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SOUTH (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in the Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on
Tuesday, 19th February, 2008 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 12 of the Members Code of Conduct</p>	
5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p>	
6			<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December, 2007.</p>	1 - 10

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7			<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p> <p>(Executive Function) (10 mins discussion)</p>	
8			<p>FUTURE PLANS FOR PARTNERSHIP WORKING</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods on the future of area based partnership working in Leeds.</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation / 10 mins discussion)</p>	11 - 14
9			<p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT APPROACH IN SOUTH LEEDS</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods on the proposed changes to the way in which community consultation is undertaken on behalf of the Area Committees in South Leeds.</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation / 10 mins discussion)</p>	15 - 18

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10			<p>AREA COMMITTEE WELL BEING BUDGET</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, which updates Members on both the revenue and capital elements of the Committee's Wellbeing budget, provides a forecasted balance of the Wellbeing budget for 2007/08 and 2008/09, advises Members of the Small Grant applications approved since the last meeting and invites the Area Committee to determine various Wellbeing proposals, as detailed within the report.</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation / 10 mins discussion)</p>	19 - 36
11			<p>GARDENING SERVICE</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to consider the issues and options for the Area Committee to set up a gardening service in Inner South Leeds.</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation / 10 mins discussion)</p>	37 - 46
12			<p>AREA MANAGER'S UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, which updates Members on the work undertaken by the Area Management Team since the last meeting.</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation / 10 mins discussion)</p>	47 - 62
13			<p>INDICES OF DEPRIVATION AND WORKING NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND</p> <p>To receive and consider a report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods on the positive changes that have been highlighted for the area by the recent publication of the 2007 Indices of Deprivation (IoD).</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation / 10 mins discussion)</p>	63 - 78

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14			<p>DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Tuesday, 8th April, 2008 at 6.30 pm – Belle Isle Family Centre, Belle Isle Road, Leeds, LS10 3PG</p> <p>MAP OF TODAY'S VENUE</p> <p>(Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR)</p>	

Agenda Item 6

SOUTH (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

Councillors D Congreve, P Davey and G Driver

40 Chair's Opening Remarks

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

41 Late Items

In accordance with her powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair admitted to the agenda a revised Area Manager's Update report which was to be considered in place of the original report detailed at agenda item 14. The revised report contained statistics concerning the recently published 2007 Indices of Deprivation, in addition to information concerning the introduction of the Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF). Both sets of information were not available at the time of agenda despatch, and the implications arising from both matters needed to be considered by the Committee at today's meeting (Minute No. 53 refers).

42 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made at this point, however a declaration of interest was made at a later point in the meeting (Minute No. 51 refers).

43 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors J Blake, D Coupar, M Iqbal, E Nash and A Ogilvie.

44 Minutes of Previous Meeting - 1st November 2007

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st November 2007 be approved as a correct record, subject to Minute No. 31 entitled, 'Matters Arising from the Minutes' being revised to read, 'Members were advised by the Committee's representative on the Board of Aire Valley Homes Leeds that the organisation was due to be inspected in April 2008'.

45 Matters Arising from the Minutes

I Love South Leeds Festival 2007 (Minute No. 35 refers)

Members were reminded of the concerns raised by a member of the public at the previous meeting regarding the levels of access that local community groups had in respect of utilising local leisure facilities for the purposes of community events. In relation to the progress which had been made on this issue, the Committee noted that the specific details of such concerns were being clarified with the member of the public involved, prior to such concerns being relayed to the Learning and Leisure department for consideration.

Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies (Minute No. 7, 25th June 2007 refers)

The Committee noted that despite Hunslet Hawks Rugby League Club being invited on three occasions during the previous two municipal years to express an interest in having Leeds City Council representation on the club's Board of Management, to date, no response had been received.

46 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.

Issues within the Cottingley Area

A representative of the Tenants' and Residents' Association for Cottingley (TRAC) raised the following issues:-

- Glass being found on pathways, alleyways and in grassed areas around Cottingley Drive;
- Shrubbery being destroyed in the vicinity of Old Road to Dulverton Place, the need for such shrubbery to be extended to Dulverton Gardens, and the need for a clean up team to remove the range of debris present in the area;
- Refuse collection teams not clearing all rubbish left from burst bin bags;
- Barriers being left by gas engineers, following the completion of works in the area;
- The disruption to traffic which had been experienced on match days, due to traffic cones not being used in the locality;
- A number of issues which had been reported to the estate manager, which to date remained unresolved;
- Following the completion of works in the area by Keep Moat PLC, the problem of building materials and deep wheel marks in the ground being left by the company.

In response, the representative of TRAC was assured that all the issues raised would be pursued.

The Committee then received an update on issues relating to grass cutting in the area from the Committee's representative on the Board of Aire Valley Homes Leeds. Following the problems which had been experienced in this area, Members noted that regular walkabouts around the locality had been arranged in order to monitor the grass cutting service which was being delivered.

Provision of Double Yellow Lines

Concerns were raised in relation to the lack of double yellow lines in Cross Flatts Avenue, an issue which had been previously raised with Highways Services.

In response, the Committee was assured that this matter would again be pursued.

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Communities Residing within the Locality of LS11

A local resident raised concerns regarding the current level and make up of the population within the LS11 area, and enquired whether there were any actions which could be taken by the Area Committee to address such issues.

In response, Members stated that they did not concur with the comments made, and advised the local resident of the Committee's limited authority in such matters. The Committee then highlighted that generally speaking, the population of the area was currently in decline, emphasised the positive results achieved by several local schools in the area, and underlined the ways in which the local community benefited from the range of diverse cultures which were currently present in Inner South Leeds.

Beeston Road

In response to the concerns raised by a local resident, the Committee was advised that Highways Services would be contacted in relation to the speed of vehicles using Beeston Road.

About Leeds

A local resident raised concerns about not receiving a copy of the Council's 'About Leeds' publication. In response, Members were assured that the issue would be pursued.

Disabled Access to St Matthew's Community Centre

In response to concerns being raised in relation to the levels of disabled access to St Matthew's Community Centre, the Committee noted that further information relating to the matter would be sought.

47 Leeds Local Enterprise Growth Initiative Programme Update

A report was submitted by the Leeds Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) Programme Manager which provided Members with an update on the progress being made by the Leeds LEGI Programme throughout the area.

The Committee received a brief overview of the progress which had been made by the programme from Simon Brereton, Leeds LEGI Programme Manager, and were provided with updates on several initiatives, such as 'South Leeds Health For All' and 'Tiger 11', which had been the beneficiaries of support from LEGI.

Members highlighted the positive work which was currently being undertaken to address worklessness and encourage enterprise throughout the area, and emphasised that for the LEGI programme to be a success, a co-ordinated and all encompassing approach was needed, which would enable the local community's attitudes towards enterprise to be altered.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the contents of the report be noted;
- (b). That the work being undertaken by the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative in the Inner South area of Leeds be supported;

(c). That a report which updates Members on the progress being made by Local Enterprise Growth Initiative be submitted to the April meeting of the Area Committee.

48 South Leeds Community Centres Lettings and Pricing Policy

Members received a report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods which set out and sought the Committee's endorsement of a revised Community Centres' Lettings and Pricing Policy for implementation across the Inner South area.

A copy the revised Pricing and Lettings Policy, in addition to a summary of the responses received from the associated consultation exercise were appended to the report for Members' information.

The Committee was advised that the policy aimed to create a standardised charging system for all those community centres in the area which had been, or were scheduled to be delegated to the Area Committee. Members noted however that the proposed policy would not affect those centres which were leased out to community organisations on a long term basis.

Members then discussed the proposed schedule of charges for the relevant community facilities, in addition to the proposals concerning a revised discount policy.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the report and information appended to the report be noted;
- (b). That the revised Community Centres Pricing and Lettings Policy be endorsed for implementation across the area;
- (c). That any further alterations to the policy be discussed and considered by the Community Centres Sub Committee, prior to such alterations being submitted to the Area Committee for formal approval;
- (d). That an indicative implementation date of 1st April 2008 for the policy be agreed, however should this not be achieved, the policy be implemented as soon as is operationally possible.

49 Breeze on Tour - Focus on Inner South

The Committee received a report from the Out of School Activities Team which provided Members with information concerning the levels of young people who had attended the Breeze on Tour event in Cross Flatts Park and various other Mini Breeze events which had been held throughout South Leeds in the summer of 2007.

Having received a summary of the data within the report, a question and answer session ensued. The main areas of debate were as follows:-

- Members received a brief overview of the ways in which the Breeze card was used to compile data, in addition to the ways in which a young person could utilise the card;
- The Committee noted that young people residing in the LS10 area had a low propensity to travel in order to access Breeze events, and emphasised that the lack of public transport provision in the area was a contributing

factor to such a trend. The Committee then underlined the need for the levels of such transport provision to be improved;

- Members made enquiries into the ways in which Breeze cards, and the series of Breeze events held across the city were publicised;
- The Committee discussed the range and geographic spread of community events held in the area, in which Breeze could potentially become involved;
- Members then discussed the methods used to compile data in relation to attendance at all Breeze events, and the benefits of obtaining such data. It was then proposed that the Committee could give further consideration to utilising the equipment used by Youth Services to compile attendance related data at Breeze events, in order to monitor the levels of engagement by young people in other youth provision which was currently being delivered across the area.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the report and information appended to the report be noted;
- (b). That the multi agency work being undertaken across Inner South Leeds to develop and deliver activities for young people, in addition to the commitment of such agencies to continually improve the services available to young people, be recognised;
- (c). That a further report be submitted to the February 2008 meeting of the Area Committee which invites Members to consider proposals to utilise Breeze equipment to collect data regarding young people registering in other youth provision, and to consider any resource implications.

50 I Love South Leeds Festival 2008 Proposals

Further to Minute No. 35, 1st November 2007, a report was submitted by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods which invited the Committee to consider a range of detailed proposals prepared by the Director of South Leeds Health For All in conjunction with the Area Management Team which related to the proposed delivery of the I Love South Leeds Festival during the summer of 2008.

Members received a brief overview of the proposals from the Director of South Leeds Health For All, in addition to the potential financial implications of such proposals.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the report and information appended to the report be noted;
- (b). That 'Option 2' as detailed within the report, be identified as the preferred option for delivering the I Love South Leeds Festival in 2008, and that a maximum of £34,000.00 from the Committee's Wellbeing revenue budget be allocated towards the cost of delivering that option;
- (c). That the 'Battle of the Bands', Stars in their Eyes' and 'South Leeds Olympics' events be incorporated into the delivery of Option 2, with one event being held in each Ward;
- (d). That South Leeds Health for All seek to contribute upto £12,000.00 from external funding sources towards the cost of delivering the Festival, and that the Committee agree to underwrite any shortfall from South Leeds Health For

All's contribution, upto a maximum of £12,000.00 from the Committee's Wellbeing revenue budget.

51 Area Committee Wellbeing Budget Report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report which updated Members on the Area Committee's remaining revenue and capital Wellbeing budgets for 2007/08, provided a forecasted balance of the Wellbeing budgets for 2007/08 and 2008/09, summarised the Small Grant applications received since the last meeting and invited Members to determine the revenue and capital proposals, in addition to a Small Grant application, which had been submitted to the meeting for consideration.

With regard to the Middleton Park Youth Hub Scheme, Members emphasised that the scheme was a significant opportunity to utilise other funding sources, in order to improve the provision of facilities for young people in the area.

Members considered a proposal which asked the Area Committee to fund the cost of undertaking a Conservation Area Review on the Stanks Hall site from the additional allocation received from Executive Board. In considering the proposal, Members made reference to the levels of access that the public currently had to the site, in addition to the extent to which the site had been maintained in the past.

With regard to the Small Grant application entitled, 'Fayre Care for Christmas' which had been submitted for Members' determination, the Committee was advised that receipts from one of the previous two years funding allocations given to the project had been received by the Area Management Team prior to the meeting.

A reference was then made to the provision of community facilities within the Beeston area.

RESOLVED –

- (a). That the report and information appended to the report, which includes the Area Committee's remaining revenue and capital Wellbeing budgets for 2007/08, a forecasted Wellbeing revenue budget for 2007/08 to 2008/09, and an update on the Small Grant applications received since the last meeting be noted;
 - (b). That a further **£7,000.00** Wellbeing revenue funding be ringfenced within the Committee's 2007/08 Small Grants budget;
 - (c). That **£1,000.00** be allocated from the Committee's 2007/08 Small Grants budget towards the Small Grant proposal entitled, 'Fayre Care For Christmas';
 - (d). That the following decisions be made in relation to the Wellbeing funding proposals which have been submitted for determination to this meeting:-
 - (i). 'Middleton Regeneration - Publicity Marketing and Community Engagement' - Re'new - **£7,500.00** (**£2,000.00** from the Area Committee's ringfenced consultation budget and **£5,500.00** from 2007/08 revenue budget)
- **Approved;**

(ii). 'Conservation Area Review - Stanks Hall' - City Development - **£5,000.00** (from the additional allocation of £50,000.00 from Executive Board for Conservation Areas and/or residents' parking schemes) - **Declined;**

(iii). 'Street Signs' - City Services - **£7,000.00** - 2007/08 capital budget – **Approved;**

(e). That in the absence of a firm decision regarding the future of the William Gascoigne Centre, the £10,000.00 capital funding from the 2007/08 budget which was previously allocated towards the cost of outdoor improvements at the centre be transferred to the Middleton Park Youth Hub Scheme. Subject to the outcome of discussions regarding the future of the William Gascoigne Centre, approval be given in principle to £10,000.00 Wellbeing capital funding being allocated towards the cost of outdoor improvements at the centre from the Committee's 2008/09 capital budget.

(Councillor Driver declared a personal interest in relation to this item, due to being a member of the Middleton Regeneration Board)

52 Area Management Review

The Committee received a report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods outlining the changes to Area Committee responsibilities and working arrangements which had been agreed at the Council's Executive Board meeting in November 2007.

Having received a brief overview of the key issues detailed within the report, a question and answer session ensued. The main areas of debate were as follows:-

- Members discussed whether the changes to Area Management structures would impact upon the levels of support given to the Area Committee. In response, the Committee noted that such levels of support would not be affected;
- The Committee discussed the proposals which aimed to develop local partnership working arrangements in each area, and highlighted the prospect of Area Committee Members being appointed as local 'champions' of specific themes, in order to increase Elected Members' involvement in the development of such partnership working;
- Members emphasised that the proposals detailed within the review would enable the specific needs of local communities within Inner South Leeds to be addressed in a more specific, effective and localised way;
- The Committee emphasised the need for the Area Committee's budgetary allocation to reflect any increases in delegated responsibilities;
- Members highlighted the changes to Area Management which would see the number of Area Management Teams reduced from 5 to 3, and made enquiries into whether there was any intention to similarly revise the structure of Area Committees in the future;
- The Committee discussed the proposal to submit a report to a future meeting which related to Local Children and Young People Plans.

RESOLVED –

(a). That the report and information appended to the report be noted;

(b). That the Area Committee receive further reports in the next and subsequent meeting cycles which relate to Area Delivery Plan preparations, Local Children and Young People Plans and local partnership working arrangements.

53 Area Manager's Report

The Committee received a report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods which detailed the range of activities currently taking place within the Inner South area of Leeds.

A revised report was tabled at the meeting for Members' consideration, which replaced the original as detailed at agenda item 14. The revised report contained statistics concerning the recently published 2007 Indices of Deprivation, and information relating to the introduction of the Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF).

Having received a brief update on the range of issues detailed within the report, the South Leeds Area Manager provided the Committee with a summary of the key issues arising from the recent publication of the 2007 Indices of Deprivation. A discussion then ensued. The main areas of debate were as follows:-

- Members noted that overall, the results from the Indices which related to Leeds had been positive, and learned that an implication of such positive results would be that the levels of funding allocated to Leeds from the Working Neighbourhoods Fund, a successor to the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF), would be gradually reduced. In light of this, it was proposed that further information was submitted to the next Committee meeting which related to those services within the area which were currently resourced by the NRF, and would therefore be affected by the changes to such funding arrangements;
- The Committee highlighted the need for further consideration to be given to a more co-ordinated and inclusive approach to be taken when addressing issues such as educational attainment and deprivation levels in the area, in order to ensure that resources were maximised, and the range of existing local needs were mapped out and addressed effectively;
- Members discussed the range of factors which were taken into consideration when compiling the Indices of Deprivation, highlighted the need for more sensitive criteria to be used, and noted the specific results which had been achieved for those communities located within Inner South Leeds;
- Members discussed several matters relating to regeneration in the area, with particular reference being made to the replacement of outdated dwellings with more affordable housing provision in the area. The Committee then emphasised the need for such affordable housing provision to be available, prior to any demolition work being undertaken.

RESOLVED –

(a). That the report and information appended to the report, which includes newly published statistics concerning the 2007 Indices of Deprivation be noted;

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- (b). That the Action Plan for the Recreations Neighbourhood Improvement Plan be approved;
- (c). That further information be submitted to the February 2008 Committee meeting in relation to those services within the area which are currently resourced by the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and that will be affected by the changes to NRF funding arrangements;
- (d). That the views of Ward Members from Beeston and Holbeck and City and Hunslet be sought in relation to the ways in which such Members wish to be consulted upon forthcoming PFI issues.

54 Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings

Tuesday, 19th February 2008 at 6.30 p.m.

(Venue – Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR)

Tuesday, 8th April 2008 at 6.30 p.m.

(Venue – Belle Isle Family Centre, Belle Isle Road, Leeds, LS10 3PG)

(The meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.)

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Report of The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods Directorate

Meeting: Inner South Leeds Area Committee

Date: Tuesday 19th February 2008

Subject: Future plans for partnership working

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Beeston & Holbeck City & Hunslet Middleton Park</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report brings together current thinking on the future of area based partnership working in Leeds, and makes proposals for changing the structure of partnership working, to reflect changes that are taking place across organisational boundaries and to reflect concerns about the governance arrangements that apply to interagency partnership arrangements.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Following the introduction of Area Management Teams and Area Committees early in 2004, District Partnerships were established to coordinate partnership working in the 5 areas, and to develop a regeneration plan for each area in effect localising the Vision for Leeds. On the whole, the boundaries of these five partnerships reflected fairly accurately partner boundaries at the time with almost exact mapping of Council (Area Management), PCT, ALMO and Police boundaries.

2.2 Across the city much has been achieved by the district partnerships. However the shape of several organisational boundaries has changed or are planned to change soon. This is particularly so for Aire Valley Homes, Leeds PCT, West Yorkshire Police Force and Leeds City Council Environments and Neighbourhoods Directorate. In addition as the devolution debate moves forward, there has been concern from some elected members that they have felt relatively marginalised by the District Partnership arrangements. Linked to this is the fact that as most of

deprivation affecting South Leeds is based within the inner city area the activity of the DP has largely by passed outer South Leeds. This has inevitably meant that Members representing outlying areas see the partnership agenda as lacking in focus on their issues.

- 2.3 A further issue from a member perspective has been the feeling that decisions were being made which could have important impacts on local interests without a sufficient input from members themselves. Whilst Area Committee Chairs were District Partnership members, the view of many ward members was that not enough of them were engaged. In addition each area has had two planning frameworks – one through the District Partnership Action Plan and one through the Area Committee’s Delivery Plan.

3.0 FUTURE PROPOSALS FOR PARTNERSHIP WORKING

- 3.1 The Council’s new corporate planning framework aims to link the Vision for Leeds themes and the Local Area Agreement to strategic outcomes in a single Leeds Strategic Plan. As part of this framework the Area Committees’ Area Delivery Plans will become the key focus for the achievement of strategic outcomes at a locality level. The Area Committee will be responsible for developing a local plan for its area which would contribute to city wide strategic outcomes. To be effective, this will need to involve autonomous partners such as the Police, ALMO and the PCT as well as ensuring that the views and priorities of local people and stakeholders are taken into account. This would enable the focus of the partners themselves to be the delivery of outcomes they agreed to support.
- 3.2 Consequently Area Committees will play a central role in partnership working. This can be achieved in various ways. The Councils preferred position would see Area Committees provide a local governance and accountability framework for agreed partnership collaboration through their new Area Delivery Plans. The expectation would be that the Council and local agencies would give accountability for their actions to local people through the Area Committees. Work is still ongoing to put these ideas into a deliverable form; templates mapping out the likely shape of the new ADPs are presently being developed. It is proposed that they will be three year planning documents with annual reviews.
- 3.3 To address the issue of governance and oversight of the partnership agenda, so far as it pertains to the Strategic plan, it is proposed that the Area Committee takes on a greater role in monitoring partnership activity. To achieve this, subject to the agreement of all three Area Committees within the new ‘south east area’ and key partners, it is proposed to nominate elected members to act as thematic champions for key issues. Members could then take a key role in facilitating the interface between the thematic area based partnerships and the Area Committees. Area Committees will be asked to nominate one member to attend each of the sub group meetings and act as a ‘champion’ of that issue. In addition it is proposed to explore ways in which the committee can contribute to and oversee this aspect of partnership working. It is suggested that area committee could develop into 2 part meetings; in the first half the committee could oversee and review the work of the sub group in its efforts to deliver the strategic outcome. This could be done in such a way as to promote attendance and community involvement in this work, making the committee potentially a more open and accessible meeting. A forward plan would be required to manage the agendas of the committees and the attendance of the sub groups. Given the number of subgroups and issues covered, it is likely that each would come on an annual basis. The second part of the committee will be the formal

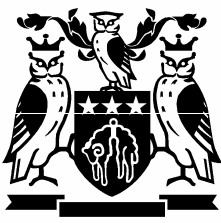
work of the committee discharging the delegated responsibilities as present. In addition it is intended, subject to guidance from the Corporate Governance Unit, to include notes of district partnership sub group meetings on the agenda of the Area Committee for information and to allow an opportunity for members to raise issues if required. These ideas are in line with the key issues raised in a report to the Executive Board at the end of 2007.

- 3.4 This offers the potential for significant community engagement activity taking place within the format of the area committee, but will require further consideration of the practical implications. To enhance this it is proposed to bring a further report to address in detail the issue of improving community engagement within the inner South Leeds area. Whilst always important, under the new proposals relating to the development of Comprehensive Area Assessments (which will replace the existing Comprehensive Performance Assessment process), the performance of Local Authorities will in part be judged on the way in which authorities engage with their citizens and the authorities ability to demonstrate how this engagement has led to changes in services.
- 3.5 It is intended that these new arrangement will reduce any duplication and tension between Area Delivery Plans and District Partnership Action Plans and acknowledge that in the new corporate planning and LAA environment the Council will have the lead responsibility for ensuring the delivery of agreed LAA outcomes.
- 3.6 Alongside this new role for the Area Committees, it is proposed that officers from different agencies e.g. Council, PCT, Police, ALMOs, Education Leeds would continue to co-operate and meet together based on the three areas with periodic meetings involving other local stakeholders such as business and voluntary sector representatives as appropriate and as required.
- 3.7 Leeds Initiative structures are also undergoing some changes, however it is intended that District based arrangement will still report to the Narrowing the Gap Executive Group who will retain the responsibility for oversight of these arrangements, ensuring the close alignment of area based plans and the new strategic outcomes framework. It is intended that further work will be done by the Leeds Initiative so that clear proposals and operational arrangements can be reported to the Narrowing the Gap Executive in the next month or so.
- 3.8 The Leeds Initiative have proposed that District Partnership arrangements are conducted on the basis of the three new wedge boundaries. Unfortunately due to the differing organisational boundaries that now exist it will not be possible to achieve co-terminosity between all agencies. The new area management boundaries will be built up from the Area Committee boundaries, hence the new 'South East Area' will comprise of those areas falling within the geographical boundaries for the Outer East, South Inner and South Outer Area Committees. Boundaries for Aire Valley Homes will differ from this, and the proposed divisional boundaries for new west Yorkshire Police will also differ, (maps indicating these boundaries will be handed out at the meeting). In view of the linkage between the area committees and the partnership agenda, it is proposed that the new partnership boundaries should so far as practicable reflect the new area management boundaries. The main difficulty that this presents is that, the entire Outer East Area Committee boundary will be served by the North East Police Division not City and Holbeck Division.

- 3.9 It is proposed that existing satellite groups (Health and Wellbeing, Community Cohesion, Community Safety Partnership, SLEET, Childrens Leeds South, District Housing Partnership) continue to meet, but consider the possibility of mirroring the proposed area management boundaries. Pragmatic decisions will need to be found which promote the most effective partnership working. There will also be a need to consider this issue in conjunction with agencies representatives responsible for other areas. The satellite groups will, where they have not already done so already, need to consider including an elected member from each of the area committees within the area.
- 3.10 It is proposed that in its present guise the District Partnership board ceases to meet. However it is proposed that there is still a need for senior officers from all key agencies to meet, perhaps on a quarterly basis, the key purpose of which would be to:
- (a) Promote effective co-ordinated working at a neighbourhood level within their district;
 - (b) Co-ordinate programmes and activities at a district level which contribute to 'narrowing the gap';
 - (c) Contribute to the development of local targets and delivery of improvement priorities within the Leeds Strategic Plan (incorporating the Local Area Agreement);
 - (d) Develop, with the relevant area committees, appropriate working arrangements which facilitate the construction and implementation of area plans

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Area Committee is asked to consider this report and make suggestions to promote effective partnership working
- 4.2 The Area Committee is asked to endorse the principle of utilising Area committee meetings to improve partnership working so far as it relates to the Strategic Plan (subject to further negotiation with key partners).
- 4.3 The Area committee is asked to identify members with an interest and the availability to act as champions for the specific themes dealt with by the sub groups (see 3.8 above)
- 4.5 The Area Committee is asked to support the idea of bringing together partnership working on the basis of the geography covered by the new 'South East Area' (in so far as this is seen as the best solution on an operational basis).



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner South Area Committee

Date: 19th February 2008

Subject: Community Engagement approach in South Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)

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

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 This report proposes changes to the way in which community consultation is undertaken on behalf of the Area Committees in South Leeds. It advocates a clearer process which seeks to address the specific needs of local communities with the most pressing issues and more general opportunities to consult on wider partnership or planning issues. The report is driven by the need to develop an equitable, effective and targeted approach to consultation, within the operational constraints of the area management service. As such it relates to both inner and outer South Leeds area committee areas.
- 1.2 It also needs to be considered in the context of the wide range of functions undertaken by Area Management Teams. The approach to and extent of engagement needs to be proportionate to the benefits which could be achieved, and determined in the light of loss of time allocated to other activities.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Both at a local and national governmental level there is an increasing expectation that local authorities and other public service providers will consult and engage with local residents, as a means of informing local residents of the work that those bodies undertake, but perhaps more importantly as a means to ensure that services meet residents needs, are fit for purpose and are delivered efficiently in a manner that is acceptable and useable to residents.

- 2.2 The notion of customer choice is increasingly being applied to public services, and hence if those services are to continue to be delivered by public sector bodies, they need to be tuned into residents' opinions and the points that they value. For many, such consultation and engagement is self evidently a good thing. Certainly research tends to suggest that those local Authorities which actively engage with residents are perceived by local people as performing better than those authorities which place less emphasis on such activity.
- 2.3 This expectation will be reflected in various governmental monitoring regimes, for example Community Engagement will take even higher prominence in the new national performance management of Local Authorities under the proposed Comprehensive Area Assessments as compared to the existing Comprehensive Performance Assessment.
- 2.4 Engagement activity can take many forms; at one extreme it may only involve informing local people what is happening, at the other extreme it could involve letting local people decide what needs doing and how it should be done. Particular forms of engagement will be appropriate to particular circumstances but consultation always needs to be purposeful for both for the local authority and residents; each wants to know what they will get from their investment of time and resource.
- 2.5 Within the South Leeds area a wide range of engagement mechanisms are deployed. The extent of which tends to vary by area, partly on the basis of particular need and partly on the basis of history; for example the most extensive engagement mechanisms take place within Beeston Hill and Holbeck, and were developed in response to the SRB programme starting in 1997 and the designation of the area as a Neighbourhood Renewal Priority area.
- 2.6 Presently the methods of engagement are being utilised:
- Varying degrees of support to a range of community forums in BHH Neighbourhood Renewal Area, and support given to the overarching Neighbourhood Renewal Residents Group.
 - Attendance at various tenants and residents groups as time allows and as required.
 - Publicity relating to the Area Committee, the open forum and subsequent area committee newsletters.
 - NIP steering groups and associated resident group development, NIP newsletters, surveys.
 - A range of specific consultations carried out in relation to particular activity e.g. INM, Regeneration Plans, BHH Strategy, Vision for Leeds consultation, ADP consultation etc.
 - Use of website and designated Area Committee email address
 - Varying levels of support to specific groups which aids engagement, i.e. In Bloom, Morley literature festival etc.
 - Town Centre Summits and Partnership meetings in Morley and Rothwell, and various forms of town centre publicity
 - Support to specific residents and other groups as appropriate facilitated by the Priority Neighbourhood Worker
 - Participatory budgeting processes in Morley

3.0 Proposals

- 3.1 Despite the level of activity indicated above, there are obvious inequities in the approach to engagement, with some areas having very few opportunities for engagement facilitated by the Area Management Team or other partners.
- 3.2 It is proposed to address this by offering a minimum level of engagement activity for each ward, supplemented where needed by additional activity with specific service planning or delivery outputs.
- 3.3 It is proposed that as a minimum in each ward two major consultation events take place each year. The content of these events will be discussed and agreed with local ward members, but it is suggested that they should relate to some form of area committee planning, for example working up the ward based priorities for inclusion in the Committees Area Delivery Plan, focusing on particular ADP themes, or perhaps consulting the public on service delivery within a specific locality.
- 3.4 It is proposed that these events should seek to utilise innovative and imaginative methodologies for example, planning for real, public service market places, 'face the people sessions', area debates, and be inclusive of relevant council services and external partners etc.
- 3.5 In addition these events will be supplemented by other processes as specifically required. Whilst not conclusive, these events would need to include, as examples,
- Neighbourhood renewal residents forum in BHH in view of the forthcoming PFI scheme, and determining how to ensure that the existing forums become self sustainable.
 - Morley Summits and Partnerships
 - Nip events
 - Specific events in relation to the work of the BHH and Middleton Regeneration boards.
 - Changes to the ways in which we use the Area Committee for engagement purposes (see separate report on partnership working elsewhere on this agenda)
 - Better use of electronic communication
- 3.6 It is proposed that on an annual basis the Area Committee will receive a report analysing the extent of community engagement activity and the effectiveness of such activity, this will allow the committee to forward plan the forthcoming years programme of engagement. This report will form the basis of the Committee expected annual submission to the Executive Board on the issue of community engagement.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

- 4.1 Under proposals placed before the Executive Board it is intended that Area Committees will have a more central role in overseeing the extent of community engagement within their area. This report proposes ways in which this could be undertaken in a more structured, equitable and effective manner than at present. It will be incumbent on the Committee and the Area Management Team to ensure that residents fully understand the context in which they are participating in the

consultation, i.e. what scope for influence exists for them and for the Area Committee over the issues discussed and what the likely outcomes will be from the consultation.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1 Further detail will have to be determined to determine the full extent of ward based consultation. However this report seeks to clarify the extent of engagement activity that is operationally viable without unduly prejudicing other forms of important activity. As such it does not present any additional resource implications, subject to future clarification of the ongoing roles of the Neighbourhood Priority Workers and the Town Centre Manager.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Area Committee is asked to consider this report and give in principle support to the proposal to deliver two specific community engagement events per ward per year.
- 6.2 The Area Committee is invited to request a proposed schedule of additional consultation events which will be offered in the Area for the forthcoming year.



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Report of the Director of Environments and Neighbourhoods Directorate

To the Inner South Area Committee

Date: Tuesday 19th February 2008

Subject: Area Committee Well Being Budget

Electoral Wards Affected: Beeston & Holbeck City & Hunslet Middleton Park <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/>	
Council Function <input type="checkbox"/>	Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the Area Committee's Well-Being expenditure. The available balance is stated and the balance if proposals made are approved. A forecast for 2007/08 and 2008/09 is provided for the Area Committee based on potential spending the Area Committee may make (pending Area Committee determination) and allows the Area Committee to plan their future expenditure.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The report summarises:

- Small Grant applications which have been approved and any that require determination at this committee meeting.
- An update on both the revenue and capital elements of the Area Committee's budget
- Proposals for the Area Committee to determine

REVENUE WELL BEING BUDGET POSITION FOR 2007/08

2.1 *The remaining balance*

The current outstanding balance yet to be committed from 2007/08 revenue funding is **£88,050.58** (this includes £50K for conservation/car parking). The position of the revenue Well being revenue as at January for 2007/08 is detailed in appendix 1 which includes updates made since the December Area Committee meeting.

2.3 *Ringfenced well-being budget amounts for 2007/08*

The position of the ringfenced amounts from the revenue Well being budget as at January for 2007/08 is detailed at appendix 1. Members are asked to note the following balances remaining on each of the Area Committee's ringfenced budgets for 2007/08 as follows:

- Area Committee small grants (£27,000 ringfenced). Balance remaining: £8,451
- Area Committee Community Skips (£13,500 ringfenced). Balance remaining: £5,422
- Area Committee Communication and Consultation (£7,500 ringfenced). Balance remaining: £4,720.

Further details of expenditure on the ring-fenced budgets are available on request.

2.4 **Well-being forecast for 2007/08 – 2008/09**

The impact of actual and assumed commitments for the revenue budget for 2007/08 and 2008/09 is shown at appendix 2. The assumptions are indicative assumptions only and do not pre-empt Area Committee decisions but are used to assist the Area Committee in its planning for the coming years. Some of the assumptions for 2008/09 are those which the Area Committee has traditionally agreed on i.e. for the Area Committee's small grants, community skips, communications and consultation. The assumptions also include that the Mobile Youth Provision, the Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker and the I Love South Festival will be approved for a third year. Clearly these assumptions have not yet been brought to the Committee as proposals. These are indicative assumptions only and do not pre-empt Area Committee decisions. **Using these indicative assumptions there is a projected balanced of £76,181 for 2007/08 and a projected balance of £136,439 for 2008/09.** The indicative assumptions do **not** include proposals brought to this meeting of the Area Committee.

2.5 **Senior Neighbourhood Warden**

The Area Committee agreed in 2007 that one of the existing Neighbourhood Wardens should be appointed as a Senior Neighbourhood Warden on a temporary basis from August 2007 to March 2008. Members will see in the Area Manager's report (Section 6.1) details of the work carried out by the Senior Neighbourhood Warden. This includes motivating a team depleted by sickness and absence and ensuring that all the patches received some cover, securing funding from the INM budget to appoint a temporary Warden, improvements in the way that Warden activity is monitored, streamlining and improving the 'waste in garden' process, developing a programme of work to tackle distraction burglary and rogue traders. In order to maintain, build on and secure the improvements made so far, the Area Committee is asked to consider funding the additional cost of a Senior Warden post in Inner South for 2008/09. The approximate cost will be around £5,200 and will cover the difference in salary/National Insurance etc costs between the cost of a Neighbourhood Warden and Senior Neighbourhood Warden for the financial year 2008/09.

3.0 CAPITAL WELL BEING BUDGET POSITION FOR 2007/08

3.1 The remaining balance from the 2007/08 capital budget is £57,875. Of this approximately £30.3K remains for Beeston and Holbeck Ward; £27K remains for City and Hunslet Ward; and £0.5K remains for Middleton Park Ward. The position of the capital Wellbeing budget as at January for 2007/08 is detailed in appendix 3.

3.2 William Gascoigne Centre – outdoor improvements scheme

3.2.1 Confirmation has now been received from Parks & Countryside that William Gascoigne Centre will not be converted into changing rooms for the football pitches at Middleton Leisure Centre. This means that the outdoor improvement scheme for users of the facility can now go ahead. The Mums & Tots Group have been informed along with Groundwork who have been commissioned to undertake the project. The project will commence once the Area Committee has received its new capital well being allocation, as nearly all of Middleton Park Ward's funds are committed on other schemes.

4.0 SMALL GRANTS UPDATE

4.1 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 to be determined
Room hire, publicity materials	Holbeck Muslim Community Welfare Forum	B&H	£494	Approved
Linden Mount environmental improvements	Canopy Housing Project	C&H	£450	Approved
Snow White Pantomime	St. Andrews Pantomime Group	All inner	£500	Approved

5.0 LIST OF WELL BEING PROPOSALS FOR AREA COMMITTEE DETERMINATION

Below is a list of the total proposals to this meeting for the 2007/08 revenue and capital budget (a summary of each proposal is in the main body of this report with appendices 6 onwards providing more detail):

Project Title	Organisation (proposed to be commissioned)	Ward(s) affected	Total proposal from Revenue £	Total proposed revenue spend in 2007/08 £	Proposal from Capital £
Acting Senior Neighbourhood Warden	Safer Leeds	All inner	£5,200	Nil	
Family Learning Workers		B&H/C&H	£20,000	Nil	
Monitoring access to holiday activities	Out of School Activity Team	B&H/C&H/MP	£750	£750	
Totals			£25,200	£750	
Current remaining balance				£88,050.58*	
Potential balance if all above projects approved				£87,300.58*	

*Includes £50K from conservation/car parking allocation.

6.0 WELL BEING BUDGET REVENUE PROPOSALS FOR AREA COMMITTEE DETERMINATION

6.1 Name of Project: Learning Works

Name of group or organisation: Learning Partnerships

Total Project Cost: £ 60,370

Amount proposed from well-being: £20,000

Amount proposed to be spent in 2007/08: Nil (All proposed funding to be spent in 2008/09.)

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

Summary of project: Family Learning Workers are based in 7 primary schools in Beeston & Holbeck and City & Hunslet and work with the partners delivering Extended Services to the Beeston cluster. The project works to build up the confidence, capacity and self esteem of socially and economically excluded parents and the project sees this as necessary work to complement programmes targeted at socially excluded children – ‘socially excluded parents do not bring up included children.’ The ultimate purpose of the project is ‘to create a culture where entrepreneurship, training and jobs become key to the local ethos and culture’. The Family Learning Workers work for Learning Works a charity which together with a range of partners provides outreach support and learning through prevocational courses, basic skills and job search facilities.

In particular the Family Learning Workers engage the socially parents of children at the 7 primary schools in programmes that included workshops on parenting, literacy, numeracy, ‘money matters’ financial literacy programme, computing skills, healthy living; they encourage parents to follow a programme so they can set their own goals and achieve more and this builds the capacity of individuals and communities; they build the confidence and capacity of parents to act as tutors of their own children; they organise

vocational training and job skills workshops and signpost parents to job search agencies and support jobs and learning markets.

The purpose of this application is to fund the six Family Learning Workers between April and August 2008. The current funding for these jobs ends in March 2008 and there is then a funding gap until September. Learning Partnerships is applying to fund this project through the Big Lottery for three years from September 2008. This bid has been approved in principle and Learning Works is currently preparing the second stage of the application. The costs of funding the team of Family Learning Workers for April to August amounts to £60,370; Learning Partnerships could meet a third of these costs itself, and will ask schools to cover another third, leaving a third (£20K) not covered and this application for well being funding is to meet this £20,000 gap.

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

This proposal will support the “Regenerating Areas” key theme and the objective and action ‘to manage, co-ordinate and participate in projects that address important Local Area Agreement targets in priority areas – Economic Development and Enterprise’.

Comment: 5 of the 7 schools are in City and Hunslet Ward and 2 of the schools are in Beeston and Holbeck Ward. With the assumption that most primary schools draw their pupils in from the immediate surrounding area it appears to be reasonable to suggest – provided Members are minded to support this project - a 5/7ths split of well being funding from City & Hunslet Ward (£14,286) with the remaining 2/7ths coming from Beeston & Holbeck Ward (£5,714). Members should note that if approved the funding would come from the well being revenue budget for 2008/09.

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

More detail: Appendix 4

6.2 Name of Project: Pilot Breeze Technology

Name of group or organisation: Out of School Activities Team

Total Project Cost: £1,500

Amount proposed from well-being: £750

Amount proposed to be spent in 2007/08: £750

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

Summary of project: This project aims to use the Breeze card recording system to record attendance at the Easter Holiday programme of activities at 5 venues in the Inner South and 5 in the Outer South. The project costs £1,500 and an application for half of the costs has been submitted to the Outer South Area Committee. Currently monitoring systems are not in place to measure the uptake of activities across the area in a coherent manner. The proposed project would enable all agencies and funding bodies to evaluate existing work and activities, identifying strengths and weaknesses, gaps in provision and geographical areas where little or no activity is being accessed from. This evaluation will enable the Team to develop activities with targeted marketing and promotion. The information could be overlapped with other information such as crime and anti-social behaviour hotspot information to look for any correlation.

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

This proposal will support the More for Young People theme and the objective to ‘publicise and develop provision available for young people including during school holidays.’

Comment: The Easter holiday programme would be a perfect opportunity to trial this approach as the programme of activities for children and young people is already advertised in 'South Leeds Spring Fever' and is of a manageable size.

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

More detail: Appendix 5

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

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

8.0 LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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.

9.0 CONCLUSIONS

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

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Regarding the Area Committee's wellbeing revenue budget:
 - (a) To note that the current outstanding balance yet to be committed from 2007/08 is **£88,050.58** (includes £50K for conservation/car parking) as outlined in Section 2.1
 - (b) To note the projected balance (as outlined in paragraph 2.4) of **£76,181** for 2007/08 and a projected balance of **£136,439** for 2008/09. This is on the basis of assumptions about those projects the Area Committee may consider continuing (pending proposals being brought to the Area Committee for determination).
- 9.2 Regarding the Area Committee's capital wellbeing budget, to note the position outlined in Section 3 i.e. that the outstanding balance is **£57,875.45**.
- 9.3 Regarding the Area Committee's small grants revenue budget:
 - (a) To note the small grants approved/not approved since the last Area Committee meeting (see Section 4).
- 9.4 To **determine** the Well-being budget revenue proposal as listed in Section 5 and summarised in Section 6.

Appendix 1

**Inner South Area Committee Well being budget
Revenue 2007/08 to 2008/09 - position at January 2008**

	Revenue commitment 2007/08 £	Revenue commitment 2008/09 £
Allocation	238,240.00	
Bring forward from previous year	32,887.00	
Conservation/car parking - allocation	50,000.00	
Total monies available for allocation	321,127.00	
 Ringfenced amounts - committed		
Small grants	27,000.00	
Skips	13,500.00	
Communications/community engagement	7,500.00	
Sub total	48,000.00	
 Actual commitments for schemes in two or more wards		
South and West Leeds community capacity building	5,000.00	
Photocopier upgrade	2,482.97	
Youth Dance - DAZL	10,548.00	
I love South Leeds 2007	43,625.00	
Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker year 1	13,062.50	
Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker year 2	21,866.00	10,934.00
Mobile Youth Provision Year 1	12,969.95	
Mobile Youth Provision Year 2	37,420.00	12,580.00
Hanara Youth Activities	2,500.00	
Senior Neighbourhood Warden (20.8.07 start)	2,100.00	
Urban Bar	9,181.00	
Test purchasing	2,200.00	
Off-road motorcycle project	13,121.00	
Sub total	176,076.42	23,514.00
 Actual commitments for schemes in Beeston and Holbeck		
Sub total	0.00	0.00
 Actual commitments for schemes City and Hunslet		
Sub total	0.00	0.00

Actual commitments for schemes in Middleton Park

Belle Isle Family Centre Creche	3,500.00	0.00
Middleton Regeneration - publicity marketing and community engagement	5,500.00	0.00
Sub total	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total commitments agreed	<u>233,076.42</u>	<u>23,514.00</u>
Balance	<u>88,050.58</u>	*

*Note: includes 50k from conservation/car parking allocation

Inner South Area Committee Well-being budget

Well being revenue - Forecast commitments 2007/08 to 2008/09

	2007/08 £	2008/09 £
Allocation**	238,240	238,240
Bring forward**	32,887	76,181
Additional allocation: conservation areas and car parking	50,000	
Total	321,127	314,421
	Commitments - actual and assumed*	Commitments - actual and assumed*
	2007/08 £	2008/09 £
Theme/Project		
Cleaner Neighbourhoods		
Community skips	13,500	13,500
CAST	2,700	2,700
Sub total	16,200	16,200
Involving communities		
Small grants	27,000	27,000
Community capacity building	5,000	
Communications and consultation	7,500	7,500
Priority neighbourhood worker year 1: July 2006 - June 2007	13,061	
Priority neighbourhood worker year 2: July 2007 - June 2008	19,738	13,061
<i>Priority neighbourhood worker year 3: July 2008 - June 2009*</i>		<i>19,738</i>
Sub total	72,299	67,299
More for Young People		
DAZL Youth Dance	10,548	
I Love South Leeds year 2: spring/summer 2007	43,625	
<i>I Love South Leeds year 3: spring/summer 2008*</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>40,000</i>

Mobile Youth Provision year 1: staffing/overheads/vehicle hire August 2006 - July 2007	12,269	
Mobile Youth Provision year 2: staffing/overheads/vehicle hire August 2007 - July 2008	37,420	12,580
<i>Mobile Youth Provision year 3: staffing/overheads/vehicle hire August 2008 - July 2009*</i>		<i>37,420</i>
Hamara Youth activities	2,500	
Urban bar	9,181	
Creche service - Belle Isle Family Centre	3,500	
Sub total	<hr/> 129,043	90,000
Regenerating areas		
Middleton Regeneration - publicity marketing and community engagement	5,500.00	
Sub total	<hr/> 5,500.00	
Safer Neighbourhoods		
<i>Community Safety Roadshow*</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>
Acting Senior Neighbourhood Warden (in post from 20.8.07) assumed additional costs	2,100	
Test purchasing	2,200.00	
Off-road motorcycle project	13,121.00	
Sub total	<hr/> 19,421	2,000
Other		
Photocopier	2,483	<i>2,483</i>
Sub total	2,483	<i>2,483</i>
Total commitments	244,946	177,982
Balance***	<hr/> 76,181	136,439

** = assumed commitments - not yet approved by the Area Committee - shown in red italics.*

*** We have assumed that the revenue budget for 2008/09 will be the same as for 2007/08 and that any underspend in 2007/08 will be carried forward to 2008/09.*

***Note: includes £50K for carparking/conservation areas allocation

Inner South Leeds Area Committee
Capital Well Being Budget:
Projects agreed to date - January 2008

Inner South Summary

Balance brought forward	37,480.25
Allocation for 2007/08	109,359.00
Underspend from previous year recycled into budget (See Note 1)	3,336.20
Total allocation	<u>150,175.45</u>
Total commitments	<u>92,300.00</u>
Balance at 17.12.07	<u>57,875.45</u>

Beeston and Holbeck

Brought forward from 2004/07	585.66
Underspend from Cottingley welcome boards. (See Note 1 below)	3,336.20
2007/08 allocation	<u>36,453.00</u>
Ward allocation	40,374.86
Commitments	
Beeston Community Football Project	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total ward commitments	<u>10,000.00</u>
Ward balance	<u>30,374.86</u>

City and Hunslet

Brought forward from 2004/07	32,827.91
2007/08 allocation	<u>36,453.00</u>
Ward allocation	69,280.91
Commitments	
Street signs refurbishment - pilot	7,000.00
Binyards phase 2 (See Note 2 below)	28,300.00
Street signs refurbishment - phase 3	<u>7,000.00</u>
Total ward commitments	<u>42,300.00</u>
Ward balance	<u>26,980.91</u>

Middleton Park

Brought forward from 2004/07	4,066.66
2007/08 allocation	<u>36,453.00</u>
Ward allocation	40,519.66
Commitments	
Building improvements - Middleton Elderly Aid	10,000.00
Middleton Park Youth Hub Scheme	<u>30,000.00</u>

Total ward commitments	40,000.00
Ward balance	<u>519.66</u>

Note 1: The welcome boards at Cottingley cost £3,336.2 less than budget; this underspend has been re-cycled back into the budget for Beeston and Holbeck ward.

[Note: original approval in 2005/06 was for £5,500; actual spend was £2,163.8 leaving balance of £3,336.2]

Note 2: Range of costs (£12,100 - £28,300) anticipated for binyards phase 2 - highest anticipated cost shown in table. [Final costs to be agreed shortly]

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: Learning Works

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

Learning Works seeks builds the capacity of local people to participate in economic activity and local regeneration. The Project is particularly focussed on non-economically active adults who have been difficult to reach through traditional social inclusion methods' this Project builds a support mechanism to enhance their capacity and quality of life. The ultimate purpose is 'to create a culture where entrepreneurship, training and jobs become key to the local ethos and culture' and thus unlock 'the ability of the community to share in and contribute to economic and social renewal.

The Family Learning Workers (FLW) are based in schools and work with the partners delivering Extended Services to the Beeston cluster. Currently Learning Partnerships employ a Co-ordinator to deliver and build up the Extended Services programme to this cluster.

The wider work of the charity engages in South Leeds, Joseph Priestly College, local voluntary sector groups, the Learning and skills Council, Best Ltd, Jobs and Skills from Leeds City Council and Department for Work and Pensions. All the partners involved provide collectively outreach support, well-being activities and learning through pre-vocational courses, basic skills and job search facilities. The FLW's are the key to engaging parent who need this support.

The project is now in its third year. It has been fund through a mixture of funding streams: ERDF, NRF, EIC Action Zones, the partner schools and Learning Partnerships. The current funding ends in March 2008. Learning Partnerships has submitted a Big Lottery bid for three years funding from September 2008 This bid has been approved in principle and we are current preparing the second stage of the application. The schools are very keen to continue the work with parents and have agreed to contribute £20,000 of interim funding which Learning Partnerships will match with a further £20,000. This application seeks an additonal £20,000 which will allow the project to continue until the Big Lottery application is completed. See full budget details on pg3

We are convinced that the cycle of deprivation and exclusion will only be overcome when excluded parents break out of it – 'socially excluded parents do not bring up included children.' Programmes targeted at socially excluded children cannot succeed in isolation. If no support is being given in a complementary fashion to their parents, such programmes seem destined to fail. Learning Partnerships maintain that programmes that build up the confidence, capacity and self esteem of socially and economically excluded parents enabling them to play a fuller part in the communities in which they live are just as essential as efforts to raise the aspirations and achievements of disadvantaged children and young people themselves.

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):

Learning Works is a team of six Family Learning Workers (FLWs) based in Seven primary schools (one FLW covers two schools) in the Beeston Hill and Holbeck cluster schools. The FLWs target and engage the socially excluded parents of children who attend their schools. They set up support networks for the parents and sometimes for other adult members of the local community. The FLWs involve parents in adult learning activities that build capacity and at the same time increase confidence and self esteem. In consultation with parents, they develop programmes designed to meet the particular needs of their client group. The programmes often include workshops on parenting, literacy, numeracy, money matters financial inclusion, ICT and healthy living.

The Project emphasises the importance of personal empowerment and uses the Pacific Institute STEPS (Steps to Economic and Personal Success) programme. This encourages participants to set goals, make choices and achieve more, thus building the capacity of individuals and communities.

FLWs also make arrangement for parents and other adults in their communities to make greater use of ICT facilities and to improve their computer skills. This will open up new opportunities for participants to return to learning and employment.

As soon as parents have the necessary skills and confidence, they are encouraged to act as tutors of their own children. Parents are also able to participate in family 'fun' activities and family learning events organised by the FLWs.

Finally, as part of their role, FLWs are expected to organise, as required, vocational training and job skills workshops, signpost parents to job search agencies and support jobs and learning markets.

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

The key outcomes for the Project are:

- to maintain 6 jobs in the target area
- to develop project staff from within the South Leeds LDEP area
- to provide a range of opportunities to overcome fundamental barriers to social inclusion for a group of parents of children attending 7 local primary schools
- to provide a range of opportunities which uncover and develop the expertise and strengths within a group of socially excluded parents; to help these parents to develop and contribute to community cohesion and economic growth
- to maintain the existing parents forum
- under the extended schools banner, to facilitate the use of ICT teaching resources within the targeted schools by economically and socially excluded parents and members of the wider community so that they can develop their own ICT skills
- to build the confidence and develop the capacity of parents to act as tutors of their own children

- to use the Pacific Institute's STEPS programme, which introduces personal empowerment and leads to change in people's lives as they set goals, make choices and achieve more, to build the capacity of these communities
- to organise family activity events within the local community which use fun to encourage parents to take responsibility for their children's actions
- to signpost economically and socially excluded parents to opportunities for basic skills training, accredited training and job search agencies
- to use Learning Partnerships "money matters" financial literacy programme

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):

Annual salary Family Learning Worker	£22,148
Funding required to extend their work to September 2008 i.e. from March 2008 to September 2008	
6 FLW's Annual Salary x 5/12	£55,370
FLW Expenses	£1,200
Resources	£3,800
Total Cost	£60,370

This request is for one-third of the total cost:

Area Management Board contribution	£20,000
Host Schools	£20,000
Learning Partnerships	£20,370
Total Cost	£60,370

Which geographic area will benefit (Inner South well being budget is split on a ward by ward basis, please indicate how the project will benefit each ward)

The funding will contribute to extend the existing Inner-South Family Learning project. Learning Partnerships currently employs 6 Family Learning Workers who are based in Hunslet Moor, St Francis of Assisi, Beeston Hill St Lukes, Ingram Road, New Bewerley, Cross Flatts Park and Greenmount primary schools.

Other key information not covered by the above:

In the past some similar projects have appointed staff to dual roles - to support vulnerable children in school and to support their parents. Such dual roles almost inevitably lead to tensions. Heads and teachers tend to see the primary role of the project workers as supporting pupils in school with helping and supporting parents slipping into the background. This project redresses the balance the funding is to support parents entirely.

In most schools there is a 'core' of parents who are highly committed to a relatively wide range of the activities connected with this Project and a larger group who participate occasionally.

The FLWs are very much aware that they must continue to support and meet the needs of their 'core' groups so that these parents, who are moving forward at varying paces, have opportunities to achieve their full potential. At the same time the FLWs are also conscious of the need to open out activities to bigger groups involving more parents. It is important that the benefits of the Project are not restricted to 'core' groups of parents with others in similar circumstances who might wish to participate being left out. This programme is all about supporting and moving parents on.

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: Pilot Breeze Technology

Lead Organisation & contact details:

Out of School Activities Team
Children Services
Belle Isle Centre, Enterprise Way
Middleton Road
Leeds LS10 3DZ
Tel; 2760837

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 aims to utilise the Breeze card recording system to be used in the South to record attendance at the Easter Holiday programme advertised through Spring Fever across all activities including the voluntary sector. The project is been supported through the SLIP group that includes the cluster coordinators, South Leeds Health for All, Community Sport, Libraries, Hamara, St Lukes Project, Cardinal Youth Centre, DAZL, through 5 venues in the Outer South and 5 in the Inner South we will record access to the activities through the hand held devices as well as this we will record the information recorded through the flex systems in Sport centres to give us a larger spread of data collection. The 5 venues are currently been discussed although St Lukes and DAZL have both expressed an interest in using the system to record their programmes at Easter. A meeting in April will finalise each of the locations which will include as far as possible a broad range of activities. This will then be used within the SLIP group to assist the evaluation of activity including who is accessing provision, where are they from where are the gaps, what activities are busy which are quiet in return this will allow us to look at areas of weakness to develop activities with targeted marketing /promotion.

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):

Over the last four years the Out of School Activities team has worked with Leeds Card to develop a monitoring and evaluation system that utilizes the data held on the Breeze card this is collected through registration using hand held data collection devices. This has resulted in the comprehensive collection of data of access of Breeze activities. This information allows the detailed analysis of uptake of both the Breeze card and services to young people allowing us to look at a breakdown by Age, Gender, Ethnicity and

Postcode. Through the Chill and Fever publications the South has developed a single point of advertising for activities for young people in the area. Linking this to Breeze will provide a mechanism for one point of reference for young people.

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

Currently the monitoring systems are not in place to measure the uptake at these programs across the area in a coherent manner.

With one system it would allow all agencies and funding bodies to evaluate existing work identifying strengths and weaknesses, gaps in provision and geographical areas where little or no activity is been accessed from.

With the application of the Breeze card technical support it would be possible to conduct a thorough analysis of young people attending the events. In this way gaps could be identified and future allocation of resources can be informed.

This information can be overlapped with other information such as crime and ASB hotspot information to look for any correlation.

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 cost of the exercise is estimated to be £1,500 split evenly between the Inner and Outer Area. £750.00

Which geographic areas will benefit (Inner South well being budget is split on a ward by ward basis, please can you indicate how the project will benefit each ward)

Ultimately it will benefit all areas of the South as it will allow all the partners to scrutinise there delivery and identify where we need to work to try and get young people engaged it will identify positive ways in which this is been achieved and through the SLIP group allow the sharing of good practice and working together look at targeting where it is needed. It will allow reports to funding bodies to accurately identify access to provision. Removing some of the issues regarding effectiveness and evidencing local engagement.

Other key information not covered by the above:



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Report of the Director of Environments and Neighbourhoods

To the Inner South Area Committee

Date: Tuesday 19th February 2008

Subject: Gardening service

Electoral Wards Affected:

Beeston & Holbeck
City & Hunslet
Middleton Park

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

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

This report provides a summary of the issues and options for the Area Committee to consider in setting up a gardening service in Inner South Leeds.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 At the December 2007 Area Committee meeting, Members asked if a gardening project could be established. The purposes of this report is to:
- (i) Set out the issues that need to be explored before setting the gardening project
 - (ii) In principle decisions needed from Members before further detailed work is carried out into setting up a service.

2.0 ISSUES

2.1 Need for the service

- 2.1.1 Anecdotally there is considerable demand for a gardening service which would help maintain peoples' gardens. There are complaints about gardens not being maintained in various parts of the Inner South and these complaints can lead to action by the

landlord in some cases (Aire Valley Homes Leeds, BITMO, Leeds Federated Housing Association etc) or action by Environmental Enforcement. However, we do not have any statistics about the number of untidy gardens that need to be maintained in the area. It should be noted that most of the action by landlords and enforcement is about waste in gardens rather than about the state of the gardens themselves. Certainly there are some neighbourhoods where lack of garden maintenance is definitely a problem, conversely there are significant parts of the area e.g. Beeston Hill, large parts of Holbeck, where residents do not have gardens.

2.1.2 There is already some support for people who have untidy gardens. In the INM areas, Environmental Services can take away any rubbish and cut back overhanging/overgrown hedges and vegetation. This is a one-off service and residents are expected in return to sign a pledge that they will maintain the garden themselves in future. This is a time-limited service as it is dependent on grant funding through Intensive Neighbourhood Management. Aire Valley Homes and Leeds Federated Housing Association will both tidy up gardens for residents sometimes they will be re-charged for this work, sometimes this will be done as a one-off; however, certainly in the case of AVHL, this 'one-off' has in some cases had to be repeated a year or two later. Aire Valley Homes Leeds can also refer gardens to Groundwork's community gardeners scheme who will similarly carry out a one off of cutting back vegetation and tidying up the garden.

2.2 Type of service that could be provided

2.2.1 There are two main types of work needed: a 'one-off' cutting back/clearing overgrown vegetation/hedges etc and a continuing maintenance e.g. grass cutting, hedge cutting, grass cutting tidying and other basic maintenance. Both types of work could be provided by a gardening service.

2.3 Who the service could be for

2.3.1 The service could be for everyone but given that the proposals involve Area Committee funding to subsidise the service it is suggested that elderly people (particularly those who do not have any relatives or other people who could help them) and people with disabilities (particularly those who do not have any relatives or other people who could help them) should be the main groups of people who would be eligible for the service.

2.3.2 Numbers: the numbers using the service would need to be built up particularly during the first year (e.g. via publicity, referrals etc). In Outer South, for example, the service had 56 customers in year 1 and 95 customers in year 2. (The Outer South service covers the Rothwell, Robin Hood, Woodlesford and Lofthouse areas). There is more demand than can be met through the current arrangements, so there is a waiting list of people wanting the service. Meeting this demand would involve additional staff which would increase costs. The proposed service for Inner South Leeds would need to develop its customers by publicity and ensuring referrals from other organizations e.g. Social Services, Neighbourhood Wardens, Voluntary and Community Organisations, Aire Valley Homes, Leeds Federated Housing Association etc.

2.4 Finance

2.4.1 Costs: based on the experience and initial proposals for the Outer South for a new service, the costs of the service would need to include year start up costs (including purchase of van, equipment, recruitment costs). The costs are set out in detail in appendix 1 but in outline (and with costs rounded up):

- 2.4.2 Income: we have assumed a lower number of customers to begin with than in the Outer South scheme (i.e. 40 customers in year 1, 65 in year 2 and 85 customers in year 3.) We have assumed the same level of charges as in the Outer South scheme (i.e. that customers would pay £20 for each of 7 maintenance visits during the year). An alternative type of basic service could be that only two visits a year each at £20 are provided. This would obviously mean that more customers would be needed; using the assumptions on charges and costs, 140 customers receiving 2 visits a year would be needed in the first year, 220 in year 2 and 300 in year 3. The details are set out in appendix 2.
- 2.4.3 Funding: using the assumptions about costs and income set out in appendix 1 and 2, funding would be needed as follows (figures rounded up):
 Year 1 £31,000 (includes set up costs)
 Year 2 £16,000
 Year 3 £14,000
 We have assumed that all the funding will come from the Area Committee (although Greenfingers Leeds did make a significant contribution to year 1 of the Outer South scheme) and other sources of funding are not guaranteed. These figures are currently a very rough, preliminary estimate and would need to be tested against actual figures providing during a tendering process.
- 2.4.4 Sustainability: based on the experience of the Garden Maintenance Service that has been part funded by the Outer South Area Committee in parts of the Outer South a continuing subsidy is likely to be necessary. Providing a gardening service is labour intensive and even if the service continued to grow it is not clear if a sufficient margin of income compared with costs could be built up to enable the service to become self sufficient. The pressure would be to provide gardening services to clients (private individuals and public and private sector organisations) who could pay more than the standard rate and this would subsidise the service for those paying the standard rate. The disadvantage of this is of course that fewer people who need the service but who cannot afford the higher rate would be able to receive the service.
- 2.4.5 In addition to a new, standalone service outlined above, alternative models do need to be explored including, for example, developing existing gardening services run by voluntary organizations and a different approach to providing the service which may significantly affect funding.

2.5 Practical issues

- 2.5.1 The Service is likely to employ one worker and is bound to be dependent on this one person. The person would obviously need gardening skills but also the ability to relate to local residents and be responsible for organizing their own work. Ideally the service would need someone who can work longer hours in the summer with shorter hours in the winter (possibly via annualized hours contract?). There may be a limited number of people available to do this.

2.6 Risks

- 2.6.1 There are a number of risks that Members need to be aware of in deciding whether or not to fund a gardening scheme.
- 2.6.2 Provision of the service would be jeopardized if the worker became ill for a long time.
- 2.6.3 Viability of the service would be adversely affected if there was a significant period of very bad weather making it difficult to carry out work for customers.

- 2.6.4 The viability of the service depends upon reaching the number of paying customers and the level of charges as outlined in appendix 1. Obviously if these assumptions were to prove optimistic and not realized in practice, there would be an adverse impact on viability. This might result in the organization providing the service to request additional funding, alternatively the host organization might find the costs of providing the service too high and might in practice stop providing the service.
- 2.6.5 Conversely if the scheme proved very successful with greater demand than the service could cope with, there would be a demand for additional subsidy as the service cannot trade into surplus by gaining additional customers once it reached maximum capacity on the assumed staffing of 1 person.

2.7 Link with other garden services

- 2.7.1 This report is written on basis of a separate gardening service for Inner South but given that there is already a Gardening Service in Outer South, it might be useful to see if a South Leeds-wide gardening service could be set up. The main advantage of this is the spreading risk and overhead costs across the wedge and this might make easier for the service to be viable. The main disadvantage would be the need to run a service across a large area. An alternative approach is to support the expansion of existing garden services run in Inner South Leeds by e.g. elderly and voluntary organizations or from LCC's Environmental Services. We would also have to consider whether the new proposed service would have an adverse impact on the existing garden services.

2.8 Other issues

- 2.8.1 Prior to any final proposal, we would advise other gardening schemes are currently operating in Inner South to evaluate what impact they would have on the proposed new service and vice versa.
- 2.8.2 We would have to agree the organizations that would be invited to tender to run a gardening service. We may need to recognize that there are not many organizations with the organizational and financial capacity to provide a service of this kind.
- 2.8.3 Split between Wards: the service would need to aim to be spread reasonably evenly across the three wards but this might be quite difficult to achieve given that significant parts of City and Hunslet Ward (Beeston Hill) and of Beeston and Holbeck Ward (Holbeck) have few gardens.
- 2.8.4 Would the service operate across all tenures? We do have some significant areas of AVHL housing (and also of e.g. Leeds Fed); AVHL do some clearing of gardens – we would have to make sure that there is reasonable equity between residents e.g. with some getting gardens cleared free of direct charge by the ALMO with others having to pay (albeit a subsidized) charge. Alternatively the service could operate only where there is no provision for gardens by landlords.
- 2.8.5 Timing: if we agree the final project details at the April Committee meeting, there would then have to be a tendering process which is likely to take a minimum of 8 weeks (tendering documents would have to be drawn up; tendering process and documents agreed with Procurement Unit; tenders would have to be invited and a reasonable period given for return of tenders; tenders would have to be appraised and possibly shortlisted organizations interviewed; the successful organization would then have to be appointed.) It is unlikely that all these stages would be completed before the end of June at the earliest. The organization would then have to appoint someone and get the service started. Realistically it is unlikely that the service would actually

start much before the end of August – while this is late in the year for gardening work, the service would come into operation in the autumn.

2.8.6 We would need to ensure that the organization providing the service received financial reward for organizing and providing the service and for taking some risks. A management fee of 5% has been assumed for the table at appendix 1.

2.8.7 In tendering the proposed service, we would need to make clear whether this was a one year project, or perhaps a one year project with an in principle commitment to (say) three years depending on annual reviews. As well being funding is allocated to the Area Committee annually, the Committee could not make a definite commitment to a three year programme but could indicate that it would intend to fund a project provided it received funding in successive years in line with the current year.

3.0 OPTIONS/DECISIONS

3.1 On the basis of this report **would Members agree in principle to support a new gardening service with well being revenue funding ?**

3.2 **For the initial period Members would like the service to run,** the options are:

- (i) in principle for 1 year or
- (ii) in principle for 2 years
- (iii) in principle for 3 years

In all cases in addition to an annual review, there would be a review at the end of the agreed period to decide whether the service should continue to be supported.

3.3 **Members are asked to decide in principle the level of well being funding provided.** The options are:

- (i) to provide the level of funding as indicated above in paragraph 2.4.3
- (ii) To provide a lower level of funding with the funding gap either being filled by other sources or by increasing charges or by including a mix of private/institutional customers who would pay a higher charge.

Members should note that the actual funding required for option 1 would not be clear until we receive the results of a tendering exercise.

3.4 **Members are asked to decide in principle who the service should be provided for.** The options are:

- (i) older people/senior citizen (60 + years) only
- (ii) elderly and disabled people
- (iii) elderly and disabled people + all those on benefits
- (iv) everyone

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and to decide in principle on the options outlined in section 3 above.

4.2 The Area Committee is asked to receive a further report once the issues outlined above have been examined in more detail including different models of provision.

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Gardening service

Appendix 1

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Years 1 - 3
Costs				
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs (2)	15,000.00	15,759.00	16,540.77	47,299.77
National insurance (13%)	1,950.00	2,048.67	2,150.30	6,148.97
Pension contribution (12%)	234.00	245.84	258.04	737.88
Equipment/gardening tools/protective clothing	2,000.00	250.00	250.00	2,500.00
Admin/premises/publicity/printing/phone etc	3,000.00	3,090.00	3,182.70	9,272.70
recruitment	1,500.00			1,500.00
Purchase of van	8,000.00			8,000.00
Van maintenance/Tax/Insurance	2,500.00	2,575.00	2,652.25	7,727.25
Waste charges				
Sub total	34,184.00	23,968.51	25,034.06	83,186.57
Management charge (at 5%)	1,709.20	1,198.43	1,251.70	4,159.33
Total	35,893.20	25,166.94	26,285.76	87,345.89
Funding				
Inner South Area Committee assumed funding	30,293.20	15,741.94	13,535.76	59,570.89
Customer charges	5,600.00	9,425.00	12,750.00	27,775.00
	35,893.20	25,166.94	26,285.76	87,345.89
Assumed number of customers	40	65	85	
Assumed charge £	140	145	150	

(1) Assume general inflation of 3% each year over base year of 2008/09

(2) Staff costs: assume annual increments of £300.

(3) No allowance made in this projection for any build up of reserves

(4) Assumed Area Committee funding = balance between assume costs and assumed income

(5) Assumed management charge of 5%

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Gardening service

Appendix 2

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Assumed number of customers	140	220	300
Assumed charge £	40	42	43

(1) Assume general inflation of 3% each year over base year of 2008/09

(2) Staff costs: assume annual increments of £300.

(3) No allowance made in this projection for any build up of reserves

(4) Assumed Area Committee funding = balance between assumed costs and assumed income

(5) Assumed management charge of 5%

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Report of The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods Directorate

Meeting: Inner South Leeds Area Committee

Date: Tuesday 19th February 2008

Subject: Area Manager's Update Report

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Beeston & Holbeck City & Hunslet Middleton Park</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report identifies a range of activity which has been undertaken in recent months by the Area Management Team and/or in conjunction with others.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 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. As usual this report is largely laid out along the lines of the 07/08 Area Delivery Plan key themes which forms the focus of the Area Management Team's work plan. There is an additional section covering other work activities of the team and other issues and updates for Members to be aware of or consider.

2.0 CLEANER NEIGHBOURHOODS

2.1 Clean ups

2.1.1 The following clean ups led by Environmental Services' (formerly Streetscene Services) Environmental Pride Team have been carried out during December and January: Westwoods & Bodmins (Middleton Park Ward) and the Arthingtons & Royals (City & Hunslet Ward).

As usual, Ward members are invited to suggest specific locations for further intensive clean up operations for the period April to June 2008.

2.1.2 In addition to the above, Neighbourhood Wardens have carried out environmental projects, these have included: cutting back bushes in the Back Lane area of Beeston and two clean ups in the Leasowes and Royals/Arthingtons areas of Hunslet.

2.1.3 The Area Management Team has sent through a total of 132 referrals to the Environmental Pride Team for rubbish/litter clearing during December and January

3.0 INVOLVING COMMUNITIES

3.1 Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker

3.1.1 Following on from the last Area Committee meeting, an update report has been produced by the Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker. Over December, the main outcomes of this work in neighbourhoods has been the following:-

Middleton

- *Have a member of the group undertake at least some of the secretarial role. No one yet taken on role*
- Produced and distributed calendar for 2008.
- Planted 1000 bulbs 2 members and 2 young people.
- Dot short-listed for the Individual Award in the Community and City Pride Competition.
- Still get 2/3 new people to each meeting.
- Attended AVHL walkabouts and 4 residents attending.
- Christmas meeting/party held.

Cottingley

- Cottingley in Bloom – 6000 bulbs planted over 2 action events.
- TRAC second newsletter produced and distributed.
- Supported the Community Centre in receiving £5,000 grant toward redevelopment of the garden.

Manor Farms

- Produced first newsletter for the Manor Farms.
- 1000 bulbs planted – 2 members took part and 1 young person.
- CCTV cameras up and running.
- Christmas party held 4 residents attended.
- Parks and Countryside done some work at the back of Manor Farm Drive.
- Attended AVHL walkabouts 2 residents attended.
- *Develop a committee and constitution – still only partial committee.*

Recreations

- Produced and distributed second newsletter.
- Meetings attract 15/20 people with usually 2/3 from the asian community.
- Developing committee and constitution has begun.
- First committee meeting held.
- AGM on 24th Jan.
- Christmas Party held.

Arthingtons

- Newsletter produced and distributed
- Attended AVHL walkabout.
- Clean up undertaken 8th and 9th January

Other

- *Plans to hold first Belle Isle 'forum' around older people or tenants and residents.*
- Second meeting of 'youth forum' held and another due in Feb.

3.2 Community Centres

- 3.2.1 A meeting of the Inner South Community Centres Sub Committee took place in early February to discuss all the community centres which are delegated or soon to be delegated to the Area Committee.
- 3.2.2 Work has commenced on reviewing the existing lettings procedures and lettings forms as part of the implementation process for the revised lettings and pricing policy. Further updates on this will be provided on the progress of this to the Community Centres Sub Committee and to Area Committee.

4.0 MORE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

4.1 The Youth Bus

- 4.1.1 The latest update report received (and sent to councilors) covers November and December, the points below outline the main facts and figures:
- 743 young people access the Youth Bus in November and December – 330 of these were new users and the remaining 413 were young people who had accessed the service previously.
 - In the Middleton Park Ward, 161 young people aged 8 – 19 years were worked with in the neighbourhoods of Manor Farms, Belle Isle and Sissons/Throstles area.
 - 343 young people accessed the Youth Bus in the City and Hunslet Ward when it visited Hunslet Moor, the Arthingtons and Balmorals.
 - In Beeston and Holbeck Ward, 239 young people aged 8 -19 years accessed the Youth Bus when it visited the Cottingley, Parkwoods and Holbeck neighbourhoods.
 - Activities provided from the bus included: football, cricket, rugby, basketball, rounders, dodge ball; there were also squash and snacks, music, DVDs, art, jewellery making, cake decorating. In addition Connexions information and information about services were provided.
 - St. Lukes Cares delivered activities from the Youth Bus in partnership with LCC Youth Service, Crossroads Youth Project, Church of the Nazarene, Urban Bar and Getaway Girls.

4.2 DAZL – Dance Action Zone Leeds

- 4.2.1 DAZL has reported on its Inner South Area Committee funded work for September to December. The climax of 2007 was their high profile show at Leeds Town Hall in December. All the groups funded by the Inner South Area Committee performed on the night with 140 of the 350 children and young people taking part were from Inner South Area Committee funded groups. The show was well presented - with a focus of the dance on the theme of 'well being' - and the atmosphere with an audience of over 1,100 was truly celebratory. A DVD of the event is available.

- 4.2.2 DAZL continues to work with over 33 young people at Escape Youth Dance Company (based at Windmill Primary School), over 74 young people Danceaction (based at New Beverley Primary School) and 39 young people at the Community Cohesion Dance Project (based at South Leeds High School). They are running dance sessions at Hunslet Moor Primary School to build interest in the City and Hunslet Ward. 146 young people come regularly to the sessions and 60 young people have attended short projects and one-off dance sessions; the spread between the Wards for those coming regularly where the Ward locations are known are: Beeston & Holbeck Ward (34 young people), City and Hunslet Ward (21 young people) and Middleton Park (34 young people).
- 4.2.3 2008/09 will be a year of transition for DAZL. Their current Director (Jan Burkhardt) is moving to a wider, strategic role within the PCT and DAZL and a new Director has been appointed. This is Sue Pennycook who is currently the Community and Education Manager at Yorkshire Dance. She will take up her post in March. DAZL has explored other funding and has bid to 'Connecting Communities' for some of its activities. The bid will be re-cast to emphasise community cohesion. The intention will be to bring targeted groups of children and young people together from different areas (particularly concentrating on 8 – 10 year olds from various feeder schools for South Leeds High school) and taking them by bus to a central venue rather than continue sessions at one of the local venues which inevitably draws most of its participants from the local area. However, the funding being bid for from 'Connecting Communities' does mean that some groups that are currently run will not have the funding to run in the future.

5.0 REGENERATING AREAS

5.1 Beeston Hill and Holbeck

- 5.1.1 Whilst the Government is not now expected to respond to the Housing PFI Outline Business Case until March, preparations for a positive decision continue. Consultation sessions are to be held during February to allow residents the opportunity to view the proposals contained in the application for outline planning permission. A briefing took place for City and Hunslet, and Beeston and Holbeck Ward Members on 21st January and bi-monthly briefings have been arranged.
- 5.1.2 Beeston Hill and West Hunslet Regeneration Plans were submitted to Planning Board in January.
- 5.1.3 Executive Board approval has been obtained for Phase III of the Holbeck acquisition programme, most valuations have been completed and 30% of owners have accepted offers. Phase II is 75% acquired and Phase 1 is 65% acquired. In the Beverleys, 83% of residents have either sold their properties or are in the process of so doing.
- 5.1.4 Phase 4 Group Repair has started on site and will continue through the summer
- 5.1.5 Intensive Neighbourhood Management Capital schemes worth £376k are coming to fruition with very little unmanaged slippage. Revenue schemes are also due to spend to target. A newsletter is being delivered to update residents and will be accompanied by a questionnaire designed to capture peoples views of the impact of the programme.
- 5.1.6 Tiger 11 have completed their negotiations with LCC for the acquisition of Hillside and held a successful formal launch of the project. Support from Camberwell Project and

the Development Trusts Association has continued to be helpful. A newly designed website, hosted locally, will be launched in February.

5.2 Middleton

- 5.2.1 A trip to Wythenshawe, Manchester has taken place for members of the Middleton Regeneration Board to look at a regeneration programme that has transformed a garden suburb area of the city and discuss the processes / challenges that were encountered to improve the area.
- 5.2.2 Two meetings of the Officer Co-ordination Group have also taken place and the thematic sub groups are progressing parts of the action plan well. Some sub groups are still to be established, it is anticipated that these remaining groups will be set up in the next couple of months.

5.3 Neighbourhood Improvement Plans - NIPs (see also Priority Neighbourhood Development worker)

- a) **Manor Farms NIP** – The NIP for the Manor Farms area is progressing well with every action in the NIP either complete or near completion. A newsletter was distributed to every household in the NIP area informing residents of how to get involved in the residents group and what changes are expected to be seen across the estate as part of the NIP. Plans are currently being drawn up for two multi agency action days in March and a summer event in June / July.
- b) **Arthingtons NIP** – A newsletter has been distributed to residents in the NIP area. In addition to the intensive clean up noted above, a gully (Arthington Place/Arthington Avenue) had been partially cleared. The last steering group meeting included the chair of Middleton Railway and a site visit has been arranged to check various related environmental issues
- c) **Recreations NIP** – the residents' group continues to meet monthly and has now changed its name to The Voice of Holbeck and elected a Committee.

6.0 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

6.1 Neighbourhood Wardens

- 6.1.1 The Neighbourhood Wardens team in Inner South has continued to develop over the past year. The team is now firmly established as a vital part of the multi agency Operation Champions. The Wardens are responsible for delivering information before, during and after the operation. This raises the profile of the operation within the community. It also gives residents the opportunity to assist the operation by making use of the bulky waste collection and to take up the offer of free services including target hardening, low energy light bulbs, timer switches and information about local services. The in depth knowledge that they have of local communities also helps to inform the decisions about issues to be addressed and supports the wider multi agency team in planning how the operation will be run.
- 6.1.2 A Senior Warden has been appointed who has had great success in motivating a staff team depleted by sickness and absence. There have been two members of staff who have been absent for several months due to sickness and maternity leave. The Senior Warden has been able to move staff around in order to ensure that all patches receive a minimum level of cover during these absences. This has been

communicated to Members, agencies and the public. For several months, Wardens had been working in pairs and driving from one patch to another in order to ensure that the areas were covered. This was instrumental in maintaining a high level of motivation among a very stretched staff team.

- 6.1.3 The Senior Warden has also been responsible for securing funding from the INM budget in order to appoint a temporary Warden in the Beeston Hill area. This benefited Beeston Hill as one of the major regeneration areas of the city. It also benefited the other Warden patches in inner south by allowing those Wardens to return to their patches. The Warden has been recruited and inducted by the Senior Warden so is now working his patch and making a valuable contribution to the team.
- 6.1.4 There have been improvements in the way that Warden activity is monitored. Information from their weekly logs is now collated by the Senior Warden so that closer monitoring of their work is possible. The “waste in garden letter” process has been streamlined so there is now a much clearer picture of where letters have been issued. In turn, this has revealed the success of issuing letters. Over 100 households were visited and residents given information about bulky waste collection and their responsibility to keep rubbish out of their gardens. Out of these 40 were issued with letters asking them to clear their garden or risk prosecution. As a result only 4 gardens remain uncleared and have been referred onto Environmental Enforcement for further action. Wardens regularly attend the community forums in their areas in order to pick up on local concerns and maintain their profile in their local neighbourhood.
- 6.1.5 The Senior Warden with the Neighbourhood Safety Liaison Officers has developed a programme of work to tackle distraction burglary and rogue traders who prey on older and more vulnerable members of the community. During February, the Wardens, the NSLOs and the Police Crime Reduction Officers will be visiting sheltered housing schemes and elderly aid support groups. The Neighbourhood Wardens and Crime Reduction Officer will talk about recent incidents of bogus callers within that community and to highlight that incidents have occurred within the local area. They will also provide the residents with a key contact card that will reduce the risk of them being targeted by a bogus caller along with security products including door viewers, door chains and window locks. This initiative will give reassurance to older residents and will allow Neighbourhood Wardens to raise their profile and strengthen links with the residents in these schemes.
- 6.1.6 Recently, the Wardens have been involved in some evening patrols with the Police in the Beeston Hill area. This has led to better intelligence about ASB in the area, improved reassurance to local residents and has helped forge closer working relationships between the police and Wardens.
- 6.1.7 The benefits of having this person in post over the last six months have been illustrated in the wider range of activity outlined in the details above. 6 months has been a short period of time that the acting Senior Warden has been in post for. In order to maintain, build on and secure the improvements made, the Area Committee is asked to consider funding the additional cost of a Senior Warden post in Inner South for 08/09. The approximate cost will be around £5,200 and will cover the difference in salary between the cost of a Neighbourhood Warden and Senior Neighbourhood Warden for financial year 2008/09.

6.2 Operation Champion

- 6.2.1 The calendar for operations for 2008 has now been produced. In order to ensure maximum input from partner agencies and to assist with planning, target areas have been identified and scheduled in. At the relevant planning meeting, police intelligence and information from partner agencies will be used to determine the target area of each operation. Members are invited to contribute to this planning process by passing on details of problems and areas that can then be included in these discussions. As far as possible, the operations will seek to deal with issues raised from all sources, though the final decision will rest with the police and be based on their intelligence analysis. There was no operation in December as previous experience has shown that residents are likely to be at home during the day and it is difficult to gain buy in from agencies at this busy time.
- 6.2.2 There will be four Champions in Beeston Hill. This is because Beeston Hill has seven Super Output Areas (SOAs) that are in the top 3% in the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) and is consistently a crime hotspot in the south wedge. It is therefore appropriate to target this resource in the area of highest need. However, each operation will be planned to ensure that it focuses on the issues that need to be further worked on and doesn't simply duplicate previous activity.
- 6.2.3 There are three operations in Middleton, Holbeck and Belle Isle. Again, this is because these areas cover the remaining three SOAs in south that are in the top 3% of the IMD and consistently have higher crime hotspots than some other areas.
- 6.2.4 The remaining four operations are in Far Beeston, Hunslet and the Outer South. This is in recognition that there are some issues in these communities that would benefit from Champion. The planning of Operations in these areas will reflect the levels of need in those communities.
- 6.2.5 Below is a table outline the dates of the 2008 Operation Champion and where they'll take place:-

Month	Dates of Operation Champion	Area
January	15-17 January	Middleton
February	27-28 February	Rothwell
March	10-12 March	Beeston Hill
April	15-17 April	Holbeck
May	7-9 May	Hunslet
June	11-13 June	Beeston Hill
July	16-18 July	Belle Isle
August	6-8 August	Far Beeston
September	9-11 September	Beeston Hill
October	8-10 October	Outer
November	3-5 November	Beeston Hill
December	No Operation this month	

6.3 Off-road motorbike patrols

- 6.3.1 The Area Committee funded the Police to carry out patrols to tackle the problems caused by off-road motorbikes. The areas they patrolled in December and January are set out below (the details of patrols carried out in December have already been sent separately to Elected Members):

Ward

Areas

Middleton Park	Middleton Park Sissons Middleton Estate Belle Isle Winroses Brooms
Beeston and Holbeck	Cottingley Cross Flatts Park Beeston Road Cross Flatts Normantons Malverns
City and Hunslet	Arthingtons Stourton Sweet Street Globe Road Tempest Road Stratfords Greenmount Street Stourton Midlands

6.3.2 One of the Elected Members from City & Hunslet Ward suggested various hotspots for patrols in the Hunslet area and these have been forwarded to the Police for action.

6.4 Test purchasing

6.4.1 The Area Committee funded the Police to carry out various test purchasing operations to check if off-licensed premises were selling alcohol to underage young people.

6.4.2 The test purchases were carried out in November 2007 to January 2008 with the following results (the details of the results for November/December have already been sent separately to Elected Members):

Ward	Area	Area
	November/December 2007	January 2008
Middleton Park	Middleton Road	Middleton Park Circus
	Belle Isle Road	Middleton Park Avenue
	Town Street	Belle Isle Road x 2
	Sissons Avenue	Middleton Road
	Middleton Park Avenue	Middleton District Centre
Beeston and Holbeck	Dewsbury Road x 2*	Elland Road
	Barkly Road x 2	Top Moor Side
	Cardinal Road x 2	Cardinal Road

Old Lane	Town Street Beeston
Town Street	
Elland Road	
Barton Grove	
Ring Road Beeston	

City and Hunslet

Dewsbury Road x 2*	Church Street
Barton Road	Dock Street
Woodhouse Lane x 2	
Woodview Street	
Dock Street	
Penny Hill Centre	
Leasowe Road	

*4 operations carried out in Dewsbury Road; assumed split between B&H and C&H Wards

Results

Results: all premises passed (i.e. asked for ID from under-age volunteer) except for 1 fail where a £80 penalty notice was issued to the sales assistant.

Results: all premises passed (i.e. asked for ID from under-age volunteer)

7.0 Development of 2008 – 2011 Area Delivery Plan

- 7.1 Work has commenced on developing the 2008 -2011 Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for the Inner South Area Committee. This plan will link closely to the Leeds Strategic Plan (LSP) which Area Committees were consulted on in November 2007. The LSP ensures that themes within the Vision for Leeds, Local Area Agreement and Leeds Regeneration Plan are an integrated framework which will help tackle neighbourhood needs. The ADP will be based upon the LSP’s thematic improvement priorities and the strategic outcomes. The ADP will also take into account the greater range of service and function responsibilities the Area Committee will have from the start of the next municipal year. Local performance indicators will also be developed to show how specific actions provide benefits locally as well as how they are contributing to city-wide targets.
- 7.2 Part of the ADP development process will incorporate some forms of consultation – with ward members, the community and relevant agencies. The need to avoid consultation fatigue particularly with members of the community has been taken into account in the following proposals:

Ward Member Consultation

Following consultation the revised LSP improvement priorities are in the attached appendix. At this meeting Members are encouraged to express their view on preferred

priorities for this Area Committee's ADP. Councillors may also wish to discuss theme champion roles, where each ward member would be able to oversee and take a special interest in one or more of the LSP themes within the Committee's ADP. In addition to this Committee meeting, it is suggested that Members meet informally to feed in views on the above on behalf of their wards and as such agree a time and date for this meeting to take place.

Community Consultation

Two exercises are underway to feed in issues which have consistently come from the community in the recent past such as from NIPs, consultation on regeneration plans and from the INM area. For example there will be an analysis of key issues from previous consultation exercises as well as looking at suggestions which local residents have put forward to improve their area. The other exercise is a postcard which is being sent to a number of community groups representing various communities in Inner South Leeds and placed within various community access points such as libraries, sports centres, community centres, one stop centres, etc. Appendix 1 shows the draft outline of the postcard. The postcard asks people to put forward their views on what they feel are the big issues that we need to tackle in the 2008 – 2011 ADP and the big ideas for addressing these particular problems.

Agency Consultation

Meetings will be held with all the relevant agencies that the ADP will have impact on to discuss specific actions relating to their service and set targets on various issues to have an impact over the next three years.

- 7.3 It is anticipated that a draft ADP is presented at the April Area Committee, with a final version going to the June meeting for agreement to implement the plan. It is then intended that quarterly monitoring of the plan will take place and the Area Committee will receive a full progress report on the ADP within the year.

8.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 8.1 No specific issues are identified

9.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 9.1 No specific issues are identified

10.0 Recommendations

- 10.1 The Committee is asked:
- a) to note the contents of this report
 - b) make comment as appropriate on any of the items in this report.

Leeds Strategic Plan - The Revised Strategic Outcomes and Improvement Priorities

<p>Our Ambition</p>	<p>Our Mission is to bring the benefits of a prosperous, vibrant and attractive city to all the people of Leeds. We want:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• people to be happy, healthy, safe, successful and free from the effects of poverty;• our young people to be equipped to contribute to their own and the city's future well being and prosperity;• local people to be engaged in decisions about their neighbourhood and
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	<p>community and help shape local services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • neighbourhoods to be inclusive, varied and vibrant offering housing options and quality facilities and free from harassment and crime; • an environment that is clean, green, attractive and above all, sustainable; and • a city-region that is prosperous, innovative, attractive and distinctive enabling people, business and the economy to realise their full potential.
Strategic Outcomes	Improvement Priorities
<p>Culture</p> <p>Increased participation in cultural opportunities through engaging with all our communities.</p> <p>Enhanced cultural opportunities through encouraging investment and development of high quality facilities of national and international significance.</p>	<p>Enable more people to become involved in sport and culture by providing better quality and wider ranging activities and facilities.</p> <p>Facilitate the delivery of major cultural schemes of international significance.</p>
<p>Skills and Economy</p> <p>Increased entrepreneurship and innovation through effective support to achieve the full potential of people, business and the economy.</p> <p>Increased international competitiveness through marketing and investment in high quality infrastructure and physical assets, particularly in the city centre.</p>	<p>Increase innovation and entrepreneurial activity across the city</p> <p>Facilitate the delivery of major developments in the city centre to enhance the economy and support local employment</p> <p>Increase international communications, marketing and business support activities to promote the city and attract investment.</p>
<p>Learning</p> <p>Enhance the current and future workforce through fulfilling individual and economic potential and investing in learning facilities.</p>	<p>Enhance the skill level of the workforce to fulfill individual and economic potential</p> <p>Improve learning outcomes for all 16 year olds, with a focus on narrowing the achievement gap.</p> <p>Improve learning outcomes and skill levels for 19 year olds.</p> <p>Increase the proportion of vulnerable groups engaged in education, training or employment.</p> <p>Improve participation and early learning outcomes for all children, with a focus on families in deprived areas.</p>

<p>Transport</p> <p>Increased accessibility and connectivity through investment in a high quality transport system and through influencing others and changing behaviours</p>	<p>Deliver and facilitate a range of transport proposals for an enhanced transport system.</p> <p>Improve the quality, use and accessibility of public transport services in Leeds.</p> <p>Improve the condition of the streets and transport infrastructure by carrying out a major programme of maintenance and improvements.</p> <p>Improve road safety for all our users, especially motor cyclists pedal cyclists and pedestrians.</p>
<p>Environment</p> <p>Reduced ecological footprint through responding to environmental and climate change and influencing others.</p> <p>Cleaner, greener and more attractive city through effective environmental management and changed behaviours.</p>	<p>Increase the amount of waste reused and recycled and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.</p> <p>Reduce emissions from public sector buildings, operations and service delivery, and encourage others to do so.</p> <p>Undertake actions to improve our resilience to current and future climate change.</p> <p>Address neighbourhood problem sites; improve cleanliness and access to and quality of green spaces.</p> <p>Improve the quality and sustainability of the built and natural environment.</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Reduced health inequalities through the promotion of healthy life choices and improved access to services.</p> <p>Improved quality of life through maximising the potential of vulnerable people by promoting independence, dignity and respect.</p> <p>Enhanced safety and support for vulnerable people through preventative and protective action to minimise risks and maximise wellbeing.</p>	<p>Reduce premature deaths fro circulatory diseases.</p> <p>Reduce in the number of people who smoke.</p> <p>Reduce rate of increase in obesity and raise physical activity for all.</p> <p>Reduce teenage conception and improve sexual health.</p> <p>Improve the assessment and care management of children, families and vulnerable adults.</p> <p>Improve psychological and mental health services for children, young people and families.</p> <p>Increase the number of vulnerable people helped to live at home.</p> <p>Increase the proportion of people in receipt of community services enjoying choice and control over their daily lives.</p> <p>Embed a safeguarding culture for all.</p>

<p>Thriving Places</p> <p>Improved quality of life through mixed neighbourhoods offering good housing options and better access to services and activities.</p> <p>Reduced crime and fear of crime through prevention, detection, offender management and changed behaviours.</p> <p>Increased economic activity through targeted support to reduce worklessness and poverty.</p>	<p>Increase the number of “decent homes”.</p> <p>Increase the number of affordable homes.</p> <p>Reduce the number of homeless people.</p> <p>Reduce the number of people who are not able to adequately heat their homes.</p> <p>Increase financial inclusion in deprived areas.</p> <p>Reduce crime and fear of crime.</p> <p>Reduce offending.</p> <p>Reduce the harm from drugs and alcohol to individuals and society.</p> <p>Reduce anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Reduce bullying and harassment.</p> <p>Reduce worklessness across the city with a focus on deprived areas.</p> <p>Reduce the number of children in poverty.</p> <p>Develop extended services, using sites across the city, to improve support to children, families and communities.</p>
<p>Stronger Communities</p> <p>More inclusive, varied and vibrant communities through empowering people to contribute to decision making and delivering local services.</p> <p>Improved community cohesion and integration through meaningful involvement and valuing equality and diversity.</p>	<p>An increased number of local people engaged in activities to meet community needs and improve the quality of life for local residents.</p> <p>An increase in the number of local people that are empowered to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and a greater role in public service delivery.</p> <p>Enable a robust and vibrant voluntary, community and faith sector to facilitate community activity and directly deliver services.</p> <p>An increased sense of belonging and pride in local neighbourhoods that help to build cohesive communities.</p>

SIDE 1

Your Area Committee (all your councillors) is developing a 3 year plan to set out our priorities for improving the area. The plan will cover council Wards of Beeston & Holbeck, City and Hunslet and Middleton Park (includes Belle Isle).

We'll be working with Council services and various agencies (including Police, Primary Care Trust, Aire Valley Homes and voluntary sector) to put the plan into action.

Most importantly we want your views. Talk to your local councillor and let us know what you want in the new Area Delivery Plan by taking a few minutes to fill in this short form and send it back to us. If you fully complete the form and return to us (free) by xxxMarch 2007, we'll enter you into our prize draw. A chance to win £xxx of vouchers!

Thanks for your time

Councillor Angela Gabriel
(Chair of Leeds City Council Inner South Area Committee)

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SIDE 2

Culture - Health and Well-Being – Environment – Enterprise & Economy - Learning
Thriving Neighbourhoods – Stronger Communities

What's the BIG issues you want us to tackle over the next 3 years?

What BIG ideas have you got for how these issues are tackled?

To help us monitor our returns please tell us your main ethnic origin:.....
Age.....Postcode/neighbourhood.....

If you would like to be kept informed provide your name, postal address and preferably e-mail:

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If you would like to be entered into the prize draw tick here:

To return, simply put this card into the post. If you want to let us know more about the big issues and big ideas, write to our address (see other side) or e-mail: nhd.southareacomm@leeds.gov.uk.

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Report of The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods Directorate

Meeting: Inner South Leeds Area Committee

Date: Tuesday 19th February 2008

Subject: Indices of Deprivation and Working Neighbourhoods Fund

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Beeston & Holbeck City & Hunslet Middleton Park</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report highlights the positive changes that have been highlighted for this area by the recent publication of the 2007 Indices of Deprivation (IoD). The report indicates that on the basis of positive improvement in the Leeds deprivation levels that the Government has determined that the City will not become eligible for the Working Neighbourhoods Fund, which is seen as the successor programme to the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. The report also highlights those projects operating locally which presently utilise NRF, and as a result will need to find other sources of income if they are to be sustained.

2.0 INDICES OF DEPRIVATION

2.1 New IoD data were published by the Department for Communities and Local Government on 6th December 2007. The methodology underpinning the IoD 2004 and the IoD 2007 are largely the same (though there have been small changes to some of the underlying indicators). Because of the limited variations between the way both data sets have been calculated it is reasonable to assume that comparison between the two Indices is legitimate.

2.2 The majority of indicators used in the compilation of the 2007 IoD are derived from data arising produced in 2005, (2001/2 for the 2004 IoD). Consequently on the ground small changes may have occurred in actual data since the collection date, but nevertheless this information is the most accurate presently available.

2.3 Leeds has seen significant improvements in the number of areas which are considered to be suffering from deprivation and in the relative depth of that deprivation. The area of Leeds

is subdivided into 476 Super Output Areas (each comprising approximately 1500 people). Of these 476 areas 415 had an improvement in their IoD ranking (87%), with 61 seeing a fall (13%). In addition compared to 2004 there was a sizable shift in rankings against other SOAs nationally. For example in 2004 the most deprived SOA in Leeds ranked 36 (out of 32,000 nationally) and four ranked in the most deprived 100. In 2007 no areas were in the worst 100 with the most deprived SOA in Leeds ranking 113.

- 2.4 Detailed analysis in respect of the Beeston Hill and Holbeck Intensive Neighbourhood Management Area is contained in appendix a. This shows that of the 7 SOAs in the area all 7 have improved in terms of overall IoD (although not all 7 have improved on all the elements that comprise the IoD), and that this improvement has led to 2 of these areas no longer being classified as within the top 3% most deprived SOAs nationally. There area a small number of issues that have worsened across various SOAs. However whilst one area may have got progressively worse in respect of one domain, frequently neighbouring areas will have improved. The greatest consistency of issues that have worsened relate to income deprivation effecting children, families and older people.

3.0 WORKING NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND (WNF)

- 3.1 Following on from the publication of the IoD data, the Government announced which authorities would in the future be eligible to receive WNF. This fund is being seen as a replacement for Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF), but the priorities are very different, reflecting the Governments concern that employment, skills and training are the key issues holding back the country's most deprived areas.
- 3.2 Leeds was not named as one of the 66 Authorities which would receive this new fund. However 21 Authorities which previously received NRF were awarded transitional funding for 2 years to enable them to progressively move away from dependency on NRF funding. In 2007/8 Leeds will receive £8.9m and £3.5m the following year. For comparison, in 2007/8 Leeds received £14.8m from NRF. This funding is supporting a wide range of projects delivered by the public and VCF sectors and its loss will have a significant impact on the potential to develop programmes which tackle local problems. Many of these projects have been felt to be extremely effective and they have helped to secure the improvements that have been witnessed through the IoD data.
- 3.3 Within the Council, work is ongoing to review the existing Neighbourhood Renewal programme and to develop a transitional exit programme that minimises where possible the impact of the loss of funding on beneficiaries sustains improvements made to date and supports activity that will contribute to the achievement of the emerging service improvement priorities in the Leeds Strategic Plan.
- 3.4 The full list of existing projects which actively benefit the South Leeds Area and are in receipt of NRF is contained in appendix 2. It needs to be noted that several of these projects work across the city or a number of areas of the city and the identified financial allocation reflects that wider geographical working.
- 3.5 Given the extent of the reduction in grant funding, it is inevitable that there will be some impact upon the Neighbourhood Renewal Area. However, until decisions are made regarding the allocation of the transitional funding and projects have had the opportunity to determine their capacity to fund from mainstream resources or attract additional funding, it will not be possible to determine the extent of that impact and whether the impact is immediate impact or one deferred by a (reduced) allocation of transitional funding.
- 3.6 It is intended that further reports will be taken to the Area Committee on this issue, which may influence the way in which wellbeing funding is allocated. However, the Committees potential to pick up support for projects losing NRF is limited by the size of the budget and the existing commitment to a range of projects. Similarly it is proposed to bring a progress report back to this board once the likely impact on the area is known.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress that has been made in the area, as evidenced by the new loD data.

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An understanding of the Indices of Deprivation 2007

Intensive Neighbourhood Management Area

Beeston & Holbeck

Indices of Deprivation 2007

Beeston & Holbeck Intensive Neighbourhood Management Area

Some key things to note across the area as a whole

- Generally an improving picture across the area as a whole with the majority of SOAs improving their rankings across most domains
- All 7 SOAs have seen an improvement in their Index of Multiple Deprivation rankings
- In 2004 all 7 SOAs were ranked in the most deprived 3% nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation while 5 SOAs still remain in this bracket 2 have improved their rankings sufficiently to have moved out of it

Some key things to note within individual SOAs

E01011312: Trentham Street / Oakleys / Garnets

- While this SOA is still ranked in the most deprived 3% nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation, it has improved across most domains, the two exceptions being Income Deprivation and Income Deprivation Affecting Children
- In 2004 it was ranked in the most deprived 3% in 6 other domains, this number has reduced to 3 in 2007 - it also still remains in the most deprived 3% nationally for Income (including Income Deprivation Affecting Older People) and Living Environment
- Perhaps the most notable improvements have been in the Employment, Health, and Education domains which have seen the area move out of the 3% brackets, and in Crime where the improvement has been enough to move it out of the 10% bracket

E01011364: Malvern Road / St Lukes / Lady Pit Lane

- While this SOA is still ranked in the most deprived 3% nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation, it has improved across most domains, the three exceptions being Employment, Crime and Income Deprivation Affecting Older People
- Where the rankings have improved this has not generally been sufficient to move the SOA beyond the 3%, 10% and 20% brackets it occupied in 2004
- The falling rankings in Employment and Crime now see the area drop from the 10% bracket into the most deprived 3% nationally

E01011371: Bismarcks / Dewsbury Road / Burton Street

- While this SOA is still ranked in the most deprived 3% nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation, it has improved across most domains, the three exceptions being Employment, Health and Living Environment
- The improved rankings in the Education and Crime domains have seen the area move out of the 3% brackets
- The fall in the Living Environment ranking means that the area has dropped from the 10% bracket into the most deprived 3% nationally

E01011372: Stratford Street / Beverleys

- While this SOA is still ranked in the most deprived 3% nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation, it has improved its ranking in every domain
- In 2004 the area was ranked in the most deprived 3% nationally in every domain (except Barriers to Housing and Services) the improved 2007 rankings mean that it has moved out of this bracket in 5 out of the 8 domains - Income, Education and Living Environment being the three areas where it remains in the 3% bracket

E01011373: Barton Road / Coupland Street / Sunbeam Place

- In 2004 this SOA was ranked in the most deprived 3% nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation – its improved ranking in 2007 lifts it out of this bracket although it still remains in the most deprived 10% on the national scale
- Where the rankings have improved this has not generally been sufficient to move the SOA beyond the 3%, 10% and 20% brackets it occupied in 2004, the exceptions being Education where it has moved out of the 3% bracket and Living Environment where it has moved out of the 10%

E01011375: Wickham Street / Seftons / Harlechs

- While this SOA is still ranked in the most deprived 3% nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation, it has improved across most domains, the two exceptions being Education and Income Deprivation Affecting Older People
- Perhaps the most notable improvements have been in the areas of Employment and Crime - the improved ranking in the Employment Deprivation domain is sufficient to have moved the area out of the most deprived 3%, while the improved ranking in the Crime domain has moved it beyond the 20% threshold

E01011368: Crosby Street / Recreations / Bartons

- In 2004 this SOA was ranked in the most deprived 3% nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation – its improved ranking in 2007 lifts it out of this bracket although it still remains in the most deprived 10% on the national scale
- The area has improved its rankings across every domain
- Perhaps the most notable improvement is in the Employment Deprivation domain where the ranking has improved by over 2,500 places from 970 in 2004 to 3,490 in 2007, lifting it from the 3% bracket into the 20%

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LOWERSOA	Ward	SOA includes	Whole or part of SOA in the area	Index of Multiple Deprivation		Income Deprivation Domain		Employment Deprivation Domain		Health Deprivation & Disability	
				2004	2007	2004	2007	2004	2007	2004	2007
E01011312	City & Hunslet	Trentham St, Oakleys, Garnets	Whole	209	680	523	433	723	2422	946	2389
				Change	Change	Change	Change	Change	Change	Change	Change
E01011364	City & Hunslet	Malvern Road, St Lukes, Lady Pit Lane	Whole	478	824	1249	2298	1008	931	1072	1804
E01011371	City & Hunslet	Bismarcks, Dewsbury Road, Burton St	Whole	601	716	1363	1606	1293	1071	2194	1473
E01011372	City & Hunslet	Straford Street, Beverleys	Whole	36	588	301	420	623	3173	659	2354
E01011373	City & Hunslet	Barton Road, Coupland St, Sunbeam Place	Whole	762	1136	2268	234	1510	2292	1331	1577
E01011375	City & Hunslet	Wickham St, Seftons, Harlechs	Whole	162	636	199	434	408	2253	1290	1632
E01011368	Beeston & Holbeck	Crosby St, Recreations, Bartons	Whole	470	1491	1394	2844	970	3490	2203	3481

LOWERSOA	Ward	SOA includes	Whole or part of SOA in the area	Education, Skills & Training		Barriers to Housing & Services		Crime & Disorder Domain		Living Environment Domain	
				2004	2007	2004	2007	2004	2007	2004	2007
E01011312	City & Hunslet	Trentham St, Oakleys, Garnets	Whole	928	1040	15747	22647	1639	5026	5	58
E01011364	City & Hunslet	Malvern Road, St Lukes, Lady Pit Lane	Whole	97	327	16731	24094	1257	954	3863	4648
E01011371	City & Hunslet	Bismarcks, Dewsbury Road, Burton St	Whole	920	709	13589	20909	510	1613	1101	745
E01011372	City & Hunslet	Straford Street, Beverleys	Whole	256	113	14344	21139	446	1637	15	152
E01011373	City & Hunslet	Barton Road, Coupland St, Sunbeam Place	Whole	801	250	15332	21802	245	504	2523	3356
E01011375	City & Hunslet	Wickham St, Seftons, Harlechs	Whole	870	392	14628	21282	3395	6535	71	310
E01011368	Beeston & Holbeck	Crosby St, Recreations, Bartons	Whole	609	638	17184	24592	1819	2797	7	34

LOWERSOA	Ward	SOA includes	Whole or part of SOA in the area	Income Deprivation Affecting Children		Income Deprivation Affecting Older People	
				2004	2007	2004	2007
E01011312	City & Hunslet	Trentham St, Oakleys, Garnets	Whole	2853	734	538	790
E01011364	City & Hunslet	Malvern Road, St Lukes, Lady Pit Lane	Whole	723	2310	3500	2457
E01011371	City & Hunslet	Bismarcks, Dewsbury Road, Burton St	Whole	2212	3448	1006	1520
E01011372	City & Hunslet	Straford Street, Beverleys	Whole	921	2879	464	1045
E01011373	City & Hunslet	Barton Road, Coupland St, Sunbeam Place	Whole	3425	2600	3195	2193
E01011375	City & Hunslet	Wickham St, Seftons, Harlechs	Whole	924	3118	755	335
E01011368	Beeston & Holbeck	Crosby St, Recreations, Bartons	Whole	2744	3870	1960	4491

Key

Ranking	Red + red = SOA ranked within the 3% most deprived in the country within the specified domain
	Red = SOA ranked within the 10% most deprived in the country within the specified domain
	Blue = SOA ranked within the 20% most deprived in the country within the specified domain
Changes	▲ denotes increase in rank
	▼ denotes decrease in rank

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NRF Projects Working in South Leeds, 2007/08

Project	Organisation	2007/08 Allocation	Project Summary
Aire Valley Leeds - Employment Access Team	Aire Valley Leeds	£57,000.00	To match the existing and emerging employment opportunities in Aire Valley Leeds (AVL) with the employment and training needs of communities in Inner East, North East & South Leeds, identified in the respective District Action Plans and the Regeneration Plan as the worst 5% for Employment and Training Deprivation.
Active Health Programme	Belle Isle Family Centre	£95,390.00	This project provides joint physical activity opportunities and lifestyle advice, delivered in partnership by health professionals and community workers.
Developing Cohesive Communities	Education Leeds	£138,300.00	This project aims to narrow the achievement gap between underachieving BME students and the Leeds average, through delivering packages of activities for new arrivals, delivering training for school staff and students, and developing networks to share good practice between schools.
Developing Healthy Communities	Education Leeds	£142,070.00	This project aims to improve health behaviours of children and young people by rolling out the Advanced Healthy Schools Standard at national status.
Developing Learning Communities	Education Leeds	£639,000.00	This project provides a range of study support activities including the city learning centres and study support centres, e.g. at Eland Road and the White Rose Shopping Centre.
Forest Schools	Groundwork Leeds	£43,253.00	This project provides a proactive approach to reach children early before they become entrenched non-attenders. School children aged 11-12 (Year 7) visit a woodland over a period of weeks and take part in a variety of exciting educational activities and tasks. Supported by trained staff, they learn to develop confidence in their social and academic abilities.
Motiv8	Groundwork Leeds	£55,284.00	The Motiv8 project works with young people (13-14 years old) who have behavioural problems, difficult family circumstances and poor attendance records. A structured programme of practical activities improves basic skills and provides opportunities to gain training, accreditation and qualifications. Motiv8 enables young people to work as a team to create and contribute to positive environmental improvements in their local communities.
Groundwork Green Doctor & CASAC Safer Living	Groundwork Leeds & CASAC-Leeds	£100,000.00	'Green Doctor' will work with CASAC to provide workshops for tenants and residents groups and free visits to low-income and elderly households in priority wards in Leeds. The project will focus on fuel poverty as well as energy and environmental issues, such as recycling and water-use using, a combination of technical and non-technical measures. The project will complement existing support services, linking with CASAC Buglary Reduction (CBR). At present CBR Safety Engineers attend domestic properties upgrading security measures and providing community safety messages. Safer Living will provide resource to assess properties and increase grant uptake and household energy-saving practices relating to fuel poverty issues.
Tackling Health Inequalities	Hamara	£54,998.00	This project aims to develop and sustain a programme of activities to improve the health of disadvantaged communities, particularly in relation to Coronary Heart

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			Disease (CHD), young people's health issues and initiatives to encourage more active communities.
Four out of Ten	Learning Partnerships	£200,000.00	This project will provide an excellent teachers scheme to share good practice, academic mentors for borderline students and learning clubs.
The Job Zone	Learning Partnerships	£650,000.00	The Job Zone targets people living in greatest areas of need, providing supported pathways into employment, building on the work of the Learning & Skills Council-funded Learning Zone. This is a partnership project with the East, Inner North East and South Leeds District Partnerships Worklessness groups.
Leeds Ahead	Leeds Ahead	£53,962.00	This project secures private sector resources to support practical delivery on neighbourhood renewal projects, related to employment outcomes.
Tackling Anti-Social Noise Incidents in Leeds	Leeds City Council, Environmental Health	£226,970.00	This project provides a city-wide night-time noise service, with priority given to complaints received from the most deprived Super Output Areas. Promotional activities will be aimed at educating the public about noise and its adverse effects on health.
Jobstart	Leeds City Council, Jobs & Skills	£783,205.00	The project provides a menu of services to provide a customised entry route to employment, based on the individual needs of the beneficiary.
Leeds Incapacity Employment Project - Area Ambassadors	Leeds City Council, Jobs & Skills	£93,000.00	Working closely with GP surgeries, primary care workers and the voluntary sector, this project will engage with employers to provide work opportunities and support people from incapacity benefit into sustained employment.
Leeds Incapacity Employment Project - Musculoskeletal Programme	Leeds City Council, Jobs & Skills	£114,240.00	This project supports people on incapacity benefits to manage their condition so they can re-engage and return to work.
Film Academy	Leeds City Council, Leeds Film	£77,408.00	This project provides a year-long out-of-hours programme for disaffected young people linked into the Leeds Film Festival.
Cleaner Cities - Parks	Leeds City Council, Parks & Countryside	£299,913.00	The project will engage with communities in the deprived areas of the city to deliver greenspace improvements. This will include carrying out intensive neighbourhood environmental clean-ups using local employed and trained individuals, working in partnership with the VFCS and other bodies to make physical improvements within the areas, leading to 'In Bloom' status for each neighbourhood, and enforcing good environmental practice.
Area Regeneration Teams - South	Leeds City Council, Regeneration Service	£201,100.00	This project will safeguard the work of a dedicated regeneration delivery team in South Leeds. The team will plan and implement area-based regeneration programmes.
Leeds Neighbourhood Wardens	Leeds City Council, Regeneration Service	£593,956.00	This project supports the provision of Neighbourhood Wardens to provide community reassurance, a reduction in anti-social behaviour and improvements in the liveability of the area.
Strategic Coordination and Implementation Partnership (SCIP)	Leeds City Council, Regeneration Service	£332,000.00	This project will provide a leadership and governance function to support the Local Strategic Partnership and a comprehensive programme management function to manage external funding. This will ensure resources are maximised and targeted to achieve the City's priorities.

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Cleaner Cities - Enhancing the Streetscene	Leeds City Council, Streetscene Services	£2,599,873.00	This project is focused on creating streets that are clean, safe, attractive and accessible, and that are capable of being able to contribute the city's aspirations of being awarded the status of Britain's Cleanest City. The project will also engage with communities in the deprived areas of the city to deliver greenspace improvements. The project will be delivered through partnership working between Leeds City Council and the voluntary and community sector.
Connexions Youth Project	Leeds City Council, Youth Service	£236,467.00	This project provides personal advisor support to disaffected and hard to reach young people, resulting in the development of individual learning plans.
Sport Academy	Leeds City Council, Youth Service	£35,700.00	This project provides sports-based accredited training and qualifications for disaffected young people, giving them the skills, knowledge and confidence to gain employment or go on to further education in the sport and recreation field.
Youth Service Sexual Health Link Project	Leeds City Council, Youth Service	£110,966.00	This project aims to continue to develop and deliver innovative sex and relationship educational approaches and methods of working to ensure that young people have access to user-friendly and appropriate information, guidance, help and services to address a full range of sexual health needs.
Strategic Coordination and Implementation Partnership (SCIP)	Leeds Initiative	£80,000.00	This project will provide a leadership and governance function to support the LSP and a comprehensive programme management function to manage external funding. This will ensure resources are maximised and targeted to achieve the City's priorities.
Support to Employment Project (STEP)	Leeds Mind	£79,984.00	The project provides specialised support to enable people with mental health problems to engage with mainstream employment-related vocational activities and employment opportunities.
'All Being Well' Market Stall project	Leeds Primary Care Trust	£36,530.00	This project will deliver activities that will improve health and well-being, reduce health inequalities and narrow the gap in life expectancy through the operation of a drop-in health and well-being advice centre from a market stall in Kirkgate Market. Activities will include cookery demonstrations and engaging market traders in delivering the 5 a day message.
Engaging Inactive Children and Communities in South Leeds	Leeds Primary Care Trust	£51,000.00	The project aims, through partnership work, to improve health and wellbeing by increasing activity levels of children and their communities in deprived areas of South Leeds.
Leeds Health Trainers	Leeds Primary Care Trust	£101,550.00	The Health Trainer programme trains local people to work with local people, primarily those not in contact with services, supporting them to succeed in making health changes. In Leeds we aim to develop a programme which will deliver through the VCFS, as well as other partners in the future, e.g. prisons.
The Leeds 5 A Day Project	Leeds Primary Care Trust	£84,540.00	This project will increase access to and availability of fruit and vegetables, and increase consumption within lower socio-economic groups in Leeds, particularly targeting those disadvantaged communities who experience the highest incidence of coronary heart disease (CHD) and cancer.
Local People Into Construction	Leeds re'Build	£155,794.00	This project supports local residents to access employment opportunities in the construction sector.

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Re Engage with the Rhinos	Leeds Rugby Foundation	£59,600.00	The 'Re Engage' project is a sports educational programme that uses the 'power of sport' along with the brand and authority of Leeds Rhinos to provide inspiration and motivation for up to 300 disillusioned and disadvantaged young people, leading to positive changes and increases in school attendance, attitude and behaviour.
Community Empowerment Network	Leeds VOICE	£334,933.00	The main aim of this project is to sustain, support and develop the Community Empowerment Network in Leeds, in order to facilitate appropriate representation of the VCFS throughout the Leeds Local Area Agreement and Leeds Initiative structures.
Youth Crime Prevention	Leeds Youth Offending Service	£50,000.00	This project seeks to reduce year-on-year the number of first time entrants to the youth justice system. A youth crime prevention manager will have responsibility for driving through the youth crime prevention strategy that is currently being produced for the City.
Leeds Welcome Project	RETAS	£108,956.00	This project supports refugees to enable them to access employment opportunities at an appropriate level for their skills and qualification level, for example health professionals.
Acquisitive Crime Reduction	Safer Leeds	£350,000.00	The project aims to support the reduction of acquisitive crime, with emphasis on domestic burglary and repeat offences. Activities include target hardening, alley-gating, publicity and promotion, and comprehensive home security measures.
CCTV - Leedswatch Local and Mobile CCTV Vans	Safer Leeds	£253,000.00	This project supports the enhanced provision of Leedswatch Local and Mobile CCTV vans. This also includes the contribution of CCTV to multi-agency operations.
Community Safety Commissioning	Safer Leeds	£1,080,000	A range of activities will be commissioned through an evidence-based process to address the key activity areas of burglary, criminal damage, vehicle crime, violent crime and offender management.
Drugs Intervention Project Referral Support	Safer Leeds	£112,000.00	The project will provide additional capacity within the DIP Arrest Referral Team to meet demand as a result of the introduction of 'Follow Up Assessments' as part of the DIP process. Follow Up Assessments give additional opportunities to engage positively with offenders, and increase the numbers entering into the treatment system to help address the causes of their behaviour.
Intensive Neighbourhood Operations	Safer Leeds	£734,112.00	This project will support drug enforcement and sustained police operations in key neighbourhoods to combat crime.
Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Unit	Safer Leeds	£1,159,780.00	This project will work alongside partner agencies to provide an effective response to tackling anti-social behaviour, through diversionary activity and enforcement.
Police Community Support Officers	Safer Leeds	£151,350.00	This project contribute to the reduction of Crime and Disorder (including ASB) within the city of Leeds, by providing a visible presence on the street. PCSOs patrol, gather intelligence, reassure the public and assist in the prevention of crime.
Signpost Project	Safer Leeds	£183,600.00	This project seeks to reduce anti-social behaviour in the worst affected neighbourhoods by targeting young people who are causing the most problems.

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Healthy Lifestyles and Exercise Project (HELP)	South Leeds Health for All	£88,000.00	through intensive work with both the individual and the family. This is a partnership project working in the south, east and north west of Leeds, building on and expanding the existing, successful Healthy Lifestyles project. It will engage primarily BME older people through the provision of physical activity, healthy eating and smoking cessation groups and individual Lifestyle Change counselling sessions within community settings.
Learning in the Community	South Leeds Health for All	£76,573.00	This project will engage local community groups within South Leeds with educational and employment opportunities in the area to increase skills and employment.
Year 8/9 Inclusion Project aka Link	St Lukes CARES	£27,225.00	The project assists in the improvement in the level of attendance of Year 8 and Year 9 students in South Leeds secondary schools, by provision of community-based alternative education designed to encourage and enable previous non-attendees with their return to education.
Healthy Activities in Inner East Leeds	St Vincent's Support Centre	£44,657.00	The project aims to improve the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged people living in inner East Leeds through the provision of healthy, affordable meals in a community café, the delivery of healthy living activities to local people including cookery, nutrition, budgeting, volunteering and food hygiene courses and by raising awareness of health risks through promotional activities.
Beeston and Holbeck Community Radio	Vera Media	£95,546.00	This project supports the educational attainment of young people and non-traditional learners through accredited training linked to the development of a community radio station in Beeston and Holbeck.
Leeds Arson Task Force	West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service	£160,000.00	This project will reduce the incidence of deliberate fires, car crime, violent attacks on firefighters and arson-related anti-social behaviour within the Leeds areas containing the top 3% of the most deprived Super Output Areas in the country, through educational, environmental and enforcement activities.

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