



Report of the South East Area Leader

Report to Outer East Area Committee

Date: 10th September 2013

Subject: Summary of Key Work

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Cross Gates & Whinmoor Garforth & Swillington Kippax & Methley Temple Newsam		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. The report will detail priority work carried out in the area over recent weeks.
2. The report will provide minutes relating to forums, partnership and sub-group minutes and minutes of Area Chairs.

Recommendations

3. Area Committee will be requested to note the report and raise any queries.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The report will provide Area Committee with details of key issues and activities in recent months including project work and community engagement.
- 1.2 The report will provide Members with minutes relating to recent community forums and engagement activities, sub group and partnership meetings and minutes of Area Chairs meetings.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Area Committee Business Plan focuses on community engagement, partnership work, functions delegated to Area Committee, integrated working and locality working. This report will update Area Committee on priority work, including project work and community engagement as well as key issues for discussion.
- 2.2 The report will include relevant attachments such as minutes and partnership working etc.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Junior Cricket Week: Now in its seventh year, cricket coaching is offered to young people aged 7-16 living within the Outer East Area Committee boundary. It is subsidised by Outer East Area Committee (approved at May 2013 Area Committee) and arranged by the Area Support Team and The Yorkshire County Cricket Club. There were two weeks of coaching this year with Kippax running from Monday 29 July – Friday 2 August and Whitkirk from Monday 12 – Friday 16 August.

This year's subsidised cost was £10 per young person, per week. Tony Bowry, Yorkshire Cricket Board's Cultural Diversity Officer, who plays a key role in arranging the event, has attended today's meeting to discuss its success and answer any questions. (**Appendix 1 & 2**)

3.2 Financial Fitness Leeds:

West Yorkshire Trading Standards (WYTS) are running some Financial Fitness workshops in a project funded [through](#) The Office of the Director of Public Health.

In Outer East Leeds, WYTS plans to deliver one frontline worker briefing and three community courses. (The latter being for local community groups, tenants or residents.)

Topics covered will include an overview of the welfare reform changes and practical examples of how the reforms are impacting on residents in Leeds. The workshops (**Appendix 3**) also cover:

- scams and fraud
- banking and budgeting skills

- high cost lenders and illegal money lending
- getting the best deal on utilities
- knowing your consumer rights
- healthy shopping and cooking on a budget

In addition to the four courses already planned, AC Members can secure additional courses if they wish. Trading Standards have attended today's meeting to provide a 10 minute presentation and answer any questions.

3.3 Update on Thorpe Park

3.3.1 At the September 2012 meeting of the Outer East Area Committee, Members agreed to feature updates on Thorpe Park as a standard item on the Agenda.

3.3.2 Representatives of Thorpe Park and Planning have been invited to attend today's meeting to provide updates and answer any questions from Members.

3.4 Older Persons Event Week 2013

Engineered to coincide with the International Day of Older People (Tuesday 1st October 2013), the Older Persons Event Week is funded by Outer East Area Committee and run in partnership with local neighbourhood networks.

The idea is to engage with the over 60s in a fun environment whilst helping them access information and support which they may not know existed.

The 2013 event follows a similar format to previous years, with information stalls in the morning followed by a buffet lunch and entertainment in the afternoon.

Six events are being staged to cover the area:

- Monday 30 September – Great Preston Village Hall
- Tuesday 1st October – St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre, Swarcliffe
- Wednesday 2nd October – Kippax (venue to be confirmed)
- Thursday 3rd October – Christ Church, Halton
- Friday 4th October – Garforth NET buildings
- The HOPE organisation (Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe Project for Elders) has confirmed it wishes to arrange the event for the Halton Moor area. This arrangement was approved by Members at the May 2013 OE Area Committee.

3.5 Area Lead Members

The lead members have now been appointed for the Outer East:

- Environment & Community Safety – Cllr Mary Harland
- Children’s Services and Corporate Carers – Cllr Coupar
- Employment, Skills and Welfare – Cllr Judith Cummins
- Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care – Cllr Andrea McKenna

A meeting is scheduled for 4th September for Area Leads to discuss development of the role. A verbal update on this can be supplied at the September Area Committee meeting.

3.6 Asset Review

Following establishment of the Budget Plus Programme, the South East Area Support Team (AST), has been helping with the city wide Asset Review. The review aims to reduce the asset base in order to deliver services more efficiently with significant savings.

AST has supported Asset Management in compiling a comprehensive list of assets by ward and area committee. Middleton Park was the South East pilot but the review is now being undertaken across the whole of the area.

In Outer East, ward members’ briefings have been held for Cross Gates & Whinmoor and for Temple Newsam while a joint briefing was held for Garforth & Swillington / Kippax & Methley members.

Discussions are being held with the Third Sector regarding Budget Plus and the Asset Review and how they would like to be involved. Learning from past experience, the need is to produce a clear process so the third sector and LCC can work together to lease, manage and transfer local assets. AST will ensure this continues to include local third sector partners.

The Council has been invited by the Government Property Unit and Local Government Association to join the One Public Estate pilot. The pilot is to test the extent the public sector can operate more effectively by considering assets jointly. Other authorities in the pilot from this region include Sheffield and Hull.

3.7 Community Engagement

3.7.1 Community forums have been held in:

- Cross Gates (Minutes will be available for the next meeting)
- Garforth & Swillington (**Appendix 4**),
- Halton (**Appendix 5**),
- Halton Moor (**Appendix 6**),
- North Whinmoor (Minutes will be available for the next meeting)
- Swarcliffe (**Appendix 7**)

3.8 Area Chairs’ meeting

3.8.1 The Area Chairs Forum was held on 3rd May, 28th June and 6th September. The May meeting (**Appendix 8**) covered:

- Area Lead Member Report
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Youth Services Review
- Locality Asset Planning
- Wellbeing Budgets
- Area Leaders Annual Roundup

Minutes of the June meeting were presented for approval at the September Area Chairs and will come to the October meeting of this Committee.

3.9 Partnerships and Area Committee Sub Groups

3.9.1 Environmental sub-group: The next Environmental Sub group meeting is on 12th September and the minutes will come to the 15th October meeting of this Committee.

3.9.2 **Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP):** The most recent meeting of the group was held on 25th July and the minutes are attached. (**Appendix 9**).

3.9.3 **Health & Well Being Partnership:** The partnership is currently undertaking a review on the role and future priorities. No meetings will be held until this process is complete.

3.9.4 **Traders Groups** have met in Kippax - 17th July (**Appendix 10**), Garforth - 17th July (**Appendix 11**) and Halton – 1st July (Minutes will be available for the next meeting).

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 The projects in sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5 and 3.7 form the main part of the face-to-face community engagement strategy.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 Under equality legislation the Council has a legal duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate and promote equality in relation to race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, and religion or belief.

4.2.2 The main section of this report provides details of activities around community engagement and the delegation of environmental services to Area Committees that support this legal duty.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The proposals contained within this report contribute to the existing targets and priorities set out in the Council's Policy Framework in the following plans:

- Vision for Leeds

- Safer & Stronger Communities Plan
- Children & Young Peoples Plan
- Health & Well Being City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 There are no new resource implications contained in this report other than funding that has previously been agreed by Area Committee from its revenue budget.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are no longer eligible for Call In.

4.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

4.5.3 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 This report provides an update on project work and key issues in Outer East. Any projects funded from the Well Being Budget or undertaken by the Area Support Team are risk assessed.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The report provides up to date information on key work and key issues for Area committee to consider. Members are requested to note the content of the report and raise queries relating to issues raised within the report.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Area Committee is asked to note the report and raise any queries.

7 Background documents

7.1 There are no background documents.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.