not been easy to resolve and yet are important to local people. The NIP process does make demands on staff in Council Departments and in other agencies in attending meetings of the steering group which can affect their willingness to engage in NIPs; we might be able to lighten the load in future NIPs by inviting representatives from various Departments/agencies to meetings covering specific issues.
- 3.4 Various issues were raised during the NIP process which could not be addressed within what was intended to be a short-term process (of 6 -12 months).
- Long term issues: Some of the issues raised by local people are clearly long term - e.g. problems with the lack of sufficient parking on the estate
 - Resources issues: Some issues demanded resources out of kilter with the Area Committee's well-being budget – e.g. the provision of a new playground.
 - Structural/strategic issues: Some of the problems in Cottingley are structural e.g. the way the estate is largely cut off from its natural hinterland by roads and railways
- 3.5 Some issues e.g. problems in refuse collection were important to local residents and needed to be in the NIP but there was not a particular clearly achievable and realistic action point that was put in the NIP, and consequently was not delivered on.
- 3.6 The Area Committee's ability to use its well being funding for various projects was vital for securing various improvements and for providing an incentive for the other agencies to stay focused on the area's problems.
- 3.7 There does need to be some continuing input into the area even though the NIP has been completed to support various initiatives and community organizations. The Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker will partly contribute to this.

4.0 Conclusions

- 4.1 The steering group agreed that this has been a successful NIP with a considerable number of achievements; some outstanding tasks will be carried forward for completion in the next few months.
- 4.2 There are some implications for the NIP programme including the need for focused actions which can be achieved over a relatively short timetable – approximately six months – and the acceptance that longer-term and/or structural issues cannot be resolved via the NIP process.

5.0 Recommendations

- 5.1 The Area Committee is requested to note the content of the report, and consider the implications for future NIPs.

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**NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT
INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE SUB COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Overview

This group has been established to oversee and manage the portfolio of Neighbourhoods & Housing community facilities in the Inner South area.

The work of this committee will seek to improve the quality of service provided, taking into account the needs of communities, other facilities available, capital and revenue resources available and longer term sustainability considerations.

Specific responsibilities

- Review caretaking arrangements and any specific requirements for effective centre operation
- Consider possible future management arrangements for centres including the leasing of facilities to community organisations
- Provide a consultation mechanism for the review of a lettings policy for centres including charging arrangements
- Undertake a comprehensive area based review programme and oversee changes to the portfolio of centres to ensure that the portfolio of community centres is financially sustainable over the longer term and:
 - *Is suitable for the intended purpose*
 - *In good condition*
 - *Accessible by the intended customer base*
- Consider the rationalisation of Neighbourhoods & Housing community centres and look at other community facilities within the area and see how these may better serve the localities needs
- Discuss any funding that may be available to improve or enhance community facilities within the area and prioritise repairs / improvements of community facilities in the locality

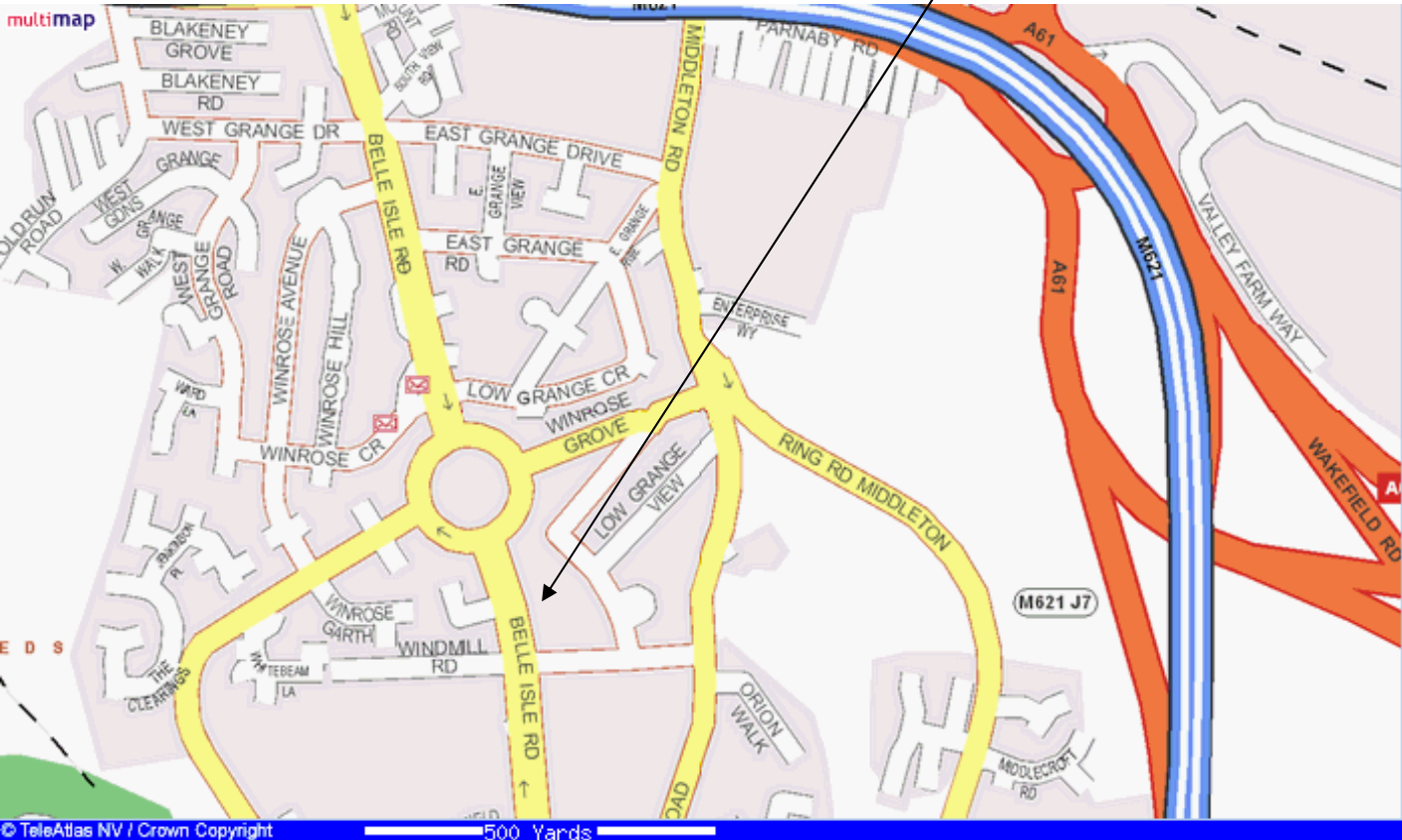
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