



NORTH EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

**Meeting to be held in Tree Tops Community Centre, Squirrel Way, Alwoodley, Leeds, LS17
8FQ on
Monday, 21st March, 2011 at 6.00 pm**

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

G Wilkinson (Chair)	-	Wetherby;
A Lamb	-	Wetherby;
J Procter	-	Wetherby;
R D Feldman	-	Alwoodley;
Mrs R Feldman	-	Alwoodley;
P Harrand	-	Alwoodley;
A Castle	-	Harewood;
R Procter	-	Harewood;
M Robinson	-	Harewood;

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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>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:</p>	

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5			<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</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>	
6			<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>	
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Agenda Item 7

NORTH EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor G Wilkinson in the Chair

Councillors A Lamb, J Procter,
R D Feldman, Mrs R Feldman, P Harrand,
A Castle and M Robinson

Apologies Councillor R Procter

53 Late Items

In accordance with his powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit to the agenda a late report in respect of Agenda Item 11 (Minute No. 66 refers) – Wellbeing Fund 2010/11 – Update Report.

The report had not been available at the time of agenda despatch, but it was regarded as necessary to consider it as a late item of urgent business, as it contained details of applications for funding from various local organisations.

54 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor R Procter.

55 Declaration of Interests

The following declarations of personal interest were made:-

- Agenda Item 19 (Minute No. 63 refers) – West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – Collaborative Working within Area Committees – Councillors A Castle and P Harrand in their capacity as members of the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

See also Minute No. 61.

56 Open Forum

Reference was made to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure Rules for an Open Forum session to take place at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee, to allow members of the public to ask questions or to make representations on matters which fell within the remit of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no such matters were raised.

57 Minutes - 6th December 2010

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Monday, 21st March, 2011

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

58 Towards Integrated Locality Working

The Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) submitted a report outlining the concept of locality working across the City, and how this was proposed to be introduced.

In attendance at the meeting and responding to Members' queries and comments, were Shaid Mahmood, Area Leader, South East Leeds, and Rory Barke, Area Leader, East and North East Leeds. In brief summary the main points of discussion were:-

- Whilst welcoming the appointment of Rory Barke to his new position under the revised arrangements, Members expressed some scepticism at the impact the new Area Leader posts would have in practice. It was regarded that much of the power over local service delivery still lay either with other Council officers – Streetscene Services being a good example – or with partner agencies which had their own priorities and budget issues. In these circumstances, Members were likely to adhere to the tried and tested method of contacting the Chief Officer or the Chief Executive direct if they had any problems. The officers accepted that it was unrealistic to expect an overnight improvement, it would be a gradual process. However, experience with the pathfinder project, piloted in SE Leeds, had shown that greater co-ordination of services and effort towards the common goal of improved services at local level had led to real achievements in community engagement, partnership working and locality improvements.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

59 Proposed Delegation of Environmental Services to Area Committees

Further to Minute No. 35, 25th October 2010, and Minute No. 45, 6th December 2010, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report updating the Committee regarding the proposed delegation of elements of Streetscene Services to Area Committees with effect from the beginning of the new Municipal Year.

In attendance at the meeting, and responding to Members' queries and comments, was Dayle Lynch, Environment and Neighbourhoods Department. In brief summary, the main points of discussion were:-

- It was explained that overall control of the delegated services would remain with the Chief Officer Environmental Services within the Environment and Neighbourhoods Department. In terms of day to day operation of the services, this responsibility would lay with three posts

of Locality Manager, one within each of the three wedges across the City.

- Reference was made to Member involvement to date, which included an Outer NE workshop held on 12th January, and proposals for further Member involvement in Phase 2 of the implementation plan in February and March, which included discussions on proposed Service Level Agreements for each Area Committee area.
- Members were not convinced that the proposals were a material improvement on existing arrangements. No extra resources were being made available, and it appeared that central control would be maintained over staff and machinery.

It was explained that, via the Area Leaders and the Locality Managers, Area Committees would have a real say in establishing priorities in their areas and allocating resources to meet those priorities.

- Members regarded that the whole concept was ill-conceived and requested that the architect of the proposals appear before them to enable them to further explore their concerns. Members also requested to know the costs involved in the proposed exercise, including all the consultation arrangements. They were also sceptical regarding any alleged cost savings.
- Members also requested to be supplied with concrete details regarding current service and expenditure levels in the NE Outer area, together with details of proposed expenditure levels and equipment levels under the new proposals.
- Members also queried whether, as it appeared, this proposed delegation was a fait accompli, or whether Area Committees could opt for the status quo ?

In response, officers replied that if the majority of Area Committees did not regard the proposed new arrangements as satisfactory, then the proposed delegation may have to be reviewed. However, the proposals had generally found favour with Members. If the discontent was with only one or two areas, then perhaps in those particular areas the situation would have to be looked at again, but this would mean that those particular Area Committees would not be able to shape service levels or priorities to the same degree.

- In conclusion, Members stated that they were not content with the current proposals, which, in their view, passed responsibility down to Area Committees, but without any real power or control over resources.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above comments and concerns, the update report be received and noted.

(NB: Councillor P Harrand left the meeting at 6.20 pm, at the conclusion of this item.)

60 Children's Services - Performance Report

Further to Minute No. 26, 20th September 2010, and Minute No. 33(a), 25th October 2010, the Director of Children's Services submitted a report updating the Committee on performance levels in a variety of areas, including recent statutory inspections of the adoption service, the youth offending service and five children's centres, various education performance indicators, the latest NEET (young people Not in Education, Employment or Training), and the top priorities contained in the Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) 2011-2015.

In attendance at the meeting and responding to Members' queries and comments, were Amanda Jackson, Locality Enabler, Children's Services, and Shaid Mahmood, Area Leader, South East Leeds. In brief summary the main areas of discussion were:-

- The development of the multi-disciplinary children's wellbeing concept across the City, as outlined to the Committee at its meeting on 20th September 2010 (Minute No. 26 refers). This concept was evolving.

Members reiterated their view expressed on 20th September, that it was important that resources followed the child – in other words, in an area like the NE Outer area, where a lot of pupils from across the City travelled to school, then the resources needed to be allocated to provide appropriate services in the NE Outer area, and not all linked to a young person's home address.

This point was acknowledged, as was the need to work collaboratively across wedge boundaries.

- Members expressed concern at the number of 'Not Knowns' amongst the NEET statistics, and the possible or potential problems which this statistic might be masking.

The officers accepted that this was a major challenge and more work needed to be done. However, a lot of work had already been done and the latest available figures represented a significant improvement on the previous position.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above comments, the report be received and noted.

61 Future Options for Long Term Residential Care and Day Care for Older People

The Committee received and considered a report submitted by the Deputy Director of Adult Social Care (Strategic Commissioning) relating to future options for the provision of long term residential care and day care for older people in Leeds, and the current extensive consultation exercise taking place on the issue.

In attendance at the meeting and responding to Members' queries and comments, were Michele Tynan and Kim Maslyn, Adult Social Care.

In brief summary, the main points of discussion were:-

- The costs associated with possibly modernising the Council-owned accommodation, compared with the already cheaper services on offer in the private sector.
- The lack of consultation to date with Local Members. Members regarded that, in effect, they were being presented with a fait accompli - the Executive Board had effectively decided that savings needed to be made and, in the Area Committee's view, this consultation exercise was merely an academic exercise, pending the decision later in the year to close facilities.

The officers stressed that no decisions had been taken, and the present consultation process was a very real process, in which all stakeholders' views were being sought and would be taken into account in the final report back to the Executive Board in the summer.

- Primrose Hill Residential Home, Boston Spa – Members expressed surprise that residents and relatives had not, to date, been consulted on the review. The officers responded that, clearly, they would be consulted, but in their experience, and from comments which had been received in the past, residents, relatives and staff found it unsettling and upsetting to be consulted in a general way on non-specific proposals – it often raised unnecessary fears.

Members were also sceptical whether, if Primrose Hill did close, places could be found locally for the 36 current residents. In their view, any suggested closure of Primrose Hill should be co-ordinated with the proposed opening of the new private home in Wetherby, and Primrose Hill residents should be given priority in terms of the new home.

The officers drew Members' attention to the information and options set out in the report to the Executive Board at its meeting on 15th December 2010, which was appended to the report on tonight's agenda.

- The Chair requested that officers add Wetherby In Support of the Elderly (WISE) to their list of organisations to be consulted – Area Management Officer to supply the details. Also, Boston Spa Parish Council.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above comments, the report be received and noted.

(NB: Councillor M Robinson declared a personal interest in this item, as he had a relative who was resident in a care home.)

62 Transformation of Learning Disability Day Services

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report informing Members of a current review of learning disability day services across the City, the aim of which was to move away from segregated services based in large, former adult training centres, which were now viewed as outdated and a potential barrier to independence and social inclusion.

In terms of the NE Outer area, consultation was progressing on the potential closure of the Wetherby Fulfilling Lives Centre on Sandbeck Way, and the provision of possible smaller alternative facilities. A number of potential sites had, or were, being considered, including the Wetherby One Stop Centre (subsequently regarded as unsuitable), Wetherby Leisure Centre or part of the Leeds City College site (formerly Wetherby High School).

Michele Tynan and Andy Rawnsley, Adult Social Care, attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments. In brief summary, the main points of discussion were:-

- Members again raised their concerns at a lack of consultation to date with Local Members. It appeared to them that, yet again, they were being faced with a fait accompli, with only lip service being paid to consultation.
- Issues were raised regarding the suggested use of part of the Leeds City College site – this school now had Trust status and Councillor Lamb indicated that he was unaware of the suggestion, even though he was a school governor. Expectations may have been raised amongst service users and their carers which the Department might not be able to fulfil. Concern was expressed that the proposals for this site only proposed to cater for approximately half the current users of the Wetherby Fulfilling Lives Centre, which meant that friendship groups might have to be broken up.
- On a more general point, Members regarded that it was hypocritical of the Council to talk of an expanded and enhanced role for Area Committees, and the development of a 'One Council / Locality Working' concept, whilst examples of lack of involvement and consultation, such as this item and the last, were rife.

RESOLVED – That a meeting be sought with the Executive Member (Adult Health and Social Care) to further explore and explain the Committee's concerns.

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to be held on Monday, 21st March, 2011

63 West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service - Collaborative Working within the Area Committees

Graham Ambler, Deputy Station Commander, Moortown and Wetherby, presented a report regarding the community risk management strategy initiative included in the WYFRS Service Plan 2011-15. The service already worked collaboratively with its public sector partners across the City. However, in these times when all public sector organisations faced budget pressures, it was regarded that even closer working ties would be mutually beneficial. For instance, the Fire and Rescue Service could no longer afford to maintain its home safety check programme and its resources had to be targeted at the most vulnerable – hence the need for closer co-operation and data sharing between agencies. As an example, PCSOs in the area had been taught home safety basics and would also alert the Fire and Rescue Service, say when someone would benefit from having a smoke alarm fitted. The Fire and Rescue Service also ran educational programmes in schools and in respect of arsonists.

Members welcomed the suggestion regarding more joined-up services. It was suggested that WYFRS representatives might be invited to occasionally attend Ward Member meetings and, in the meantime, if Members wished to pass on any information regarding vulnerable constituents, or contacts who might be helpful to WYFRS, then this could be done via the Area Management Officer.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

64 Appointments to Outside Bodies - Ancient Parish of Barwick in Elmet Trust

RESOLVED – That Mr Jack Anderson be re-appointed as the Council's representative on the Ancient Parish of Barwick in Elmet Trust for a further four year period of office.

65 Appointments to Outside Bodies - Lady Elizabeth Hastings' Educational Foundation

RESOLVED – That Councillor John Procter be appointed as the Council's Nominative Foundation Trustee on this charity for a period of three years, commencing from the date of the resignation of the existing Trustee, Mr Michael Fox, or from the end of his term of office in June 2012, whichever is the sooner.

66 Wellbeing Fund 2010/11 - Update Report

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report updating the Committee on its current revenue and capital wellbeing budgets, and setting out details of some applications before the Committee for a decision.

Further to Minute No. 34, 25th October 2010, and Minute No. 47, 6th December 2010, the report also addressed proposals to rectify the accounting error previously identified and discussed.

Members felt that there was still confusion surrounding the Committee's previous and current financial position and, in view of that, they could not satisfy themselves that what was being proposed fully rectified the matter.

RESOLVED – That a decision be deferred, and a further meeting be sought with the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to discuss the Committee's wellbeing budget situation.

67 Area Delivery Plan and Community Charter 2011/12 - Update Report

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report regarding the preparation of the draft Area Delivery Plan (ADP) and Community Charter 2011/12, the final draft version of which was proposed to be submitted to the next meeting on 21st March 2011.

Some concerns were raised regarding the content of both documents, which contained commitments over which the Area Committee had no direct control, i.e. services provided by partner agencies. The value of producing a separate Community Charter document was also questioned.

The Area Leader indicated that similar comments had been made at other Area Committees, and the proposed content of the documents could be reviewed. However, the ADP was not just about the Area Committee's commitments – a key role and responsibility of Area Committees was to engage its public sector partners in dialogue and to hold them to account for their promises, so this needed to be reflected somehow in the ADP. With regard to the production of a Community Charter document, unlike the ADP, this was entirely discretionary, but it did help to simplify the ADP commitments and aims for the wider public.

RESOLVED – That a decision be deferred pending further discussions at Ward Member meetings.

68 Town and Parish Council Forum - Feedback Report

It was noted that Councillor Wilkinson would Chair the next Forum meeting on 21st April, in lieu of Councillor J Procter.

RESOLVED – That the notes of the Harewood and Wetherby Town and Parish Council Forum meeting held on 20th January 2011 be received and noted.

69 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Monday, 21st March 2011, 6.00 pm, Treetops Community Centre, Alwoodley.

The meeting concluded at 8.32 pm.

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Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 21st March 2011

Subject: Wellbeing Fund

Electoral Wards Affected:

Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby

Ward members consulted

(referred to in this 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 an updated position on the Outer North East Area Committee wellbeing revenue and capital budgets and the forecast of the end of year balances.

The report also presents for approval new project proposals deferred from the February Area Committee meeting to allow clarification of available budget.

It also informs the Area Committee about the Wellbeing revenue allocation for 2011/12 and presents for approval schemes to be funded out of that allocation in 2011/12.

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an updated position on the wellbeing revenue and capital budgets.
2. It is to present information on new projects for which approval for the use of wellbeing funds is sought.
3. It is also to inform the Area Committee about the amount of Wellbeing budget available for 2011/12.

Background information

4. Each of the ten Area Committees receive an annual allocation of revenue and capital funding to commission projects and offer grants to organisations in the local area. The amount of funding for each Area Committee is determined by a formula based on population and deprivation in each area as agreed by the Council's Executive Board. The Area Committees also have the balance of any revenue and capital wellbeing budgets that were allocated to them in previous years.
5. Alongside the wellbeing budget, ward councillors have access to other sources of local funding, such as Section 106, Ward Based Initiatives (WBI), Members Improvement in the Community and Environment (MICE). The use of this funding is discussed at ward member meetings as appropriate.

Wellbeing Revenue – available funding for 2010/11

6. Following approval at the July Executive Board, the distribution of wellbeing (revenue) budget across the 10 Area Committees is calculated using a formula based on 50% deprivation and 50% population. For the Outer North East Area Committee this amounts to £127,586 for 2010/11.
7. The Outer North East Area Committee manages its allocation by proportioning the amount between the three wards based on population. For the 2010/11 allocation, the split between wards is:
 - Alwoodley: £47,462 (based on pop. = 37.2%)
 - Harewood: £38,403 (based on pop. = 30.1%)
 - Wetherby: £41,721 (based on pop. = 32.7%).
8. To add to this is the balance of uncommitted funding brought forward from the previous year (2009/10). The brought forward ward balances adjusted to take into account the commitments made in 2009/ 10 work out as:

- Alwoodley: -£45,927
- Harewood: £7,296
- Wetherby: £25,011

9. Therefore, the resultant ward balances available to support new projects in 2010/11 are:

- Alwoodley: £1,535
- Harewood: £45,700
- Wetherby: £66,731

10. The current financial position of the Area Committee is shown in Appendix 1. It gives information on schemes approved (ie committed) in 2009/10 which are to be paid for in 2010/11, schemes developed and approved in 2010/11, as well as a list of schemes earmarked and awaiting the final approval.

11. However, at its meeting in October 2010 the Area Committee was informed that a reporting error has been made in relation to the amount of the available wellbeing revenue funding dating back to previous years' budgets. This has led to the Area Committee making decisions based on incorrectly calculated ward and overall balances.

12. The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods subsequently met with the Chair and members of the Area Committee and gave an undertaking that sufficient budget would be identified to honour the wellbeing revenue commitments that have been made prior to this reporting error being rectified.

13. During the January and February rounds of ward member meetings information was sought on all the outstanding commitments for which funding is required. The following is the list of schemes the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods has agreed to ensure that there is sufficient budget to meet:

Harewood:

£3,000 – for contribution to parking schemes in Scholes.

Wetherby:

£2,000 – for Deepdale Community Association – assistance with venue hire resultant from the development to the Deepdale Children's Centre

£4,960 – for the refurbishment of Barleyfields community centre

£5,850 – for fencing on Deepdale site

£3,150 – for WISE, activities for older people

Alwoodley

£16,667 – for Highways department to improve parking in Sandringham Drive (already approved in principle by Area Committee subject to formal scheme application). This money is a part of the ring fenced budget made available to area committees for parking and conservation areas.

14. More detailed information on the above schemes is provided in paragraphs 19-33.

15. The schemes were originally presented for approval at the February 2011 Area Committee meeting. Members agreed to defer the decisions so that further clarification on how the error had happened and reassurances from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods could be sought.
16. Subsequent to that meeting Members of the Committee met again with the Director and agreement was reached on:
 - how the error had effected the reported budget and ward balances since 2007/08 when the additional £50k from Executive Board was allocated to Area Committees,
 - that corrective measures have been put in place to ensure the mistake could not happen again,
 - that Members were satisfied that correct charges have been made against their ward allocations from 2007/08 onwards,
 - the best way of reporting the budgetary position to Committee in future so that commitments made in previous years still to be paid for are clear
 - that the commitments made by Members as set out in this report will be met in full so that the Committee does not carry forward a deficit balance (currently equating to an underwriting of £38,532 as set out in Appendix 1).
 - that in the light of a reduced Outer NE Wellbeing budget for 2010/11 and 2011/12, Wetherby Ward Members will work with the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to look at how a scheme to fence in a playground at Deepdale could be made affordable.

Capital – Available funding for 2010/11

17. Appendix 2 shows information on the remaining capital funding for each ward in the Outer North East Area Committee area. This takes into account projects approved at September Area Committee. There were no new projects agreed at the October, December or February Area Committee meetings.

Project Applications

18. The paragraphs 19-27 provide information on proposals for which Area Management has received formal wellbeing applications. The Area Committee are asked to make a funding decision with regards to these project proposals.

(a) Revenue projects

WISE – Activities for People over 60: £3,150 (Wetherby Ward)

19. An application for this initiative has been received from Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WISE) who are asking for assistance with project costs for the Sunshine café in Collingham which caters for people with dementia and their carers and a new “The Café” in Boston Spa, which will follow the success of Collingham in providing a monthly meeting place, advice and support to dementia sufferers and their carers. The grant will also contribute to a range of other social activities for people over 60.

20. ADP theme: Community Life - proving support to local voluntary groups to deliver local services. Healthy Living – to promote independent living for older and disabled people.

Barleyfields Youth Centre renovation - £4,960 (Wetherby Ward)

21. Following a consultation with users, Corporate Property Management has been commissioned to refurbish Barleyfields youth centre. It is used by a number of groups as well as providing an office space for Youth Services. The list below provides information about users.

- Youth Service is a principle user.
- Help the Aged
- Mental Health Group
- Parents and Toddlers'
- St John's Ambulance

22. Wellbeing funding is required to paint and refresh the building which is in need of renovation. The work will be done internally by the Corporate Property Management service (CPM) from whom the above costings have been procured.

23. ADP theme: Community Life – improving community facilities.

Parks and Countryside, Deepdale Fencing - £5,850 (Wetherby Ward)

24. Following discussions with the members, a quote has been supplied by Parks and Countryside to continue the bow top fence around the perimeter of the play area in Deepdale and to install entrance gates, replace the damaged fence with post and rail from the gateway for a total distance of 30 metres, up to and beyond the corner gate. It is also to replace the corner gate (1.2 metres) and plant 100 native hedge species into gaps in existing hedge line.

25. ADP theme: Environment – enhancing the public realm and improving the quality of public green spaces.

Deepdale Community Association venue hire - £2,000 (Wetherby Ward)

26. This funding is a contribution for Deepdale Community Association towards the costs of hiring a temporary venue required as a result of the building work at Deepdale Children's Centre. Councillors had earlier agreed to set aside £2,000 towards this but it is estimated that a further £2,000 will be required.

27. ADP theme: Community Life - improving community facilities.

Projects identified by the Members in ward meetings, awaiting the receipt of wellbeing applications.

28. As yet, there are no formal wellbeing applications for projects presented in paragraphs 29-39 below, they have, however, been discussed at ward

meetings. Members are requested to make a decision on funding of these initiatives in principle, subject to the Area Manager receiving appropriate wellbeing funding applications and due process being adhered to. The detail of each application will, again, be subjected to the scrutiny at ward meetings.

Highways, parking restrictions in Scholes - £3,000 (Harewood Ward)

29. The total cost of the scheme is £6,000 but it is to be shared 50/50 with the Highways department (£3,000 each). It will consist of an introduction of single yellow lines in Station Road and Rakehill Road, double yellow lines in Oaklea Road and school “keep clear” signs in Main Street. The work will be carried out by Highways starting in April 2011. Highways will conduct a statutory consultation and issue public advertisements prior to starting on site.
30. ADP theme: Getting Around - improving safety for road users and pedestrians.

Highways, parking solution for Sandringham Drive - £16,667 (Alwoodley Ward)

31. This scheme will extend the installation of a reinforced mesh surface which strengthens grass verges and allows for better parking. An experimental strip of such mesh has been in place in Sandringham Drive since the Autumn of 2010. Sandringham Drive carriageway is a priority for the Highways department for renewal and repair in 2011. The improvement of grass verges, to make them fit for parking, will complete the renewal of the area. The cost of the scheme is £35 per square meter. The total revenue contribution is £16,667. The scheme will be carried out by the Highways department.
32. The ward members wish to extend this scheme with a capital contribution of £9,747 (see paragraphs 34-35 below).
33. ADP theme: Getting Around – improving safety for road users and pedestrians.

(b) Capital projects

Highways, parking solution for Sandringham Drive - £9,747 (Alwoodley Ward)

34. Following the January ward meeting, members requested that £9,747 of capital wellbeing funding is added to the Sandringham parking scheme. Discussions are in progress with the Highway department; see paragraphs 31-33 above.
35. ADP theme: Getting Around - improving safety for road users and pedestrians.

City Signs, welcome sign for Alwoodley - £3,000 (Alwoodley Ward)

36. An initial quote has been obtained from City Signs for the procurement and installation of a sandstone welcome sign. A suggested location is on the way in to Alwoodley from Harrogate. Ward members support the proposal.

37. ADP theme: Clean and Green – improvement of local environment and the public realm.

Highway and environmental fund - £5,000 (Alwoodley Ward)

38. This proposal is to earmark capital funding of £5,000 for Alwoodley ward for highway and environmental improvements. Examples of possible schemes include parking improvements, improvements to the public realm, community buildings, open public / green spaces, parks and leisure facilities. Future applications will be brought to the Area Committee to approve individual schemes.

39. ADP theme: Clean and Green – improvement of local environment and the public realm. Getting Around - improving safety for road users and pedestrians. Community Life – enhancement of community facilities and improvement of the public realm.

Parks and Countryside - £20,000 contribution towards improvements of roundabouts (Wetherby Ward)

40. An application has been received from Parks and Countryside to enhance 7 major roundabouts in Wetherby ward. Work is in progress in co-operation with colleagues from Parks and Countryside and supported by the local In Bloom groups and ward members, in order to improve the visual aspect of the roundabouts. This will involve substantial, permitted planting schemes; including mature trees, hard landscaping, stone features and possible public art. A basic scheme for each roundabout has been proposed with the details being agreed in the process of consultation with councillors and interested residents. Approaches are being made to local businesses to secure future sponsorship deals. In particular, a local stone mason is interested in contributing towards the Jarvis roundabout. The work will be monitored through the ward member meetings and by In Bloom groups. It is expected that the enhanced roundabouts will contribute towards high scores in the Yorkshire In Bloom competition. The timescales are dictated by the planting seasons which vary depending on the type of planting and are different for flower beds and trees. It is expected that the work will start in the Spring 2011 and continue into the Autumn 2011. The total cost of the scheme is £43,000, with £23,000 contribution from Ward Based Initiatives budget already agreed by the ward members.

41. ADP theme: Environment – enhancing the public realm and improving the quality of green spaces. Community Life – working together with In Bloom groups on improvements and contributing to the success of the Yorkshire In Bloom competition. Engagement of local businesses through sponsorship.

Projects in development

42. The projects in this section are those currently in development for potential use of any future allocation of wellbeing funding and for support in attracting other funding.

43. Area Management staff work with organisations to ensure that any proposal submitted is linked to one or more of the Area Committee priorities. Full application forms, with appropriate information, are submitted for each one and other, external and internal sources of funding are also explored.
44. **Tree planting, Moor Lane – Harewood Ward:** Ward members have asked that a project is developed to plant 40 mature trees as part of environmental improvements on Moor Lane near Collingham Moor just off Wattle Skye. The path is well used by ramblers and walkers, and the tree line is visible from the surrounding area.

Wellbeing Revenue Funding 2011/12

45. In February 2011 a new allocation of the Wellbeing funding to Area Committees was approved. The Outer North East allocation for 2011/12 is £112,000, which represents a 12% reduction on 2010/11 figures. Following the proportional split between the three wards, based on the population numbers, figures per ward, for 2011/12 are:
 - Alwoodley: £41,664 (based on pop. = 37.2%)
 - Harewood: £33,712 (based on pop. = 30.1%)
 - Wetherby: £36,624 (based on pop. = 32.7%)
46. Appendix 3 gives a summary of Wellbeing revenue for 2011/12, detailing projects supported in 2010/11 which will be paid for in 2011/12 to provide Members with continuity of information and allow for a better monitoring of expenditure.
47. During the January and February ward member meetings a discussion paper and an options appraisal looking at the future of the Area Committee funded post of a Community Planner have been considered. In 2010/11, the Committee funded a time limited post of a Community Planner in order to support Ward, Town and Parish councillors with local planning and enforcement issues in Wetherby and Harewood wards. The officer became a resource for local communities on planning issues and supported a number of public enquiries in the area. The culmination of the work of the Community Planner was a very successful Planning Conference which took place on 1.3.11 and was attended by representatives of all Town and Parish Councils. However, due to reduced Wellbeing budget and newly emerging priorities, the Area Committee cannot continue to fund the post in the financial year 2011/12. It will cease at the end of March 2011 and the post holder will resume her substantive post in the Planning Department.
48. In 2010/11 the Wetherby councillors funded an additional post of a Site Based Gardener. The post holder looked after play grounds and public green spaces in the ward on a full time basis. The post holder is retiring at the end of March 2011 and due to the budget restrictions, the Area Committee will no longer fund a site based service. The necessary work will now be done by the Parks and Countryside area teams as part of their cyclical maintenance of green

spaces. They will remove litter, empty bins and do any horticultural works required.

Projects Proposals for the Use of 2011/12 Wellbeing Revenue

Localism Officer - £20,000 each from Wetherby and Harewood wards. (total £40,000)

49. The government published the Localism Bill on 13th December 2010. The bill aims to shift power from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils. This will enable a whole host of major decisions to be made locally by people most affected by those decisions. The legislation will provide a lot of new opportunities but at the same time, a lot of preparation will be needed on a local level, in order to make best use of those opportunities.
50. To that end, the Wetherby and Harewood councillors intend to create a new, one year, time limited post of Localism Officer. The post will be based within the Area Management structure.
51. The Wetherby and Harewood wards intend to set aside £20,000 each (a total of £40,000), towards the post from 2011/12 wellbeing revenue allocation.
52. The summary of purposed principal accountabilities of the post are:
 - Develop and maintain close working relationships with the Outer North East Town and Parish Councils in order to help them benefit fully from the emerging localism agenda, ensuring they have training, skills and support necessary to take advantage of opportunities.
 - Support communities and Ward, Town and Parish councillors in bringing decision making and service delivery to a local level, as appropriate.
 - Plan, develop and manage fundraising to maximise income generation for the area.
 - Build strong relationships with all stakeholders to ensure long term and effective donor relationships.
 - Provide advice to Ward, Town, Parish councillors and local organisations on project design and development as well as wider fundraising strategy;
 - Support them in the development of accurate and appropriate funding bids.
 - Support work to maintain the vitality of town and villages in the area.
53. The more detailed work on the development of this post will take place in Wetherby and Harewood ward meetings. The first crucial task is to produce a job description and person specification. Following this, a staffing approval form will have to be signed off by a senior manager and the proposal will have to be considered by the Redeployment Board, followed by the recruitment process.
54. Members are requested to approve the budget for the new post (£40k) subject to full compliance with the LCC recruitment procedures.

Promoting Partnerships – Moor Allerton Elderly Care (MAEcare) – £2,294 (Harewood ward)

55. MAEcare are a voluntary organisation working with older people in Alwoodley and Harewood wards. They provide support, advice and run activities for that client group. The work of the Partnership Coordinator is particularly important. The post has been a catalyst for a lot of schemes benefiting older people and the whole community. This includes planning more joint activities with Northcall and Open House, neighbouring two voluntary organisations also working locally. The funding will contribute towards developing activities which will build community cohesion by bringing the generations together; an example of this will be an event in April to celebrate the Royal wedding; (an indoor street party); a sit down meal for a group of older people and pupils from Allerton High and regular cooking class aimed at those living alone or recently widowed. Added to this, MAECare works closely with local agencies such as the NHS through the District Nursing Team, GP practices and the Elderly Mental Health Team. East North East Homes and the Police are also key partners. Working with the Health service is be a priority. A new opportunity has occurred to develop a larger community venue on the Cranmer estate. The church community at Moortown Methodist Church are actively supporting the development of community activities on their premises and the MAECare partnership worker will support this work.
56. The total funding requested is £9,538. This is split between Alwoodley and Harewood on a proportional basis with Harewood's share amounting to 25%, £2,294. At the last ward member meeting the councillors agreed a contribution of £2,000.
57. Alwoodley's 75% contribution, amounting to £6,694 is yet to be agreed at the ward meeting on 25th March 2011.

Implications for council policy and governance

58. Area Delivery Plans cover local priorities for wellbeing spend and these are linked to the Leeds Strategic Plan outcomes and improvement priorities.

Wellbeing Capital Funding 2011/12

59. There is no new capital wellbeing allocation in 2011/12. However, any remaining amounts from 2010/11 can be carried forward into the new financial year. The summary of capital position is presented in appendix 2.

Legal and resource implications

60. The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for taking decisions and monitoring activity relating to use of wellbeing budgets within the framework of the Council's Constitution and in accordance with Local Government Act 2000.

Recommendations

61. The Area Committee is requested to:

- (a) Note the current balances for the 2010/11 financial year for capital and revenue wellbeing budgets;
- (b) Note the outcome of discussions with the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods set out in section 16 and agreements reached relating to the budget reporting error.
- (c) Approve the following revenue projects for which the wellbeing applications have already been received:

- £3,150 for WISE – activities for people over 60 years old;
- £4,960 for Barleyfields youth club refurbishment;
- £5,850 for P&C – Deepdale fencing;
- £2,000 for Deepdale Community Assoc. assistance with venue hire;

- (d) Approve the following revenue and capital projects, subject to receiving appropriate applications and financial process and eligibility being met:

Revenue:

- £16,667 for LCC Highways - parking improvements in Sandringham Drive;
- £3,000 for LCC Highways – parking restrictions in Scholes;

Capital

- £9,747 for LCC Highways – parking improvements in Sandringham Drive;
- £3,000 for LCC City Signs – welcome sign for Alwoodley;
- £20,000 for Parks and Countryside – enhancement of Wetherby roundabouts
- £5,000 for a highway and environmental fund in Alwoodley ward;

- (e) Approve the following revenue projects from 2011/12 wellbeing budget:
 - £40,000 from Wetherby and Harewood wards – development of a localism officer post, subject to the full compliance with LCC's recruitment procedures and progressed at ward member meetings;
 - £2,000 for MAEcare – Promoting Partnerships – programme to benefit older people in Harewood ward.
- (f) Note the capital wellbeing project currently in development for the Harewood ward (see section 44).
- (g) Note the availability of wellbeing revenue for 2011/12 (see section 45)

Background papers: Area Functions Schedule Report July 2010

Wellbeing Revenue Budget Statement for 2010/11

Funding/Spend Items	£ Alwoodley	£ Harewood	£ Wetherby	£ TOTAL
Calculation of Funding Available per Ward				
Balance b/f from 2009/10	-3,693	32,197	39,523	68,027
New Allocation for 2010/11 (based on 50/50 split)	47,462 37.2%	38,403 30.1%	41,721 32.7%	127,586
Total Cumulative Ward Allocation	43,769	70,601	81,243	195,613
Approved Spend for 2010/11				
<i>2009/10 Schemes to be paid for in 2010/11:</i>				
Alwoodley Activities Cluster - April-Sept 2010	6,000			
Jewish Heritage Centre	10,000			
Alwoodley Parking/Grass Verge Scheme	16,667			
Northcall - additional funding (May 10)	8,426			
New Grit Bins for Alwoodley	613			
Out of hours dog fouling patrols	528			
Aberford Conservation Review		7,000		
Wattle Syke Environmental Improvements		1,954		
Community Planner Q3 (April 10 - Jun 10)		6,250	6,250	
Community Planner Q4 (Jul 10 - Sept 10)		6,250	6,250	
Community Planner PDA (PDA Handset Costs)		127	127	
Community Planner PDA (Configuration & Maintenance)		135	135	
Wetherby in Support of the Elderly Sunshine Café Q1		375	375	
Wetherby in Support of the Elderly Sunshine Café Q2		375	375	
Environmental Fund		2,435	0	
Wetherby Community Radio (Tempo FM) Barleyfields Radio Project			1,000	
Total of Schemes Approved in 2009/10:	42,234	24,901	14,512	81,646
<i>Approved 2010/11 Schemes:</i>				
Small Grants (approved to date)	1,000	1,500	2,187	
Small Grants (balance of ward allocation)	2,000	1,500	813	
Skips (spend to date)	260	330	480	
Budget for skips etc (balance of ward allocation)	1,073	1,003	853	
Consultation	23	23	23	
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q2 (Oct 10)	1,732			
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q3 (Jan 11)	1,832			
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q4 (Mar 11)	1,832			
Northcall Q1 (July 2010)	3,750			
Northcall Q2 (Oct 2010)	3,750			
Northcall Q3 (Jan 2011)	3,750			
Northcall Q4 (March 2011)	3,750			
Open House Moving Again Q1 (July 2010)	3,750			
Open House Moving Again Q2 (Oct 2010)	3,750			
Open House Moving Again Q3 (Jan 2011)	3,750			
Open House Moving Again Q4 (March 2011)	3,750			
Community Planner Q5 (Oct 10 - Dec 10)		6,250	6,250	
Community Planner Q6 (Jan 11 - March 11)		6,250	6,250	
Burglary Reduction - Trembler Alarms	975			
Burglary Reduction - Operation Buzzer	380			
Community Sport Summer Activities 2010	1,700			
Keeping Slaid Hill Clean & Green	1,208			
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q1 (Jul 10)		1,832		
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q2 (Oct 10)		100		
Aberford & District Master Plan		5,000		
Scholes Conservation Area		6,000		
Shadwell Conservation Area Review		6,000		
Farmwatch & Pre-Xmas Patrols		2,500		
Wetherby Site Based Gardener			19,900	
Community Sport Summer Activities 2010			1,729	
Boston Spa in Bloom Planters for Wetherby			2,750	
Farmwatch & Pre-Xmas Patrols			6,000	
Deepdale Community Centre Rental Subsidy			2,000	
Wetherby Community Bonfire			1,000	
Wetherby Road Plantation			1,000	
Total of Schemes Approved in 2010/11:	44,016	38,288	51,235	133,539
<i>Earmarked Schemes Awaiting Approval:</i>				
WISE			3,150	
Barleyfields Youth Centre			4,960	
Deepdale Fencing			5,850	
Further Deepdale CC Rental			2,000	
Scholes Parking Restrictions		3,000	0	
Grand Total Projected Spend 2010/11:	86,249	66,189	81,707	234,145
Ward Budget:	43,769	70,601	81,243	195,613
Ward Balances:	-42,480	4,412	-464	-38,532
Adjustment to be made by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods	42,480	-4,412	464	38,532
Anticipated balances at the close of 2010/11	0	0	0	0

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CAPITAL	Allocated at Area Committee			
	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby	Total
	£	£	£	£
Allocations				
2004-07	85,754	85,753	85,754	257,261
2007-08	24,500	24,500	24,500	73,500
2008-09	24,500	24,500	24,500	73,500
transfer from Alwoodley to Wetherby	-20,000		20,000	0
2009-10 incl 10% reduction in Feb10	22,030	22,030	22,030	66,090
Total allocation 2004-10	136,784	156,783	176,784	470,351
Bramham Playground			2,000	2,000
Wetherby in Bloom watering system			9,000	9,000
Thorner over 55s extension		20,500		20,500
Moortown RUFC	10,000			10,000
The Zone sports surface	4,800			4,800
The Zone kitchen	3,750			3,750
Shadwell Lane Community facility	24,000			24,000
Wetherby number plate recog			4,150	4,150
Aberford playground		10,000		10,000
Boston Spa Milleneum Gardens			10,000	10,000
Slaid Hill in Bloom	1,777			1,777
Walton PC bus shelter			3,250	3,250
Environment fund 2006-2008		8,850	8,850	17,700
Collingham roundabout		2,490		2,490
Boston Spa Village Hall kitchen			5,000	5,000
Barwick Village Hall toilet		3,850		3,850
Bramham Village Hall disabled access			5,000	5,000
Wendell Hill conservation project		3,649		3,649
Wigton Moor school path	2,985			2,985
Carr Lane footpath		5,000		5,000
Cranmer bank CCTV	3,500			3,500
Barwick Miners Institute		3,643		3,643
Barwick Festive Lights		3,900		3,900
Northcall Computers	1,500			1,500
Environment Fund 2008-2009	8,123	14,527	4,250	26,900
Thorner Victory Hall		10,000		10,000
Shadwell Lane Library		1,000		1,000
Cranmer Bank security fencing	4,000			4,000
Thorner Parish Centre		10,000		10,000
Holywell Lane Footpath		5,000		5,000
Fir Tree Vale	5,000			5,000
Bardsey Tennis Club		9,746		9,746
Alwoodley Park kitchen	15,000			15,000
Scholes swimming pool		1,000		1,000
Scholes playground		10,000		10,000
Bardsey heritage lights (cancelled)		0		0
Bardsey sports club		18,000		18,000
Shadwell village hall carpark		7,415		7,415
Wigton Moor Church	3,896			3,896
Radio Jcom	8,000			8,000
Bardsey Playground Renovation		10,000		10,000
Boston Spa Children's Centre			105,000	105,000
Leodensians Junior Rugby Club	4,900			4,900
Alwoodley Community Hall	10,000			10,000
Moortown RUFC	2,200			2,200
Aberford & District PC lighting		3,250		3,250
Alwoodley methodist church - toilets	5,606			
Total actual spend	119,037	161,820	156,500	437,357
Balance remaining	17,747	-5,037	20,284	32,994

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Provisional Wellbeing Revenue Budget Statement for 2011/12

Funding/Spend Items	£ Alwoodley	£ Harewood	£ Wetherby	£ TOTAL
Calculation of Funding Available per Ward				
Balance b/f from 2010/11 (to be added at financial closedown and will cover all agreed commitments made in 2010/11)	0	0	0	0
New Allocation for 2011/12 (based on 50/50 split)	41,664 37.2%	33,712 30.1%	36,624 32.7%	112,000
Total Cumulative Ward Allocation	41,664	33,712	36,624	112,000
Proposed Spend for 2011/12				
<i>2010/11 Schemes to be paid for in 2011/12:</i>				
Note: the committed schemes b/f from 2010/11 will be added here once financial closedown is complete. The balance c/f will match the total of these commitments				
Total of Schemes Approved in 2010/11:	-	-	-	-
<i>Proposed 2011/12 Schemes:</i>				
Budget for Small Grants Scheme	0	0	0	
Budget for Skips	0	0	0	
MaeCare Promoting Partnerships Q2 (Oct 10)	0	2,000	0	
Localism Officer	0	20,000	20,000	
Total of Schemes Proposed in 2011/12:	-	22,000	20,000	42,000
Grand Total Projected Spend 2011/12:	-	22,000	20,000	42,000
Ward Budget:	41,664	33,712	36,624	112,000
Ward Balances:	41,664	11,712	16,624	70,000

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Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 21st March 2011

Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 Update

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby</p> <p>Ward members consulted (referred to in this report) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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Executive Summary

This report provides members of the Area Committee with an update on progress on the actions in the 2008-11 Outer North East Area Delivery Plan (ADP). The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

The report updates the Area Committee on the progress of the delegation of the environmental services due to take place in the new municipal year.

Purpose of this Report

1. This report provides Members with an update of activities in the Outer North East Area relating to the priorities set out in the Area Delivery Plan (ADP).
2. It provides examples of work/activities in the area since the last update to the Area Committee in December 2010, highlighting progress against each of the ADP themes.
3. The report also provides members with an update on progress to delegate environmental services to Area Committees from June/July 2011.

Background Information

4. Area Committees are required by the Executive Board to approve and produce an annual Area Delivery Plan.
5. The current ADP (for 2008-11) has been developed to follow headings contained within the Vision for Leeds document. It is a local expression of the city's commitment to the Local Area Agreement and partnership working. The themes of the ADP are:
 - Culture
 - Enterprise and Economy
 - Learning
 - Transport
 - Environment
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Thriving Neighbourhoods
 - Harmonious Communities
6. The Outer NE Area Delivery Plan for 2008-11 was approved by Area Committee on 15th September 2008. The plan has been subject to an annual refresh and the latest version was approved by the Area Committee in March 2010.
7. A simple, cheap to produce, public version of the Area Delivery Plan is circulated to libraries, parish councils, and community organisations in the area. Copies are available from the Area Management office.

Quarterly Progress on Actions/Activities Delivering ADP Priorities

Culture

8. The priority of the Culture theme is to help provide sporting and cultural activities in local venues and encourage the whole community to participate in such activities.
9. By providing constructive and attractive projects the intention is also to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour and help them develop life skills and interests.

10. Appendix A presents many examples of activities which took place in the final quarter of 2010/11 to support the Culture theme priorities.

Enterprise and Economy

11. The priorities for this theme are to help provide more advice and information on education, training and employment opportunities as well as encouraging more business and economic activity in the area.
12. Partners involved in its delivery are schools, extended services, Jobcentre Plus and local business. Youth services also contribute through the provision of accredited courses.
13. Some examples of actions/progress in the last quarter are:
- A session led by a member of staff from Jobcentre Plus took place in the Alwoodley Children's Centre in January to meet parents and provide advice and guidance on job search and job opportunities. Staff from the Family Hub were on hand to discuss any childcare needs.
 - Employment opportunities advice sessions are also available at Northcall. Regular "Gizzajob" sessions started in February 2011 and will run every Thursday for 10 weeks.
 - On Fridays, appointments with a Jobseeker Adviser are now available at the Moor Allerton library (see photo). Clients can assess their employment options; produce or improve a CV; fill in application forms; prepare for an interview; use the internet for job searching and find out about courses and training.



Learning

14. The main priorities under this theme are to engage more young people in learning, reduce persistent absenteeism and to provide learning opportunities for all.
15. Below is a list of examples which illustrate a variety of schemes on offer and show a range of partner organisations involved.
- As a corporate parent, Leeds City Council has responsibility for safeguarding of vulnerable children and to ensure that its staff are adequately trained. There is a programme of training courses available to staff and / or parents and information is regularly disseminated through the extended services clusters, Children Centres and area management office.
 - Ethnic minority residents in Alwoodley are able to take advantage of free English classes for speakers of other languages. The course started in January 2011 at the Children's Centre and so far, 10

- parents have participated.
- Police, too, are contributing to learning and education. PCSOs in Wetherby have organised 'Child Internet Safety' sessions. The sessions are aimed at young children and are presented by two PCSOs who have been specially trained in the safety aspects of surfing the net. Children are given guidance on how to have fun on line, how to stay in control, and how to report when things go wrong. The sessions last from 30mins to 1 ½ hours, and include films, interaction, and visual presentations. Parents are actively encouraged to attend.

Environment

16. This theme covers various aspects of environmental work, such as keeping towns and villages clean and litter free, action against fly tipping, and enforcement action against persistent offenders. It also encourages working with local residents, In Bloom groups and friends of parks, both on a routine basis and to contribute to special events, such as Yorkshire In Bloom competition. The overall aim is to enhance the quality of towns and villages, public green spaces and enable people to enjoy natural amenities.
17. Difficult environmental issues are primarily dealt with at tasking meetings. These are multi-agency meetings designed to deal with complex problems. Two examples of recent actions include a need to deal with disorder left by young people congregating in parks and a clearance action taken in a house of a man with mental health problems. The first one required youth services to be involved; the latter, engaged adult social care officers.
18. In Alwoodley, a number of improvement schemes to parks and green spaces are about to be approved by the Director of Resources. When completed, the area will have seen an investment of £50k. The projects are:
 - Access improvements to Osprey public open space,
 - Refurbishment of the King Lane play area at Crag Lane Recreation Park,
 - Access controls and benches at Crag Lane Recreation Park
 - Additional access control at Alwoodley Recreation Ground
19. In Wetherby ward, officers are working on a major scheme to improve all 7 key roundabouts in the ward. Parks and Countryside officers have produced a proposal and a significant sponsorship is expected for one of the roundabouts. When completed, the scheme will improve the quality and aesthetic value of the roundabouts which is likely to affect the results of the Yorkshire in Bloom competition.

Health and Wellbeing

20. The aim of this strategic theme is to provide a range of opportunities for people to get involved in sport and recreation and to develop healthy lifestyles. The paragraphs below describe a range of health and wellbeing related schemes on offer in the locality.

21. Outer North East Leeds' health indicators are above city average. However, there are pockets of need dotted throughout. Children Centres in the area work with families to support them in the development of healthy lifestyles and to provide them with training and advice on health issues.
22. Voluntary and community sectors work with a number of vulnerable groups. Area Committee provides funding to voluntary sector organisations (Maecare, Northcall, Open House) in support of their work with vulnerable groups. Examples of health and wellbeing related work carried out by the voluntary sector organisations include:
 - At Northcall, a specialist NHS advisor is providing support to people who wish to stop smoking.
 - MAEcare, are putting on a gentle Yoga exercise sessions at St. Paul's church. There is also EXTEND, a stretching exercise class to improve mobility, at Saxon Court. It started in February.
 - Marjory and Arnold Ziff Community Centre hosts two different dance classes. Both provide a cultural outlet as well as exercise. One is a traditional tap dance and the other is Latin inspired, calorie burning dance, fitness party – Zumba.
23. Most youth club sessions are currently using the first 30 minutes to promote C-Card and encourage young people to think about good sexual health.
24. Throughout the Outer North East, The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) in partnership with Leeds City Council offer help to families in receipt of various benefits, who have young children. Families can access free safety equipment such as: stair safety gates, window restrictors, non slip bath or shower mats, fire guards, locks for kitchen cupboards and corner cushions. In Alwoodley, 50 families have been assisted.
25. Telecare is a new initiative which uses monitors to help people feel safer in their homes. In January, Feel Good Factor, in association with Leeds City Council, hosted an event to help promote potential benefits of Telecare. The event was open to all in East North East wedge and showed how a range of equipment linked to a social alarm or to a carer in the same property can summon help when necessary.
26. An MSc student is working with the Area Management Team to carry out a health audit in Moor Allerton neighbourhood to contribute to the work of Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP). The aim of the exercise is to gain a better understanding of health issues in the area, engage community in a discussion on health needs and prepare to enter a dialog with local GP's who will soon have a responsibility for commissioning healthcare for local residents. The results of the findings will be reported to MAP and discussed at Alwoodley ward member meeting.

Thriving Places

27. The main priorities in this strategic theme relate to making the neighbourhoods safer and better places to live in. Partners include the police, area management, housing and youth organisations, as well as voluntary sector colleagues. Agencies co-operate to identify problems and act on intelligence to improve living conditions for local residents.
28. Local Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) continue to work with partners (housing agencies, youth services, area management, voluntary sector organisations, extended services and others) through 6-weekly tasking meetings. There are two tasking teams in Outer North East Leeds area; one covering Wetherby and Harewood wards and the other covering Alwoodley ward. The local policing priorities are established through intelligence, analysis of statistics and public consultation. Below are a few examples of issues identified and dealt with in the last quarter of 2010/11.
29. Officers from Wetherby NPT joined forces with Trading Standards to conduct a joint operation involving under age youths attempting to purchase alcohol on licensed premises. Two young people (15yrs and 16yrs), accompanied by plain clothed officers tried to buy lager and other alcoholic drinks in Wetherby and villages. In most cases they were refused, in others, they were asked for age identification and then refused. However, three premises sold alcohol to the youths. Staff at one pub and one supermarket received £80 penalty tickets and the licensee of another pub is to be interviewed by Trading Standards.
30. The priorities in eastern villages (Walton to Bramham) are mainly speeding and anti-social behaviour. In particular:
 - Boston Spa - speeding through High Street and Primrose Lane;
 - Bramham - anti-social behaviour on Freely Fields;
 - Walton - speeding through the village.
 - Additionally, in Boston Spa – lead thefts are persisting due to a high price of metal. Officers from Wetherby NPT have arrested 6 individuals who are all on police bail pending further investigations.
31. In western villages (Linton to Shadwell) priorities included:
 - Bardsey - parking problems at Bardsey primary school
 - Collingham - speeding vehicles, A58, Brookside towards Leeds
 - East Keswick - parking problems on Whitegate
 - Harewood- parking problems around Gateways school
 - Linton- speeding cars through village
 - Shadwell- parking problems around Shadwell primary school.
32. In order to increase general feelings of safety and reduce fear of crime, a free home security surveys are being offered to local residents with leaflets being delivered to homes in Wetherby. These surveys are being carried out by local PCSOs and the police encourage public to take advantage of this service.

33. In Alwoodley, community safety priorities included the need to detect and reduce burglaries, theft from vehicles (particularly on the golf course estates off Nursery Lane). Also to tackle anti-social behaviour and drug dealing around the Cranmer Bank shops and nearby ginnels. As a result, there has been an increase in policing patrols in the area.
34. Crime prevention messages have been delivered by local PCSOs. Posters have been put up about keeping vehicles and houses secure (closing and locking all doors and windows) and about leaving valuables such as sat navs, keys, phones, bags, and presents on display.
35. Additionally, to help Alwoodley residents stay safe, a new scheme, an interactive 'virtual house' video, has just been launched. The 'virtual house' allows people to walk through the downstairs of a property and gives security advice. It is available on the West Yorkshire Police website, Neighbourhood Policing Team – Alwoodley.
36. Youth Services are working with young people to address anti-social behaviour in the Cranmer Bank area. Together with the Alwoodley Extended Services and using Activities Fund, a summer programme of activities is being developed at present. The aim is effectively to target and support disadvantaged young people to divert children from anti-social behaviour and encourage them to take part in the many activities on offer.
37. In order to allow communities to take advantage of the changing legislation, in particular, the Localism Bill, a Planning Conference took place in Boston Spa village hall on 1st March. It was organised by the Community Planner and Area Management officers. It attracted 42 participants, with all the Town and Parish Councils represented. The morning session explored new responsibilities and opportunities derived from the emerging localism agenda. In the afternoon a number of practical, planning exercises were arranged. The feedback from the event was very positive. The participants found it highly informative. It is hoped that the lessons learned will help Parish Councillors to improve local services and quality of life for residents.

Harmonious Communities

38. ADP priorities for Harmonious Communities strategic theme relate to the involvement of communities in the decision making process, participation in community life, support (including financial) to local groups, Parish Councils and resident organisations as well as developing use of local facilities and amenities. This is a promise shared by all partners.
39. This priority is dictated by the Area Committee's delegated function for community engagement and consultation. The aim is to make sure that a representative sample of population, including hard to reach groups, is given an opportunity to get involved in local decision making. Taking into account the large geographical area and travel constraints, number of scattered communities and difficulty with organising large scale events, Outer North East Area Committee favours using existing meetings and activities to engage with local people. By going to where people already congregate,

officers can make sure that more people are given an opportunity to contribute; e.g. to the development of the Area Delivery Plan. A report elsewhere on this agenda gives a summary of community engagement activities organised to help with the preparation of the Area Delivery Plan for 2011/12.

40. An example of one such group is the Alwoodley Parents' Forum. It meets monthly at the Children Centre. It enables parents to have a say in the type of services available from the Centre, comment on developments and share mutual support. It also provides Area Management Team with an opportunity to reach and engage with this group of people and their specific needs.
41. The Area Management Team continue to support Town and Parish Council Forum in accordance with the Town and Parish Council Charter. At the last meeting the main themes were: information on support available to rural voluntary sector from Voluntary Action Leeds, planning enforcement and the forthcoming planning conference. The next meeting of the Forum is on 2nd April 2011.
42. Area Management Team work closely with local residents to improve the conditions and use of community facilities. There are only two LCC community centres in the locality but village and church halls are also available. Plans to improve children play parks and green open spaces are currently being finalised. (see 21 above)
43. The purchase of the Lingfield Pub by an Islamic organisation to be turned into a multi-faith centre with sports and community facilities, continues to concern the local community. In order to explore issues of faith and culture, Open House holds a monthly Saturday discussion open to all. A public meeting with the new owners has also been held to explore future plans for the facility.

Delegation of Environmental Services to Area Committees

44. Area committees are due to take on additional responsibilities for the environment through the Delegated Functions Schedule, starting in the new municipal year. Meetings have been held with the ward members to look at and examine potential service level agreements (SLA) each area committee will be developing with Environmental Services. The delegation of services will be monitored, managed and reviewed by those SLA. Appendix B provides a summary of the process to date and explains how it is going to be developed further. A follow up report will be submitted to the Area Committee in the summer.
45. The scope of the delegation includes the following services:
 - Mechanical street cleansing;
 - Manual street cleansing (litter picking);
 - Litter bin emptying;
 - Flytipping removal & enforcement;
 - Leaf clearing;

- Dog controls (strays, fouling);
- Highways enforcement;
- Graffiti enforcement work
- Domestic and commercial waste storage and transportation control;
- Overhanging vegetation control; and
- Litter control (Fixed Penalty Notices, flier controls etc.)

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

46. The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan mirror the priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan. These improvement priorities are agreed between all the partner agencies and with government office as the local area agreement (LAA). Local interpretations of the priority outcomes for the area have been developed. Within each priority actions are delivered in consultation with key stakeholders in the local area.

Legal and Resource Implications

47. The Wellbeing Fund is used to finance projects which meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan. Area Management work with Council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to using the Wellbeing Fund which ensures best use of the funding.

Conclusions

48. The Area Delivery Plan sets out the key actions for 2008 - 2011 for Outer North East Leeds. Projects meeting the objectives of the Plan are funded through the Wellbeing Fund. This report provides members with an update on progress in implementing the actions contained within the ADP.

Recommendations

49. The Area Committee is asked to:
- note the contents of the report and the work carried out in meeting the ADP priorities for Outer North East area.
 - receive an update on the progress made in relation to the proposed delegation of Environmental Services to the Area Committee in June 2011.

Background Papers: Area Committee Roles and Functions 20010/11

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Area Delivery Plan Priorities – 4th quarter 2010/11
Strategic Theme:
CULTURE

1. Children and young people in Alwoodley had a wide choice of activities available to them in the last quarter of this financial year. A major source of funding has been the Activities Fund, which is a pot of money administered by the extended services and used to help vulnerable children in the area to take part in cultural, sporting or educational activities they would otherwise not be able to participate in. In total, throughout 2010/11 over 200 local children have been enabled to take part in 170 sessions ranging from play schemes, residentials in Herd Farm, practical workshops, arts and sporting events. Below are some examples of activities on offer in the last quarter of the financial year 2010/11, showing a wide range of choices.



Northcall Players from Northcall Community Centre, put on a community pantomime - "Cinderella". The performance brought people together impacting on the Harmonious Communities strategic theme as well as providing an artistic outlet for residents. It was watched by 150 people gathered in the Moortown Methodist Church.

- From January 2011 twenty two participants took part in a 10 week programme, "Music Maker Club" based at Allerton High school. Children were able to experience and experiment with a range of instruments and develop their performance skills.
- Moortown Baptist Church has launched a "What Matters" photography programme to run between March and September 2011. The aim is to take a photograph of a person or place in the local area that is important to those taking part, with 50 words of explanation. The invitation has been issued to schools and local community groups. The photographs will be displayed in the church as a large art installation. Alongside the cultural values, the project will bring a greater sense of community cohesion. It is hoped that the scheme will appeal to all ages.
- A Calypso dance session has started in Northcall. It offers a free crèche and aims to encourage participants to use it as an exercise programme, thereby contributing to the Health and Wellbeing agenda.

- A Glee Class, which is a partnership between Open House and Northcall offers children aged 11-16 an opportunity to improve their performance skills and increase self-confidence.
- An Art Club at Brodetsky school contributed to the multi-generational agenda by arranging a storytelling sessions at Donisthorpe Old People's Home in January.
- Youth Service colleagues provide a varied programme of lunchtime detached activities from Allerton High School, evening youth club at Open House and newly opened sessions at Moortown Baptist Church. This last development is particularly welcomed as finding a suitable, local venue, where young people could be accommodated without complaints from residents has been proving challenging.
- In mid March, children from the primary school drama and performance poetry clubs (St Paul's, Brodetsky and Allerton CofE) shared their experiences of different faiths and in particular, enabled the Brodetsky pupils to share their Purim Festival with other children in the cluster. This type of activity contributes greatly to community cohesion.
- The Performance Poetry Club has been working with girls who are vulnerable and lack in confidence in order to help them in transition from a primary to a secondary school. Allerton High feeder schools are now being approached to identify a new, small group of children due to join the school in September who may benefit from the scheme. Below is a poem written by 2 girls who attended the first Poetry Club, in 2010/11 academic year.

**I started high school today
 I suppose it was ok
 I felt really scared, and thought nobody cared
 It turned out I was wrong
 So now I am singing this song
 "I will protect,
 I will protect u
 I will protect u"**

**You will get used to the school
 Your friends will be so cool
 If you get your work done
 You won't get detention
 instead
 You will get a gold slip
 And you'll go on a trip.**

**"I will believe,
 I'll believe in me
 I'll believe in you
 I will believe in we"**

That's why high school is great

**Especially with your best mate
You will have so much fun
At break in the sun
This is where I belong
That's why I am singing the song
For lifetime**

**“For
For, for for ever more
Education is for a lifetime
For a lifetime
For for, forever more.”**

By Olivia and Georgia. Year 7 and a half!

- Another transition project, Film Transition Project, is set to continue until June, again, helping children with the difficult transition from a primary to a secondary school through the medium of film. Eight sessions in the spring term, will culminate in an “Oscars” night, with certificates and a screening of the winning film.
- In February, Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Community Centre celebrated Jewish Craft and Sculpture Day with a royal sculptor Frances Segelman. Local artists were encouraged to sketch the sitting.

2. Children and young people from Wetherby and Harewood wards have access to activities organised through schools, extended services, youth service and a number of community and private clubs. Below are some examples of pursuits available in the last quarter of the current financial year:

- During February half term children in Wetherby, Boston Spa and Scholes participated in street dance, multisports and arts and crafts sessions. There was also a family trip to Temple Newsam house and farm on offer.
- Boston Spa school is hosting Leeds United Football Club training sessions for children between 5 and 8 years old. There are separate sessions for boys and girls and the whole course will last 5 weeks.

Yogabugs is a popular exercise programme delivered from both Wetherby and Boston Spa Children Centres for children under 5 years old. (see picture) The benefits to children include: improved concentration, good posture, improved flexibility and improved self confidence.



- In February, both the Children Centres started new dance and musical theatre sessions.
- In Harewood ward, Youth Services need to cover a large geographical area and consequently, a mobile provision is used e.g. in Aberford and Scholes. Sessions exploring self confidence, self esteem, healthy lifestyles and team building are held. In other villages: Bardsey, Collingham and Thorer local church halls, sports clubs or schools are used to deliver open sessions looking at issues of interest to young people, often instigated by the participants themselves. In Thorer, a Youth Club was set up as a result of detached work in the area and in response to local need expressed by the young people. It delivers a range of activities to support young people's development.
- In Wetherby, in Barleyfields Community Centre there is a radio project run in co-operation with the local radio station Tempo FM and supported financially by the ward members. Another group of young people in the centre are engaged in an arts project in partnership with East North East Homes.

DELEGATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO AREA COMMITTEES - update

Environmental Services Delegation

Further to the report submitted to the last Area Committee, the following provides a brief update on the progress towards achieving the delegation of environmental services from June/July 2011.

Work is progressing on the development of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for each Area Committee, with a generic template being agreed by Area Chairs on 11th February. A first draft of the Outer North East Area Committee SLA will be shared with Members at a workshop scheduled to take place on 29th March, 10am-1pm, to which you will have received an invitation on 31st January. To inform the detail of the SLAs, service resources have been allocated across the City on a wedge basis, detail of which will be available at the March workshops, if not already shared with Members. Members will have further opportunity to input and comment on their SLA prior to the final version being presented for approval at the June/July Area Committee.

Appointment of the three Locality Manager posts, who will manage service delivery to meet the requirements of their respective area's SLAs, is due to take place in March. Area Chairs will be involved in part of the recruitment process for the posts, with the final decision on appointments however, remaining with senior officers. As soon as the appointments are formalised Members will be informed of who their Locality Manager is.

At their last meeting, Area Chairs discussed the potential roles of Deputy Area Chair, Environmental Champion and Environment Sub-group. Presently, some Area Committees have one or more of these roles, whilst others have none. It was agreed that whilst the roles will remain informal, i.e. have no decision making authority, they will be a valuable mechanism for dealing with the SLA and service delivery matters in a timely manner between formal Area Committee meetings. With regard to the function that a sub-group could undertake this would be especially relevant prior to and during the initial stages of the delegation. Once the delegation is in place and effective then local arrangements can be made as to how to deal with operational issues and the SLA, agreed as a wedge and/or between the Area Committees and their Locality Manager. In some cases the sub-group may be a time limited 'task and finish group', in other areas the sub-group may fulfil a more ongoing role of overseeing the SLA outside of formal Area Committee business.

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Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 21st March 2011

Subject: Community Engagement Update

Electoral Wards Affected:
 Alwoodley
 Harewood
 Wetherby

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Cohesion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Narrowing the Gap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 ward members with an update on local community engagement activity carried out by the Area Management officers in the winter/spring 2011 period. It also includes feedback from the community engagement events.

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to provide feedback from the community engagement events which took place during winter and spring 2011. The events provide a mechanism to consult with the community on their priorities, needs and aspirations. This information is used to inform the development of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP).

Background information

2. Area Committees have a particular role in promoting community engagement and a responsibility for overseeing and monitoring the work of the Area Management Team in relation to local engagement activities.
3. In Outer North East Leeds an annual cycle of community engagement is in place. In order to consult with residents Area Management officers attend partnership and community meetings taking place in the area. The summer round of events is celebratory and brings communities together and the winter/spring events are designed to inform residents of how services are working locally to meet their needs and to start the process of consulting on the following year's Area Delivery Plan (ADP) priorities.

4. It is suggested that the same annual cycle of community engagement takes place in 2011/12.

Main Issues

5. Since January 2011 four events have been held within the Outer North East area covering all 3 wards as well as a postal survey addressed to residents across the area. Appendix 1 gives a summary of the engagement programme and presents the Area Committee with the results of the consultation.
6. The events formed part of the programme of community engagement activity taking place as an annual cycle. Their purpose was, on the one hand, to share with local residents the Area Committee's priorities and to inform them about the services and actions being delivered locally to support these priorities. On the other hand, it was to consult with the communities on the priorities for the new ADP for 2011-12. In order to carry out this work officers targeted specific groups and visited places where groups could be engaged in discussions.
7. Partners involved in the events were: Area Management; West Yorkshire Police; Children Centres, voluntary organisations – Maecare, Northcall, Open House, Town and Parish Council Forum, extended services and others.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

8. Area Committees have an enhanced role in community engagement as outlined in the Area Functions Schedule agreed by the Executive Board.

Legal and Resource Implications

9. Area Management is responsible for organising and co-ordinating community engagement activity. This is undertaken in conjunction with other council services and partners.

Conclusions

10. The Area Committee has a specific role in relation to community engagement and a programme of community engagement activity has been put in place to support this function. Information gained in this way contributes to service improvement and Area Delivery Plan priorities. The engagement programme allows residents to feel more engaged in the local decision making.

Recommendations

11. Area Committee is asked:
 - to note the content of this report;
 - agree to repeat the same consultation cycle in 2011/12.

Background documents:

Area committees' Area Functions Schedule.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTER NORTH EAST LEEDS

1. A number of community consultation events (see paragraph 4), throughout the Outer North East Leeds have been conducted in order to ensure residents' contributions to the development of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP). The geography of the area means that organising special, larger events becomes difficult. Additionally, there are groups which traditionally do not respond to or get involved in consultation. Area management officers have embarked, therefore, on a series of targeted visits to groups and organisations as well as attending already organised meetings run by partners in order to engage with local residents in places they already frequent. A postal survey has also been organised using the addresses of people who have attended events in the past.
2. The agreed strategic themes residents commented on were:
 - Things to Do
 - The Local Economy
 - Getting Around
 - Learning for All
 - Clean and Green
 - Safe Neighbourhoods
 - Healthy Living
 - Community Life
3. The participants were invited to join in a prioritisation exercise where they were given 10 markers to put alongside their most pressing ADP priorities as expressed by the LCC strategic plan and the local ADP. In total, over 60 people took place in face to face meetings, shared their views on the quality of services available to them and discussed their aspirations.
4. Groups, organisations and meetings targeted were:
 - Town and Parish Council Forum
 - Residents attending PACT meetings in Alwoodley ward
 - Older and vulnerable people through Stay Warm events and luncheon clubs in Harewood and Alwoodley wards
 - General population through a postal survey in all three wards
 - Young families and women through Children's Centres Wetherby and Harewood wards
5. The postal survey was sent to 180 people with 65 people responding. This high response rate suggests that the Outer North East residents want to get involved in matters affecting their locality. The questions included in the postal questionnaires mirrored those at the consultation events.

6. The results pointed to the greatest interest in:

STRATEGIC THEME	TOP PRIORITIES
Things to Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a range of sport, art and cultural activities in local venues • Support to local community events
The Local Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the streets of our local shopping centres clean and tidy to encourage more people to use them
Getting Around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve road safety for road users and pedestrians
Learning for All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage young people in learning to reduce persistent absenteeism and reduce the numbers at risk of NEET (not in employment, education or training)
Clean and Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take enforcement action in areas which are known hotspots for fly tipping, dog fouling and littering
Safe Neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle crime and anti-social behaviour through everyone working together • Deliver Operation Champion – targeted action to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental problems
Healthy Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to voluntary agencies such as MAECare, Northcall, Open House and WISE to enable them to deliver local services for older people • Provide a range of opportunities for people to get involved in sport and active recreation; support to sports clubs
Community Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure people have the opportunity to 'have their say' about what happens in their community • Support village halls, community centres and facilities run by volunteers



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Report of the East North East Area Manager

Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 21 March 2011

Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2011-2012

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: Alwoodley Harewood Wetherby</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<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 presents, for approval, a refreshed Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for the Outer North East area for 2011/12; attached as Appendix 1.

The report also lists sources of information used and provides feedback on findings arrived at by the analyses of the data which have helped to inform the priorities for the Area Delivery Plan for 2011/12. These are results of community consultation, summary of the statistical information from the Leeds Neighbourhood Index and outcomes of discussions with partners and ward members.

Moor Allerton in Alwoodley ward has been designated a priority neighbourhood. Appendix 2 provides the description of the area and an initial analyses of statistical information which will be developed into a more detailed action plan, know as a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP).

Members are asked to approve the refreshed ADP, comment on and approve the draft NIP priorities and to note the information provided.

Purpose of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - present to the Area Committee the process by which the priorities in the Outer North East ADP have been identified;
 - present the draft Area Delivery Plan for the Outer North East Area for 2011/12 for the Area Committee's approval.
 - seek approval for the production of a poster version of the ADP to be distributed in the area.
 - present the draft Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priorities for the Moor Allerton Partnership for Area Committee's comment.

Background Information

2. Each Area Committee produces an ADP. It is a local representation of the Leeds Strategic Plan which brings together the themes in the Vision for Leeds, Local Area Agreement and other planning documents to provide an integrated framework geared to tackling neighbourhood needs and priorities.
3. The ADP is linked thematically and in terms of strategic outcomes to the Leeds Strategic Plan. It also captures partners' priorities and actions which contribute towards securing the local improvement priorities.

Area Delivery Plan

4. The ADP, as the local interpretation of the Leeds Strategic Plan, reflects and shapes partnership activity in the area and forms the primary partnership plan for the area committee. It also underpins the use of the Wellbeing Budget delegated to area committees by the Executive Board.
5. In 2010-11 the Outer North East Area Committee agreed to produce a shortened version of the ADP, known as a Community Charter. The document was distributed to various public places and widely used in discussions with partners from both statutory and voluntary sectors to agree common priorities and monitor actions. In addition, the document is often used by voluntary sector colleagues in the process of fundraising to show how and where their agendas support wider local concerns.
6. It is proposed that in 2011-12 a similar document is produced, encapsulating the priorities for the local area which have been arrived at as a result of public consultation, analyses of the statistical information from the Neighbourhood Index (NI), work with members at ward meetings and discussions with partners.

7. The actions based on these priorities should acknowledge a continuation of support for projects and initiatives set out in the plan in 2010/11, and outline the services to be delivered in local communities in the Outer North East area through partnership working in 2011/12.
8. A draft ADP/Community Charter is presented in Appendix1.

ADP Preparation

Consultation with Community and Partners

9. The ADP is prepared in consultation with ward members, officers from the council and partner agencies, local residents and voluntary and community groups. It is informed by community engagement activity and partnership working which is taking place in the Outer North East area. A separate report presented to this Area Committee describes in detail the methodology and results of the community engagement activities carried out to support the development of the ADP.
10. A series of meetings have been held with colleagues from Leeds City Council and other partner organisations. The aim of these meetings is to obtain an agreement from partners to contribute to the common agenda.
11. Cluster leadership groups in the area are in the process of changing into Joint Collaborative Committees (JCC). The membership of the JCC continues to comprise schools, children centres, West Yorkshire Police, health colleagues and the voluntary sector. Their priorities for action include improvement in school attendance and academic attainment, provision of activities and support to vulnerable children and families and as such are reflected in the Area Delivery Plan.
12. Tasking meetings take place 6 weekly for the two Neighbourhood Policing Teams covering this area – Harewood and Wetherby and Roundhay, Alwoodley, Moortown. They are attended by representatives from the council, West Yorkshire Police, East North East Leeds Homes and Aire Valley Homes. The officers attending work closely with the local communities they serve and have a good knowledge and understanding of the area and its issues. Information gained through tasking has been taken into account in the development of the ADP.
13. West Yorkshire Police run PACT meetings (police and communities together) which offer the public an opportunity to raise issues of concern with their neighbourhood policing team. In the Harewood and Wetherby NPT area, these are run in conjunction with Town and Parish Council meetings. The intelligence obtained in this way informs West Yorkshire Police priorities and has been taken into account in the development of the ADP.
14. Meetings with ward members take place on a regular basis. They offer the opportunity to discuss issues concerning local communities. Depending on the issues being

discussed these meetings may involve officers from the council, partner agencies, and representatives from the community. Issues identified during this work have informed the ADP and future action plans for each ward.

15. Town and Parish Council Forum meetings are held four times per year to enable Town and Parish Councillors to come together to discuss mutual issues of concern and interest. Agenda items over the past year have included planning, dog warden service, children centres, support to voluntary groups, parish boundaries, grass cutting and planning enforcement. A report is provided to this area committee after each forum meeting. Contribution from the work of the Forum has been used in the preparation of the ADP.
16. Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) includes representatives of organisations and agencies working in the Moor Allerton priority neighbourhood, including Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, East North East Leeds Homes, Groundwork, Northcall, Open House, MAECare, and Leeds Jewish Housing Association. A draft Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) has been developed for MAP. It is structured under the themes of the Area Delivery Plan and will include practical actions to benefit neighbourhoods within MAP area. These will be delivered through partnership working. The draft NIP and its priorities is presented in Appendix 2. Members are requested to approve the NIP priorities.
17. In addition to the meetings described above, discussions with NHS Leeds, Youth Service, West Yorkshire Police and a number of voluntary organisation contributed to the development of the ADP

Leeds Neighbourhood Index (LNI)

18. The Neighbourhood Index is an enhanced area profiling system which provides the Council and its partners with a robust evidence base upon which to plan service interventions and to guide resources into the area of greatest need. It has been produced by the Council with the support of partner organisations. The Index is grouped into seven domains: Economic Activity, Low Income, Education, Health, Community Safety, Environment, and Housing.
19. The neighbourhoods are defined using Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs). A range of data is available for these neighbourhoods, and they meet government guidelines that a neighbourhood should contain between 5000 – 10,000 people. There are 108 MSOAs in Leeds, with an average population of 7000.
20. The Outer North East area covers nine MSOAs which are listed in the table below in order of ranking. The higher the ranking, the more successful the neighbourhood in terms of the seven domains.

Ref No.	Area	LNI Rank
E02002330	Wetherby West	108
E02002341	Alwoodley West	104

E02002335	Bardsey/East Keswick/Collingham/Linton/Harewood	103
E02002351	Scarcroft/Scholes/Shadwell	97
E0200233	Aberford/Barwick/Lotherton/Thorner	94
E02002334	Bramham/Boston Spa/Clifford	93
E02002344	Alwoodley East	90
E02002331	Wetherby East/Thorp Arch/Walton	78
E02002347	Moor Allerton	34

21. With the exception of Moor Allerton, the rankings are high, and the scores for the individual domains are higher than average for the city. For Moor Allerton the scores for the domains are close to the city average, apart from the Economic Activity, although this score has risen slightly in comparison with last year. There has been an improvement in the Low Income domain in comparison with 2010-11 and a deterioration in the Health domain. However, Adult Social Care has been added into the determination of the Health domain and so a direct comparison should not be made.
22. The Neighbourhood Index has been developed as a means of using small area data to increase the understanding of some of the key issues that impact on communities and neighbourhoods.
23. For most of the Outer North East Area the Neighbourhood Index supports the findings of the community engagement events i.e. that the area does not have large concentration of deprivation, although it should be remembered that there are still people in need of help and support.
24. A full copy of the Neighbourhood Index information for the Outer North East area is available from the author of this report.
25. In addition to the statistical information obtained through the Neighbourhood Index, an analysis of intelligence gathered from partners locally is taken into account while developing the ADP.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

26. The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan mirror the priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan. This will enable local interpretation of the priority outcomes for the area to be developed and delivered. Actions in the plan were formulated based on consultation with key stakeholders in the local area.

Legal and Resource Implications

27. The Wellbeing Fund is used to finance projects which meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan. Area Management work with Council services, partner agencies and

local communities to take a strategic approach to Wellbeing Fund expenditure which ensures best use of the funding. The Wellbeing budget is used to support the ADP priorities.

28. Area Management will be responsible for monitoring progress and delivery of the ADP priorities in partnership with other agencies and organisations.

Conclusions

29. The priorities set out in the Area Delivery Plan are a local interpretation of the Leeds Strategic Plan. The refreshed Area Delivery Plan sets out the key actions for 2011/12 for Outer North East Leeds. It is based on consultation with key stakeholders, plus the findings of the Leeds Neighbourhood Index and intelligence obtained from partners and community consultation.

Recommendations

30. Members are asked to:
 - approve the refreshed ADP for 2011/12
 - note the information provided in the Neighbourhood Index
 - approve the production and distribution of a poster version of the ADP
 - comment on and approve the draft NIP priorities for the Moor Allerton Partnership for 2011/12

Background Papers

Leeds Neighbourhood Index, June 2009 LCC Regeneration Services
Town and Parish Council feedback reports to Outer North East Area Committee

OUTER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY CHARTER 2011 - 2012

Vision for Leeds	Outer North East Area Committee Priorities
<p>Priorities... for Children</p>	<p>Work with the children centres in Alwoodley, Wetherby and Boston Spa so that local families can find support and a wide range of activities appropriate to their needs.</p>
	<p>Work closely with schools and other organisations providing services to children and young people to maintain a good after school provision and support to local families in order to improve children’s behaviour, school attendance and academic results.</p>
	<p>Engage young people in learning and support the work of Job Centre Plus, Jobs and Skills and other educational and training agencies to reduce the numbers of young people at risk of becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training)</p>
<p>Priorities... for Business and Culture</p>	<p>Co-operate with local businesses to improve the economy of the area and encourage them to take an active part in the local community life.</p>
	<p>Work with the local voluntary organisations to help them find new volunteers and at the same time, give those volunteers opportunities to widen their skills.</p>
	<p>Provide a varied range of art and cultural activity to all sections of the community to enjoy locally .</p>
<p>Priorities ... for Communities</p>	<p>Through working together with local communities and partner organisations aim to reduce anti-social behaviour, domestic burglary rates, and crime in rural areas.</p>
	<p>Work through the 6 weekly multi-agency action meetings (tasking) to respond promptly to identified problems of crime and environmental blight.</p>
	<p>Promote road safety through the improvement of parking schemes, speed reduction and other highway measures.</p>
	<p>Take enforcement action in areas which are know hotspots for fly-tipping and litter.</p>
	<p>Provide support and funding to volunteers working to improve their local environment; e.g. In Bloom groups.</p>
	<p>Support local community events and activities which bring people together.</p> <p>Provide support, advice and guidance to Town and Parish Councils and administer a quarterly meeting known as the</p>

Vision for Leeds	Outer North East Area Committee Priorities
	Town and Parish Council Forum.
	Ensure residents have their say about what happens in their communities and can influence the development of local services.
Priorities ... for Health and Wellbeing	Ensure Town and Parish Councils are well informed about emerging localism agenda and health reforms so that they can adequately represent the interests of local residents.
	Provide a range of opportunities for people to lead healthy lives.
	Support voluntary sector groups working with vulnerable people.

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**Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP)
Neighbourhood Improvement Plan**



2011-12

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Introduction

Moor Allerton has been identified as a priority area for multi-agency action in order to narrow the deprivation gap between this neighbourhood and the rest of the Alwoodley ward. In response, the Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) has been established. MAP has developed an approach to neighbourhood management based on partnership working, listening and responding to community needs.

MAP's multi-agency partners include East North East Area Management Team, East North East Homes Leeds (ENEHL), Leeds Jewish Housing Association, Youth Service, Primary Care Trust, West Yorkshire Police, City Services, Community Safety, Education Leeds, Job Centre Plus, Environmental Health, Leeds Voice, Maecare, Openhouse, Northcall, Majorie Arnold Ziff Centre, Leeds Library and Information Service, Leeds Jewish Welfare Board, Groundwork Leeds and the Alwoodley Extended Services Cluster. There is potential for adding to this list should circumstances require.

Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) is a strategic document providing the statistical information and improvement objectives for the area as well as a plan of action in order to achieve those objectives.

The proposed structure for ensuring accountability to the Area Committee and effective delivery of the action plan is as follows:

Outer North East Area Committee and Inner North East Area Committee – The committees provide a strategic reporting mechanism and democratic accountability for the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan. The Area Committees ensure that the NIP adds value to the Area Delivery Plan and that the relevant area partnerships are addressing the needs of a priority neighbourhood and joining up cross cutting issues. The Area Committees receive bi-annual progress reports on the status of the project and an annual assessment and comparison of statistics alongside each year's NIP. The Action Plan, forming a part of the NIP is discussed at ward meetings.

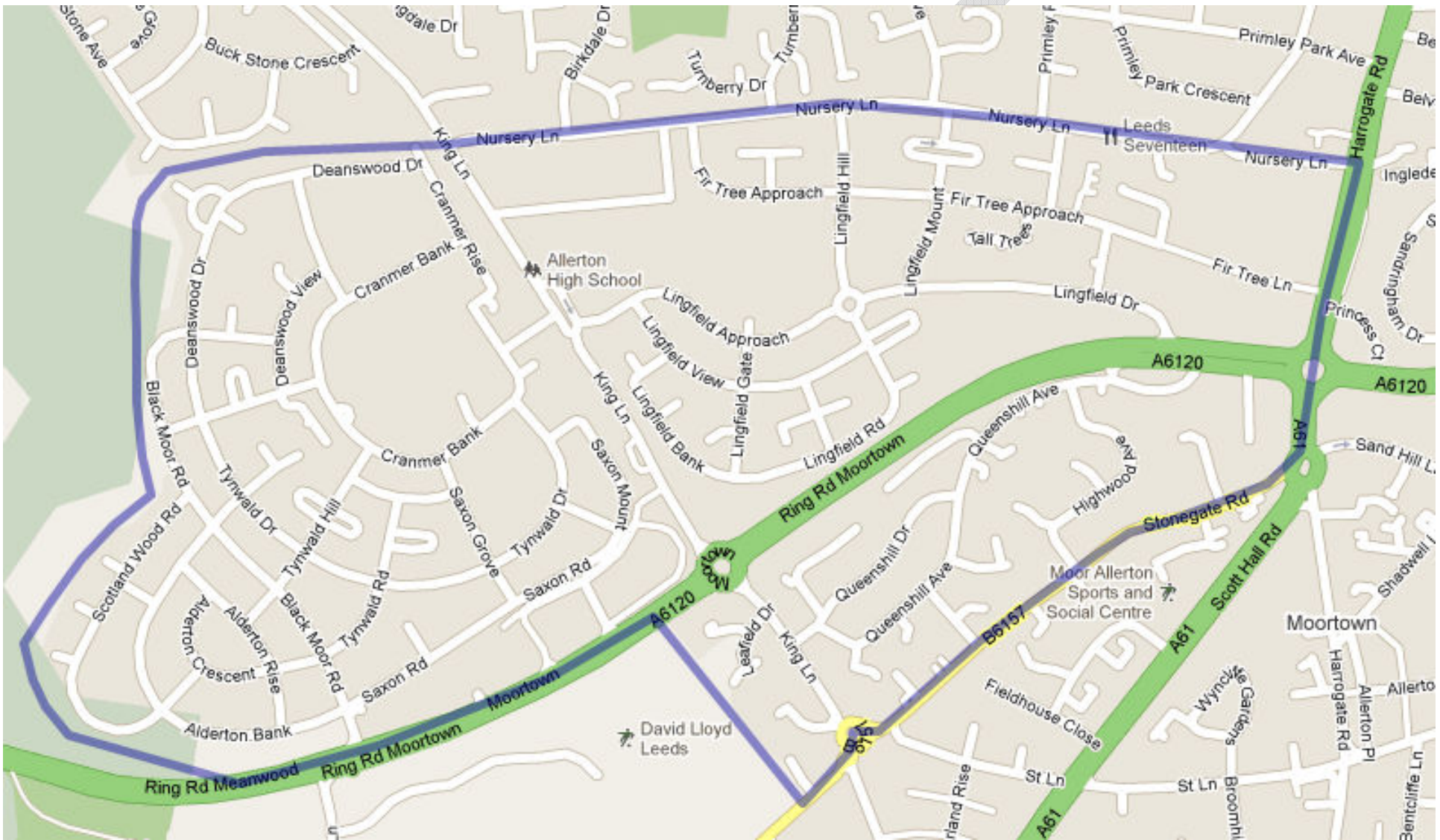
Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) – This is effectively a Priority Neighbourhood Delivery Team. It is made up of local service providers who are committed to delivering actions to address the agreed NIP priorities. This group works with the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan and drives forward operational gains and benefits in the priority neighbourhood.

Key Issues Identified by the Neighbourhood Index and Other Statistics

- Alwoodley Ward is located in the Outer North East Leeds and is one of relative affluence. However, two Super Output Areas (SOAs) around Moor Allerton district (namely, Fir Tree Approach, Lingfield Approach, Cranmer Bank, Saxon Road and Tynwald, Deanwoods) are ranked nationally in the 10% most deprived of SOAs in the Index of Multiple Deprivation; and Lingfields, Firtrees are in 20% most deprived.
- The SOA containing Cranmer Bank and Fir Tree Approach is the only one in the ward to have fallen in its ranking from 2551 in 2004 to 2489 in 2007. – **TO BE UPDATED**
- The same three Moor Allerton district SOAs are ranked in the most deprived 3% within the Living Environment Domain.
- High crime would appear to be less of a contributing factor in the Lingfields / Firtrees and Tynwalds / Deanswoods – both of which have seen their ranking improve significantly since 2004 and both are now ranked above 20% bracket in this domain.
- Across the ward, there has been a significant improvement in the Crime Domain with all SOAs improving their ranking in recent years.
- The summary of the other deprivation domains for the area looks as follows:
 1. all three SOAs are in the top 20% nationally for income deprivation, employment deprivation, health and disability deprivation and income deprivation affecting older people;
 2. one is in the top 20% nationally for education skills and training, barriers to housing and services as well as income deprivation affecting children.
- Queenshills area has a high concentration of people from diverse ethnic backgrounds, with 20% of the population being Jewish, and suffers a number of social problems.
- Health is also a particular area of concern, probably linked to the age profile of the area as 44% of people are over 50 but more work will be done with partners to identify the issues and then put actions in place to address them.



Map of the Moor Allerton Partnership area



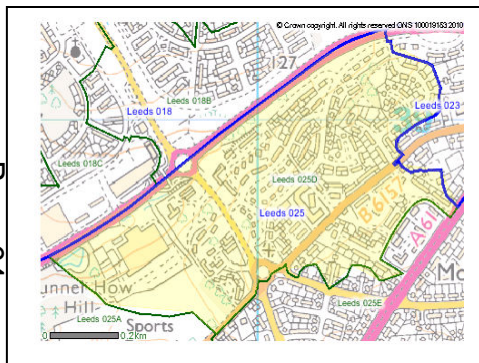
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Moor Allerton Neighbourhood Index 2009 Information

MSOA: E02002347: Moor Allerton - 2009 Neighbourhood Index	
Location	The area is located in the Outer North East Leeds. It is located north of the Outer Ring Road and to the east of Harrogate Road, predominantly residential it contains the housing areas of Aldertons, Cranmers, Lingfields, Fir Trees and Tynwalds.
Population	It contains approximately 6,200 people living in 2,900 households. The age breakdown shows slightly higher than average proportions of both children and of older people. The area has a diverse ethnic population with over 15% of people coming from Black Minority Ethnic (BME) communities.
Physical Description	46% of households are in owner-occupation and 41% are renting from the local authority (through and ALMO). Semi-detached housing accounts for 51.5% of the stock with purpose built flats accounting for a further 29%. 59% of properties are classified in Council Tax Band A and 20% in Band B.
Key services located in the area	<p>There are four primary Schools: Alwoodley Primary, Allerton C of E, Brodetsky Primary, and St Pauls Catholic school plus Allerton High School.</p> <p>The Alwoodley Children's Centre is located in Allerton C of E primary school and provides assistance to families with children up to 5 years old. There is professional support on offer, from midwives and health visitors. There is also a provision of parenting support, a range of activities, out of school clubs, training and support with employment.</p> <p>The area includes: Moor Allerton shopping centre with the Moor Allerton Library; Moor Allerton Elderly Care (MAECare) centre which provides a range of support services for older people; Northcall centre and Open House – (the latter is based in a council owned shop unit) and both provide a range of services and activities for the community.</p> <p>There is also a smaller shopping parade at Cranmer Bank which houses a post office.</p> <p>In 2010 a home for people with learning difficulties opened in Cranmer Bank and provided employment for 20 people. The area is served by Roundhay, Allerton and Moortown (RAM) tasking, which is a multi-agency team dealing with issues of crime and anti-social behaviour as well as environment.</p>
Other points of	The Cranmer, Lingfield and Fir Tree areas are part of the multi agency Moor Allerton

Breakdown and Assessment of Neighbourhood Index Comparison of 2009 and 2010 Moor Allerton

General information



Leeds City Council has worked with partner organisations to develop an enhanced area profiling system at the neighbourhood level. The result of this work is the production of a "Neighbourhood Index" for the city, which provides the Council and its partners with a robust evidence base by which to plan service interventions and to begin to identify and guide resources into the areas of greatest need. The information in the Neighbourhood Index is based on geographical units known as Super Output Areas (SOAs). There are 108 Middle SOAs in the city of Leeds. The higher the score of the Neighbourhood Index position the better the area is performing on a city wide level in a particular domain. The latest information contained in Leeds Neighbourhood Index is for the year 2010. Moor Allerton is now ranked 33 in the city. This is considered an average score in the context of the city as a whole. The two domains which have declined a little are Education and Health. Although worsened, Education is still considered average for Leeds. The domains with the lowest overall scores are Economic Activity and Health. More explanation and analysis can be found below.

Economic Activity

This domain continues to have a low overall score although it shows a slight improvement on last year, moving up a place from 27th to 28th in the city. This is still 21.78 points below city average. Partial explanation may be that the area has slightly higher than average numbers of older residents. The sub domain which has deteriorated most is Job Seekers' Allowance (from 58.82 in 2009 to 51.90 in 2010). Improving the opportunities for people to move away from JSA remains a priority for MAP in this domain. There has been some improvement in Lone Parent Income Support (increase of 5,65 points) and Incapacity Benefit (increase of 4,47 points), with fewer people in the area in receipt of those benefits.

Low Income

This domain improved a little from 29th to 31st place in the city. This has been enough to move it up into an average ranking, although the gap between Moor Allerton and Leeds remains 11,66 points. A score for Households Receiving In-Work Benefits has deteriorated further (from 50.18 in 2009 to 45.02 in 2010). It may mean, however, that more people are taking low paid jobs instead of remaining on benefits, thereby moving on to the first step of the employment ladder. As low income families often suffer additional problems, support to this group remains a priority for MAP.

Housing

Housing has dropped 2 points in the ranking, from 61 in 2009 to 59 in 2010 but it remains average for the city. The average house purchase price has risen from £133,400 to £148,102 although housing turnover declined by 4.84 points reflecting general trends and the effects of the current recession. On the plus side, the Empty Homes sub domain which identifies houses remaining empty for 90+ days, remains stable, showing that the housing market in Moor Allerton remains desirable. However, the time it takes to re-let properties in the public sector is still relatively long. Work with East North East Homes Leeds and other housing providers should address this situation.

Health

The Health domain has moved from an average (45 in 2009) to below average – 32 in 2010. All 3 sub domains of Circulatory Disease Mortality, Cancer Mortality and Low Birth Weight have deteriorated in the last 12 months, with Circulatory Disease Mortality showing a particular decline. However, in 2010 a new sub domain of Adult Social Care was included in the calculation of this information. It is difficult to assess how this affected the overall scores. According to the Adult Social Care statistics there are 20 people with learning disabilities, 26 people with mental health problems, 109 people with physical disabilities and 8 more with a varied range of care needs using community based services in the area. Developing an understanding of their needs and providing support should be important for MAP.

Environment

The scores for environment have decreased greatly in the last 12 months, although they remain marginally better than those for Leeds as a whole. Moor Allerton score dropped from 74 points to 35. In particular, graffiti increased by 9,91 points. There are, however, relatively few visible cases of graffiti. It is felt that the increased rate may be due to better reporting. General waste issues have also increased by 8.04 points. On the positive side, in 2010, there has been a decrease of 20 fly tipping offences in comparison to 2009. Despite deterioration, Environment scores remain average in comparison with the rest of the city. Environmental issues, particularly around the shopping parades in the area, have been identified as problematic.

Education

Education domain, while still average in comparison with Leeds as a whole, has deteriorated greatly. The score dropped from 60 points in 2009 to 39 in 2010, a substantial difference of 21 points. The most worrying are sub domains of Foundation Stage, where scores for pre school children dropped by 12,65 points; and Key Stage 4 where scores for high school children dropped by 11,93 points. Efforts need to be made to work with the Children Centre and develop further support to families with young children. There are 1341 children under the age of 5 in the “reach area” for the Alwoodley Children Centre. 45% of them are now registered with the Centre and the target figure is 80%. The Partnership will look at ways of reaching this target. The statistics for children between 14 and 16 years old need to be further analysed to establish reasons for their decline. Statistically, levels of persistent absenteeism and young people not in education, employment and training (NEET) do not appear to have deteriorated. They are, however, sub domains which have to be monitored regularly.

Community Safety

This domain is showing greatest improvement of all - a 14 point increase. Ranking rose from 41 in 2009 to 55 in 2010. There have been 166 fewer acquisitive property crimes in 2010 in comparison with 2009; 50 fewer environmental crimes and 49 fewer crimes against individuals. The satisfaction rates with the co-operation between the Council and West Yorkshire Police officers, as expressed by local residents are also high. It may be due to tasking meetings which happen every 6 weeks and where partners (police, council, health, housing colleagues) resolve ongoing issues of crime and environment.

Leeds Neighbourhood Index

Domain Summary	2009		2010		Change	
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score
Economic Activity	27	42.36	28	43.55	1	1.19
Low Income	29	50.46	31	50.11	2	-0.35
Housing	61	63.59	59	64.56	-2	0.98
Health	45	55.37	32	44.98	-13	-10.39
Environment	74	91.61	35	85.19	-39	-6.42
Education	60	60.52	39	43.41	-21	-17.10
Community Safety	41	75.94	55	84.35	14	7.41
Leeds Index	34	50.45	33	45.31	-1	-5.14

Indicators	2009		2010		Change	
	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score
Job Seekers' Allowance	5.54%	58.82	6.27%	51.90	0.73	-6.93
Incapacity Benefit	11.49%	17.47	10.92%	21.94	-0.57	4.47
Lone Parent Income Support	2.87%	62.23	2.44%	67.91	-0.43	5.68
Children in Workless Households	290	62.22	271	64.71	-19	2.48
Households Receiving In-Work Benefits	146	50.18	160	45.02	14	-5.17
60+ Households in Receipt of Benefits	451	27.76	435	30.70	-16	2.94
Court Payment Orders	217	65.84	234	62.60	17	-3.24
Average Purchase Price	£133,400	15.43	£148,102	19.57	£14,702	4.14
Price / Income Ratio	5.20	29.85	5.32	31.64	0.12	1.79
Housing Turnover	8.82%	86.92	10.59%	82.07	1.77	-4.84
Empty Homes (90+ days)	4.46%	88.46	3.83%	91.85	-0.63	3.39
Circulatory Disease Mortality	93.29	63.38	115.06	52.44	21.77	-10.94
Cancer Mortality	86.37	78.22	101.49	69.68	15.12	-8.54
Low Birthweight	8.9	42.25	9.5	36.82	0.6	-5.43
Adult Social Care	162	32.40	163	31.84	1	-0.56
Fly Tipping	62	87.34	42	91.86	-20	4.52
Graffiti	8	93.90	21	84.00	13	-9.91
Waste Issues	14	96.29	40	88.24	26	-8.04
Persistent Absenteeism	7.43%	65.12	8.84%	57.90	1.41	-7.22
Foundation Stage	47.37%	50.96	34.72%	33.71	-12.65	-17.24
Key Stage 2	78.67%	72.47	75.34%	66.57	-3.32	-5.89
Key Stage 4	52.17%	53.43	40.24%	36.43	-11.93	-17.00
NEET	6.52%	80.43	7.34%	56.17	0.82	-24.26
Acquisitive Property Crime	378	78.52	212	90.86	-166	12.34
Environmental Crimes	163	69.14	113	79.78	-50	10.64
Crimes Against Individuals	234	75.61	185	81.50	-49	5.89
Community Disorders	453	79.01	449	79.26	-4	0.25

Notes:

Domain Summary: Shows the rank, score and changes for each domain, for each year.

Indicators: Shows the score, underlying data and changes for each indicator, for each year.

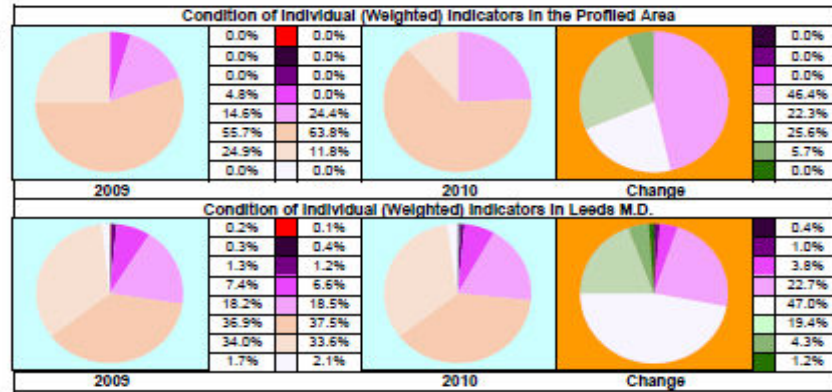
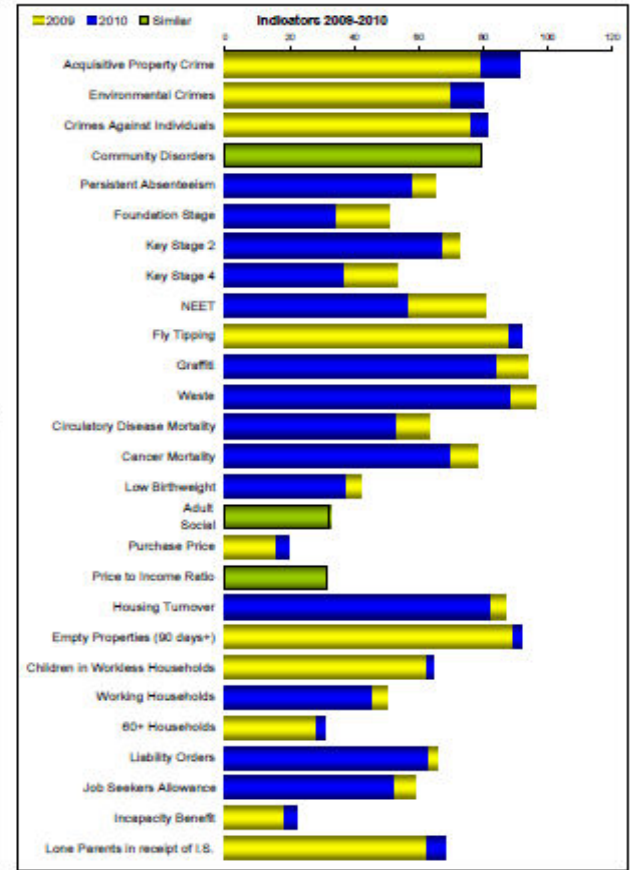
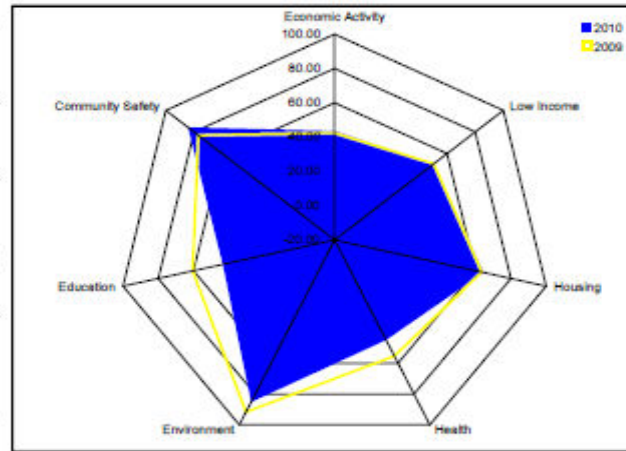
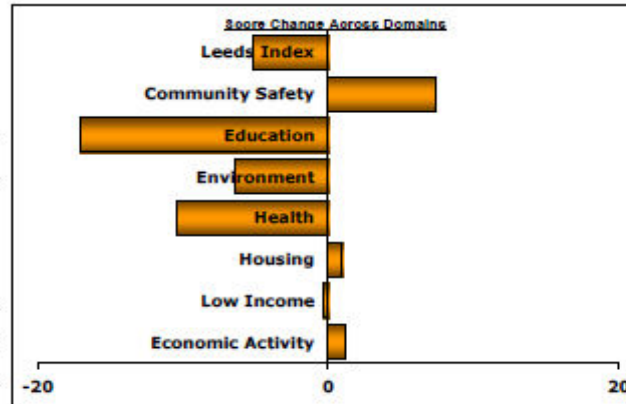
Bar Chart (Score Change Across Domains): A graphical representation of the change in the domain scores between this year and last. N.B. an increase in score indicates improvement, a decrease in score indicates deterioration.

Bar Chart (Indicators 2009-2010): A graphical representation comparing the indicator scores for each year. N.B. indicators showing minimal change are represented by green bars.

Spidergram: A graphical representation comparing the domain scores for each year.

Pie Charts: Graphical representations of the weighted proportions of individual indicators falling into each band.

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Colour Keys for Pie Charts and Tables	
Indicator and Domain Index Scores	Indicator and Domain Score Changes
Least Successful	Most Deteriorated
Average	Static
Most Successful	Most Improved

Data cells and pie diagrams are coloured to highlight levels of significance as used elsewhere in the index (from the City average in the case of scores or "No Change" (i.e. Zero, in the case of score changes).

Whilst the concept of "significance" highlights statistically important values within a dataset it must be noted that the bands are unique to each indicator and domain for each year, or period of comparison in the case of "change".

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Leeds Neighbourhood Index

Domain Summary				
2010	Rank	Score	Leeds Score	Diff.
Economic Activity	28	43.55	65.33	-21.78
Low Income	31	50.11	61.78	-11.66
Housing	59	64.56	56.05	8.51
Health	32	44.98	49.24	-4.27
Environment	35	85.19	84.22	0.97
Education	39	43.41	51.36	-7.95
Community Safety	55	84.35	77.06	7.28
Leeds Index	33	45.31	55.45	-10.14

Key Statistics	Profiled Area		Leeds M.D.	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Population 2008 M.Y.E	6,248		770,830	
Households Liable for Council Tax	2,798		324,799	
BME Population	902	15.27%	77,482	10.83%
Foundation Stage	25	34.72%	3,980	50.82%
Key Stage 2	55	75.34%	5,319	71.02%
Key Stage 4	33	40.24%	3,505	45.11%
Persistent Absenteeism	32	8.84%	2,952	8.00%
NEET (Nov - Jan Average)	15.67	7.34%	1,512.00	6.79%
Crimes Against the Person	185	N/A	24,275	N/A
Acquisitive Property Crime	212	N/A	44,357	N/A
Environmental Crimes	113	N/A	14,260	N/A
Community Disorders	449	N/A	57,188	N/A
Average Purchase Price	£148,102	N/A	£178,601	N/A
Price / Income Ratio	5.32	N/A	5.21	N/A
Housing Turnover	301	10.59%	49,693	14.81%
Empty Homes (90+ days)	109	3.83%	24,099	7.18%
Children in Workless Households	271	22.07%	25,448	19.15%
Households Receiving In-Work Benefits	160	5.72%	12,386	3.81%
90+ Households in Receipt of Benefits	435	15.55%	33,337	10.26%
Court Payment Orders	234	N/A	25,463	N/A
Job Seekers' Allowance	244	6.27%	24,874	4.90%
Incapacity Benefit	425	10.92%	30,930	6.09%
Lone Parent Income Support	95	2.44%	9,140	1.80%
Circulatory Disease Mortality	N/A	115.06	N/A	85.36
Cancer Mortality	N/A	101.49	N/A	118.33
Low Birthweight	N/A	9.50	N/A	7.90
Adult Social Care	163	N/A	13,671	N/A
Fly Tipping	42	N/A	7,293	N/A
Graffiti	21	N/A	1,698	N/A
Waste Issues	40	N/A	4,417	N/A

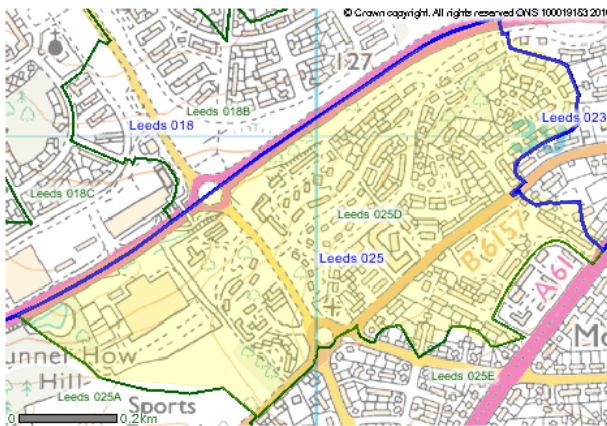
Adult Social Care Community Based Service Users	Profiled Area		Leeds MD	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Learning Disabilities	20	N/A	1,470	N/A
Mental Health	26	N/A	2,366	N/A
Physical Disability	109	N/A	9,032	N/A
Other Reasons	8	N/A	803	N/A

Age (2008 M.Y.E.)	Profiled Area		Leeds MD	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children	1,228	19.65%	132,894	17.24%
Working Age	3,892	62.29%	507,915	65.89%
Older People	1,128	18.05%	130,021	16.87%

LSOA: Leeds 025D: Queenshills and Leafields - 2008 Neighbourhood Summary	
Location	The area is located in the Inner North East, just south of the Outer Ring Road. It is bordered by the David Lloyd leisure centre to the West, Stonegate Road to the South and Harrogate Road to the East. It is predominantly residential and contains the housing areas of the Queenshills and Leafields.
Population	It contains approximately 1,575 people living in 883 households. The age breakdown shows higher than average number of older people (44% are over 50). The area has a diverse ethnic population with 20% of people belonging to the Jewish faith and 1.7% are Sikh (the Leeds average is 1.1%).
Physical Description	Leeds Jewish Housing own over 200 of the properties in the Queenshills estate and another 62 flats are currently under construction. The properties are a mixture of flats, houses, maisonettes and bungalows and a number offer supported living. The other properties in the area are also mixed and include a high rise block, Leafield Towers, which has 60 flats. They are mainly owned by East North East Homes Leeds although some have been bought privately and where that is the case, they attract a reasonable price for the area, approx £125,000 for a 3 bed semi and £75,000 for a flat.
Key services located in the area	There are no schools in the area and pupils tend to go to a range of schools. The nearest primary schools are Moortown Primary, Carr Manor and Immaculate Heart RC and the nearest High schools are Allerton Grange, Carr Manor, Allerton High and Cardinal Heenan. Both Leeds Jewish Housing Association and East North East Homes have offices in the area that serve their immediate clientele. There is no Leeds City Council community centre in the area although the popular Margaret and Arnold Ziff Centre is located here and runs a large number of activities, primarily used by the Jewish community, and Moortown Baptist Church has rooms that can be used by the community. There is a small parade of shops at Queenshill Approach and a BP garage, Co-op supermarket and other shops on Harrogate Road. Finally Moortown Fire Station and Leafield Clinic are also based in the area. The clinic offers a range of services including a Baby Clinic, Citizen's Advice Bureau, Health Visiting Services, an Overseas Travel Clinic, Podiatry and Speech and Language Therapy.
Other points of interest	The area is covered by the RAM tasking partnership, which tackles crime and grime in the area and also includes the David Lloyd Leisure Centre, although it is accessed from out of the area and serves a different audience. The area also borders the Moor Allerton shopping centre where Moor Allerton Library is based and

Moor Allerton Sports and Social centre, which runs a large number of activities.

Breakdown and Assessment of Neighbourhood Index 2010 (MSOA) and Neighbourhood Statistics 2008 (LSOA)



General information

This area falls within the Carr Manor Super Output Area with which a comparison can be carried out between data, although the area covers a much wider neighbourhood than that of the MAP. It is however still useful when getting a broad picture of the area. The area is ranked 63 in the city, which is considered an average score in the context of the city as a whole and is above the average Leeds score by 14 points. The only domain that falls below the city score is that for Health. More explanation and analysis can be found below. It is possible to interrogate other statistics further to focus more accurately on the MAP area covered by Inner North East but they are limited in scope and comparisons are not available. They also date from 2008. It is hoped that other statistics can be sought to clarify the picture.

Economic Activity

Economic Activity has fallen in rank from 58 to 52 and although it is still above the average the gap has closed. The low income rank stayed the same, although the absolute score fell from 72.31 to 67 as all indicators increased in this domain for example no. people on benefits. The figures are affected by the large number of retired people in the area and any activities to address this issue would need to take this into account.

Low Income

This domain's rank has not changed between 2009 and 2010 and is still ranked 50th, although its actual score has reduced from 72 to 67 it is still 5 points above the Leeds average. When looking at the lower level information it can be seen there are a high number of people claiming both working age benefits, 29%, compared with the Leeds average of 13%, and incapacity benefit, 16% compared with the Leeds average of 6%. This will need to be addressed with in the MAP partnership.

Housing

Housing has seen a significant increase in ranking from 81 to 96 and its score is 18 points above that of the Leeds average. However these figures are for the wider area and have been skewed by the high number of large private houses in the rest of the area. Indeed the Neighbourhood Index puts the average house price at £191,103 but in the Queenshills area the price of a 3 bed semi could be at best put at £125,000. Work will be carried out with both East North East Homes and Leeds Jewish Housing, the main housing providers, to identify any housing issues in the area.

Health

The Health domain has fallen from 59th to 37th place in the city and is now the only indicator in the area below the Leeds city average. However, in 2010 a new sub domain of Adult Social Care was included in the calculation of this information although it is difficult to assess how this affected the overall scores. According to the Adult Social Care statistics there are 17 people with learning disabilities, 20 people with mental health problems, 141 people with physical disabilities and 8 more with a varied range of care needs using community based services in the area. More investigation is needed to establish exactly which areas of health are performing poorly but in the 2001 census 20.11% of people in the Queenshills and Leafields area classified themselves as having a long term limiting illness, above the Leeds average of 17.98%. Also 50.8% of people described their health as good, compared to the Leeds average of 68.3%, 27.7% reported it as fairly good, compared to 21.9% Leeds wide and a significant 21.5% of people said their health was not good compared to 9.8% Leeds wide.

Environment

The overall environmental rank for the area is 80 with the score being over 10 points above the Leeds average. When looking at the actual numbers in 2010 in the whole Carr Manor area there were only 31 fly tipping offences, 5 graffiti offences and 15 waste offences. This may be due to low reporting in some areas and mechanisms will be put in place to make sure people are aware of how to contact the council to report these issues. The significant statistic when analysing the lower super output area is that the area has a low amount of greenspace, just 26.2% compared with the Leeds average of 71.1%. It is mitigated by 32.1% of space being taken up by domestic gardens, compared to 11.2% Leeds wide but there are a number of maisonettes and flats in the area that would benefit from the green space.



Leeds Neighbourhood Index

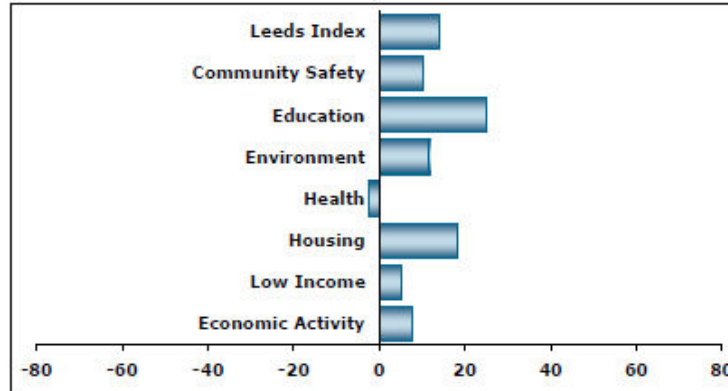
Domain Summary				
2010	Rank	Score	Leeds Score	Diff.
Economic Activity	52	72.95	65.33	7.62
Low Income	50	67.01	61.78	5.23
Housing	96	74.15	56.05	18.09
Health	37	45.83	49.24	-2.41
Environment	80	95.91	84.22	11.69
Education	84	76.37	51.36	25.01
Community Safety	68	87.11	77.06	10.04
Leeds Index	63	69.54	55.45	14.09

Key Statistics	Profiled Area		Leeds M.D.	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Population 2008 MYE	8,198		770,830	
Households Liable for Council Tax	3,353		324,799	
BME Population	1,942	24.86%	77,482	10.83%
Foundation Stage	49	59.04%	3,980	50.82%
Key Stage 2	54	78.26%	5,319	71.02%
Key Stage 4	51	58.62%	3,505	45.11%
Persistent Absenteeism	11	2.61%	2,952	8.00%
NEET (Nov - Jan Average)	3.67	1.62%	1,512.00	6.79%
Crimes Against the Person	119	N/A	24,276	N/A
Acquisitive Property Crime	309	N/A	44,357	N/A
Environmental Crimes	88	N/A	14,260	N/A
Community Disorders	372	N/A	57,188	N/A
Average Purchase Price	£191,103	N/A	£178,801	N/A
Price / Income Ratio	7.07	N/A	5.21	N/A
Housing Turnover	387	11.26%	49,693	14.81%
Empty Homes (90+ days)	150	4.36%	24,099	7.18%
Children in Workless Households	117	8.04%	25,448	19.15%
Households Receiving In-Work Benefits	119	3.55%	12,386	3.81%
60+ Households In Receipt of Benefits	397	11.84%	33,337	10.26%
Court Payment Orders	201	N/A	25,483	N/A
Job Seekers' Allowance	192	3.79%	24,874	4.90%
Incapacity Benefit	320	6.31%	30,930	6.09%
Lone Parent Income Support	45	0.89%	9,140	1.80%
Circulatory Disease Mortality	N/A	93.78	N/A	85.36
Cancer Mortality	N/A	113.51	N/A	118.33
Low Birthweight	N/A	9.00	N/A	7.90
Adult Social Care	186	N/A	13,671	N/A
Fly Tipping	31	N/A	7,293	N/A
Graffiti	5	N/A	1,698	N/A
Waste Issues	15	N/A	4,417	N/A

Adult Social Care	Profiled Area		Leeds MD	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Community Based Service Users	17	N/A	1,470	N/A
Learning Disabilities	20	N/A	2,366	N/A
Mental Health	141	N/A	9,032	N/A
Physical Disability	8	N/A	803	N/A
Other Reasons				

Age (2008 M.Y.E.)	Profiled Area		Leeds MD	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Children	1,455	17.75%	132,894	17.24%
Working Age	5,068	61.82%	507,915	65.89%
Older People	1,675	20.43%	130,021	16.87%

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The area is located in the Inner North East. It is bounded by the Ring Road to the north, Scott Hall Road to the east, Stainbeck Lane to the south before cutting back up through Meanwood.

The age breakdown shows a higher than average proportion of older people. The area has a diverse ethnic and cultural population with 25% of people coming from BME communities. 6% of the population are Jewish, a further 8% Sikh, 5% Muslim and 3.5% Hindu.

Owner-occupation is the predominant tenure although 13% of households are renting from the local authority (through an ALMO). Semi-detached housing accounts for 66% of the stock with purpose built flats accounting for 18%. Almost 32% of properties are classified in Council Tax Bands A and B and a further 54% in Band C.

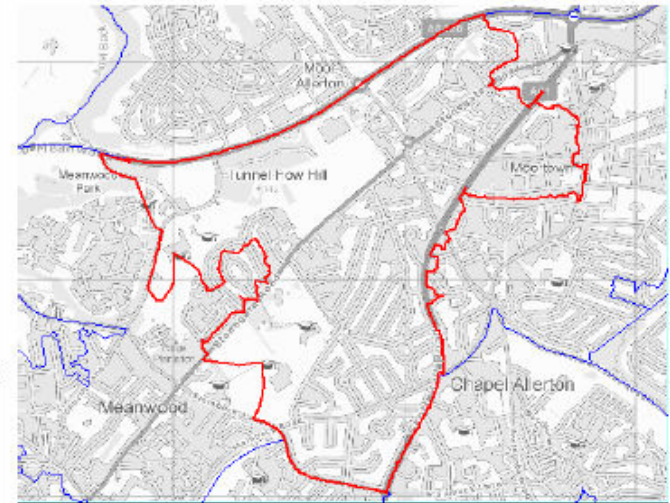
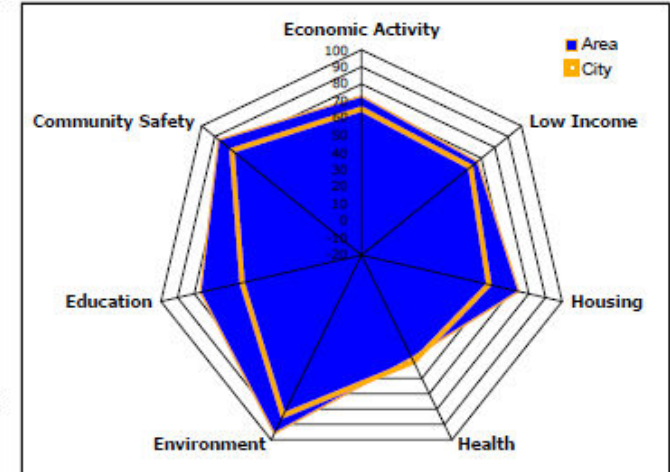
Carr Manor High School and Cardinal Heenan school are located in the area together with Carr Manor Primary, St Urban's Catholic Primary and North West SILC.

There is one church; Moortown Baptist Church and two community centres - Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Centre and Moor Allerton Sports and Social Club. Leafield Clinic is also located in the area.



The pie charts represent the weighted proportions of individual indicators falling into each band

Ethnicity (2001 Census)	Profiled Area		Leeds M.D.	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
White British	5,922	75.31%	637,872	89.17%
Irish	161	2.05%	8,532	1.19%
Black Caribbean & White	51	0.65%	4,577	0.64%
Black African & White	8	0.10%	867	0.12%
Asian & White	39	0.50%	2,541	0.36%
Indian	738	9.38%	12,296	1.72%
Pakistani	385	4.90%	15,064	2.11%
Bangladeshi	3	0.04%	2,531	0.35%
Black Caribbean	119	1.51%	6,737	0.94%
Black African	28	0.36%	2,404	0.34%
Chinese	111	1.41%	3,468	0.48%



Faith (2001 Census)	Profiled Area		Leeds M.D.	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Christian	4,570	58.37%	492,656	68.87%
Buddhist	16	0.20%	1,603	0.22%
Hindu	271	3.46%	4,189	0.59%
Jewish	487	6.22%	8,233	1.15%
Muslim	407	5.20%	21,385	2.99%
Sikh	454	5.80%	7,601	1.08%

Supplementary Health Information	Profiled Area		Leeds MD	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
CHD Prevalance	N/A	4%	N/A	3.6%
Smoking Prevalance	N/A	17%	N/A	24.1%

Disability (2001 Census)	Profiled Area		Leeds MD	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Limiting Long-Term Illness	1,578	20.11%	128,647	17.98%

Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) Neighbourhood Improvement Plan Priorities 2011/12

Priorities for Moor Allerton:

1. Address economic issues of the MAP area: improve volunteering opportunities to provide people with better skills; provide support to vulnerable and low income families.
2. Develop a range of responses to improve the health outcomes for local population: support healthy lifestyles; conduct a health audit in the area.
3. Improve facilities for young people which will affect levels of anti-social behaviour.
4. Improve learning outcomes for children: provide support for children in the 3 to 5 age group and the 14 to 16 age group.
5. Help to develop and sustain cohesive communities.

Priorities for Queenshills and Leafields:

1. Improve access to services to help address employment and income deprivation.
2. Carry out a health audit and start to put in place mechanisms to address findings where necessary.
3. Carry out an environmental audit on the estate and work with service providers, probation team and local residents to address issues.
4. Set up a youth sub group to look at how activities for young people in the area can be best increased.
5. Organise a consultation event to identify resident priorities in the area.

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Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 21st March 2011

Subject: Dog Control Orders – Phase Two

Electoral Wards Affected:

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 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 information to area committees with regards to the Council's proposals to introduce further Dog Control Orders in the City. Dog Control Orders have been considered in two phases. Phase One orders came into force on 1st February 2011.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 To seek feedback on the proposals to introduce further Dog Control Orders across the City under Phase 2 of the Dog Control Order Project and inform committees of the consultation process with regards to these proposals.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 During 2008/2009, the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) conducted a review on the Enforcement of Dog Fouling and issued a Statement in February 2009 setting out its conclusions and recommendations. One of the recommendations stipulated exploring the use of Dog Control Orders in the City.

2.2 Dog Control Orders are available under Section 55(1) of the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005, which states:-

“A primary or secondary authority may in accordance with this Chapter make an order providing for an offence or offences relating to the control of dogs in respect of any land in its area to which this Chapter applies.”

- 2.3 On 3 November 2010, Executive Board considered proposals for Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. The Board approved three Orders which will:-
- limit the number of dogs that one person may walk
 - exclude dogs from a list of prescribed areas
 - require dogs to be placed on a lead whenever the owner is requested to do so by an authorised officer
- 2.4 Failure to comply with these Order is an offence and a person can be prosecuted or be given the opportunity to pay a fixed penalty as an alternative to prosecution. The orders came into force on 1st February 2011.
- 2.5 Executive Board also approved that phase two of the project is begun, which will look at further options for Dog Control Orders in the City. The Project Board steering the Dog Control Orders will, under Phase 2, be consulting upon two additional controls which are:-
- Areas where dogs may be required to be kept on a lead all times. These areas could include roadside pavements (which is envisaged to apply city wide) and cemeteries. Other areas could be considered for such an order, however a Dog Control Order is already in existence which allows officers to direct an individual to place a dog upon a lead if it is causing a nuisance.
 - Further areas of land where dogs may be excluded from. Under Phase 1 of the project, such areas included children’s play areas. Under Phase 2, these areas could be extended to include Sports Pitches and School Grounds & Playing Fields
- 2.6 The Council will look at applying any such controls to land within its control which will include consultation with Education Leeds and the ALMO’s. Dog Control Orders can be applied to any land to which the public have access, with or without payment. Other private land will not be considered unless requested by the landowner and the landowner funds any signage required.
- 2.7 The process for phase two Dog Control Orders will commence with consultation with Area Committees, after which interested parties such as Dog Walking Businesses, The Kennel Club and The Dogs Trust will be contacted. Officers will also be consulting with key landowners who may have an interest in Dog Control Orders. These include Education Leeds, ALMO’s, all the land owning LCC departments including Parks and Countryside, Town and Parish Councils, Universities, British Waterways and Community Groups.
- 2.8 The outcome of this consultation will shape proposals which will be put into a full public consultation exercise to be undertaken through summer 2011. Scrutiny Board (Environment & Neighbourhoods) have taken a close interest in the project. The outcome of the consultation will be shared with Scrutiny Board, who will also help steer the final proposals. The final proposals would be determined by Executive Board. It is proposed to introduce any orders agreed early 2012.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 The outcome of the consultation process will shape the proposals and determine a way forward with the second phase of the Orders. The proposals are likely to stimulate contrasting views, from both dog owners and none dog owners. The Council will assess and consider the responses through the Project Board, balancing any views with the overall project objective of promoting responsible dog ownership.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

4.1 The decision to implement any Orders would through Delegated Executive Function.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

5.1 Adopting new legislation has legal implications and the Section Head of Regulatory and Enforcement in the Council's Legal Services section is steering this aspect of the project.

5.2 There are resource and financial implications identified around signage for the Orders. Also, any orders agreed upon will be enforced by existing members of staff – no additional resources have been identified to enforce the orders.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The proposals for the Orders are part of a Responsible Dog Ownership scheme being promoted by the Council. The problems created by irresponsible dog ownership, such as dog fouling and stray dogs, can be tackled using Dog Control Orders.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Members are asked to note and consider the proposals for further Dog Control Orders.

7.2 Members are invited to offer any comments with regards to:-

- Potential consultees who are not listed above
- Landowners or managers who may be interested in Dog Control Orders on their land, particularly in the local area covered by this committee.
- Advise on any areas of land which they feel would benefit from Exclusion Orders
- Offers any observations which need to be incorporated into the public consultation
- Nominate their Area Champion to receive the formal consultation outcome on behalf of their Committee.

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Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

North East Outer Area Committee

Date: 21st March 2011

Subject: Dates, Times and Venues of Area Committee Meetings 2011/12

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Executive Summary

The purpose of the report is to request Members to give consideration to agreeing the dates and times of their meetings for the 2011/12 municipal year which commences in May 2011.

1.0 Background Information

1.1 The Area Committee Procedure Rules stipulate that there shall be **at least** six ordinary meetings of each Area Committee in each municipal year (May to April).

1.2 The Procedure Rules also state that each Committee will agree its schedule of meetings for the year either at the last meeting in the current municipal year (i.e. tonight) or at its first meeting in the new municipal year. In order to appear in the Council's official Diary and Yearbook for 2011/12, the dates and times of your meetings need to be approved tonight.

2.0 Options

2.1 The options are:-

- To approve the list of dates and times provisionally agreed with the Area Leader based on the existing pattern;
- To consider other alternative dates;

- To continue to meet at either 5.30pm or 6.00 pm, or to consider alternative times;
- To continue to alternate between suitable venues in the three Wards and Civic Hall, or to seek some other venues.

3.0 Meeting Dates

3.1 The following provisional dates have been agreed in consultation with the Area Leader. They follow roughly the same pattern as last year, i.e. Monday's in July, September, October, December, February and March :-

4th July 2011, 19th September 2011, 24th October 2011, 5th December 2011, 6th February 2012 and 19th March 2012.

3.2 A similar pattern of meetings is being suggested in respect of the other 9 Area Committees, so that for co-ordination purposes, all Area Committees are meeting in the same basic cycle and months. Whilst Members have discretion as to which actual dates they wish to meet, they are requested to take into consideration that any proposed substantial change to the cycle, e.g. changing months rather than dates within the suggested months, will cause disruption and lead to co-ordination problems between the Area Committees.

4.0 Meeting Days and Times

4.1 Currently the Committee meets on Monday at either 6.00 pm or 5.30pm (October, December and February) and the above suggested dates reflect this pattern.

4.2 Meeting on set days and times has the advantage of certainty and regularity, which assists people to plan their schedules. The downside might be that it could serve to exclude certain people, for instance members of the public, who have other regular commitments on that particular day or who might prefer either a morning or afternoon meeting or a meeting immediately after normal work hours.

4.3 For these reasons, some Area Committees have chosen to vary their meeting days and times, alternating between different weekdays and holding daytime and evening meetings alternately. Others, however, have chosen a regular pattern similar to this Committee's existing arrangements – it really is a matter for Members to decide.

5.0 Meeting Venues

5.1 Currently the Committee alternates between venues in the three Wards (July, September and March) and meetings at Civic Hall (October, December and February).

5.2 If the Committee were minded to request the officers to explore possible alternative venues, then the considerations Members and officers would have to taken into account are matters such as cost, accessibility – particularly for people with disabilities – and the facilities available at the venue, e.g. IT facilities for presentations etc.

5.3 From time to time, Members suggest moving meetings back to Civic Hall, Leeds. The meeting facilities might arguably be better in some instances, and the venue possibly more convenient for Members, and possibly also the public, as Leeds is the hub of the public transport system. However, Members are reminded of the stated role of Area Committees, as set out in Paragraph 2.1 the Area Committee Procedure Rules :-

- Act as a focal point for community involvement;
- Take locally based decisions that deal with local issues;
- Provide for accountability at local level;
- Help Elected Members to listen to and represent their communities;
- Help Elected Members to understand the specific needs of the community in their area;
- Promote community engagement in the democratic process;
- Promote working relationships with District Partnerships and Parish and Town Councils.

These aims and this role is unlikely to be enhanced by holding all meetings at the centre, and one option is to alternate meetings between the centre and local venues, which this Committee currently does..

6.0 Recommendation

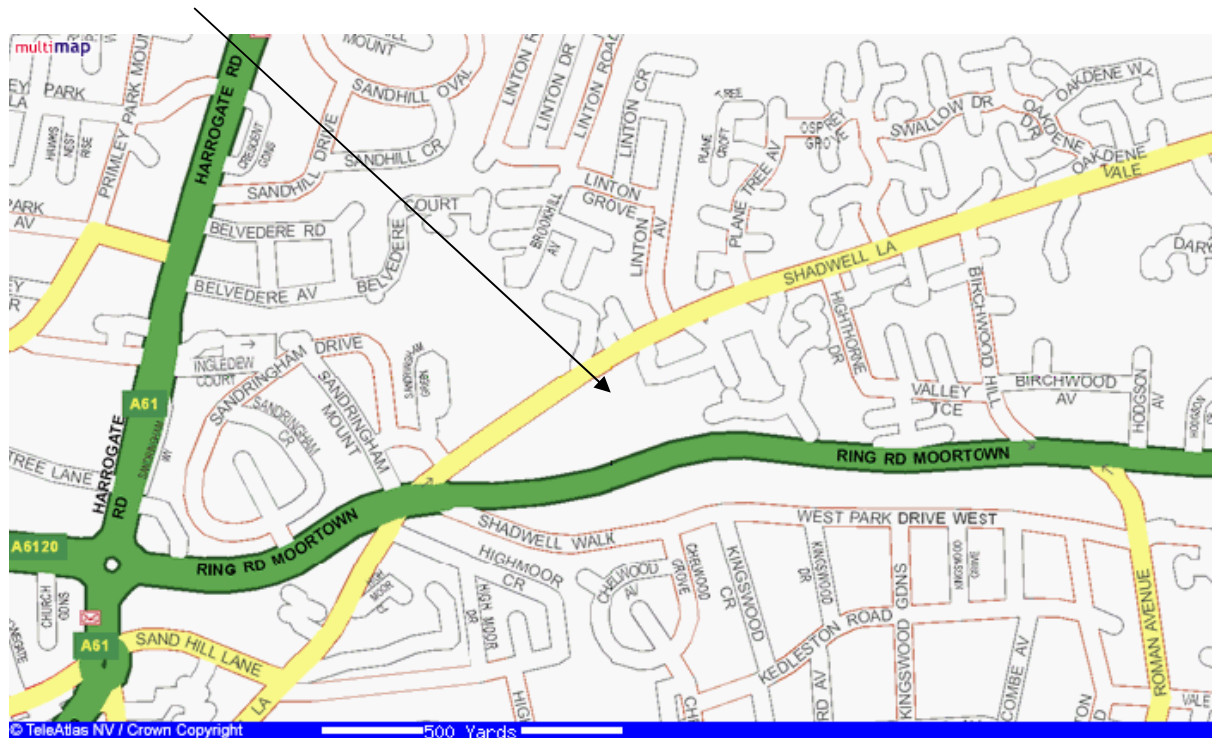
6.1 Members are requested to consider the options and to agree their meeting dates and times for 2011/12 in order that they may be included in the Council's official diary for 2011/12. Meeting venues can if necessary be agreed at a later date, or left for the officers to sort out, taking into account Members' views, although a clear indication of Members' wishes in this regard would be helpful.

Background Papers

Area Committee Procedure Rules

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