

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 16th September 2013

Subject: Area Committee Business Plan Update

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby
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Summary of main issues

1. This report provides a summary of key activities and projects in the Outer North East area which support the area committee business plan priorities.

Recommendations

2. The area committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Committee with an update on the business plan priorities 2013/14.

2 Background information

- 2.2 Area Committee Business Plans were developed to provide a consistent approach and framework across the City.
- 2.3 The Area Committee Business plan provides comprehensive information about the Area committee and the area it serves, including the area committee's priorities for the year. It is refreshed annually. The priorities are monitored at the Area Committee meetings and are performance managed quarterly.
- 2.4 The priorities for the Area Committee provided a local interpretation on the City Priority Plan 2011 - 2015 which supports the long term vision for Leeds to be locally and internationally recognised as the best city in the UK.

3 Business plan priority update 2013/14

3.1 Health and Wellbeing

- 3.1.1 Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WISE) provide a range of activities for older people. They hold memory cafes at Boston Spa and Collingham on a monthly basis. They have various entertainers, speakers, and crafts, and are well attended and well received.
- 3.1.2 They also run a singing group with around 25 people attending each month, both memory loss sufferers and their carers, and also a gentle seated exercise group is held monthly and is also well attended.
- 3.1.3 At Easter WISE held a musical matinee which was attended by about 90 people.
- 3.1.4 MAECare also provide a range of activities for older people in the Moor Allerton and Shadwell areas. Further information about MAECare is including under the section on the Moor Allerton Partnership.
- 3.1.5 Sport and Active Lifestyles in partnership with School Games Organisers (SGO) organised a sports fair at Boston Spa School to celebrate National School Sports week for primary schools and also to promote local sports clubs, local activity providers and local community groups to children, young people, adults and families living in the outer north east area of Leeds
- 3.1.6 Around 25 local sports clubs attended the sports fair with a wide range of activities available to children, young people, adults and families to get in involved with ranging from bowls activities to archery activities.
- 3.1.7 On the same day 5 local primary schools attended a sports day at Boston Spa High School to celebrate National School Sports week, where the 5 schools took

part in a round robin of different sports throughout the afternoon. The sports included rugby, tennis, football and hockey.

- 3.1.8 Four multi-sport sessions have taken place at Cranmer Bank with around 30 young people attending the sessions up to now. At the time of writing the report a further 3 sessions were still to take place.
- 3.1.9 Sport and Active Lifestyle Services have worked closed with Alwoodley Extended Services to help families within the area become more active. A project funded by the area committee offered families from local primary schools including Highfield Primary, Allerton Church of England School, St Urban's Primary and Alwoodley Primary School an opportunity to attend a ten week programme of activities. Sessions have taken place utilising facilities within the Moor Allerton Partnership area, at both Allerton High School and Allerton Church of England Primary School.
- 3.1.10 The first block of sessions engaged with 9 families, the second block has engaged with a further 6 families. The families have enjoyed playing different games and activities together, experiencing new sports and some trying activities not played by some parents since school days. Evaluation from the first block found that all the sports and games were enjoyed, and what was most enjoyed most was having an opportunity to play together with the children. The 2nd block comes to an end towards the end of the summer holidays. At the end of each block, families that have attended the sessions have all received a goodie bag to take away, with some information in it for how and where to keep active in the future, Change 4 Life information, as well as items for families to be able to use to play together after the activities have finished. Sport and Active Lifestyle Services are now working with local groups in the area and providing some sports and play equipment to increase opportunities for more active play.
- 3.1.11 The Area Committee has funded the following projects which support this priority:

Organisation	Project	Total cost of project	Wellbeing awarded
WISE	Memory Cafes, Socials and Carers Support Group	£3,400	£3,400
MAECare	Partnership and wellbeing for older people	£18,260	£10,667
LCC Sport and Active Lifestyles	Family Sport & Active Lifestyles Activity	£1488	£1000

3.2 Business

- 3.2.1 Volunteering is recognised as an effective means for people to gain experience to help them find employment. A range of volunteering opportunities is available in the Outer North East area. For example, Northcall has over twenty people supporting it on a voluntary basis. Their café is run by volunteers, and has

recently undergone a face lift and significant re-organisation thanks to the drive and enthusiasm of volunteers.

- 3.2.2 Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WISE) offer volunteering activities in their community cafes, or helping out as a befriender. MAECare also rely on volunteer help and there are opportunities for people to volunteer as a driver, or helping with an activity, or giving practical support to an older person at home.

3.3 Children and Young People

- 3.3.1 The Area Committee receives a detailed report on the delivery of Children's Services in March and September each year.
- 3.3.2 The Boston Spa and Villages South and Wetherby and Villages West EPOSS clusters are within the Outer North East area committee. About three quarters of the population of the Alwoodley cluster are also in this area's committee area.
- 3.3.3 A number of young people within Wetherby High School have been working on BTEC level 2 Horticulture within the grounds of the school. The programme run by The Salvation Army gives them skills in regard to all things horticulture. This has included cultivating fruit and veg in a number of raised beds and gardens around the school. The fruit and vegetables are then used by community groups and pupils. The work was all undertaken by pupils and Salvation Army staff together in partnership. A couple of the young people have gone on to secure college places and apprenticeships in this area. It is hoped to grow this work further in the months to come with more and more children getting involved in not only studying but also bring about community transformation by getting involved in such projects.
- 3.3.4 Wetherby, Boston Spa and Alwoodley Children's Centres are providing a range of activities for families including toddler groups, grandparent groups, parenting courses and Job Centre Plus sessions.
- 3.3.5 Funding has been delegated to the area committee to deliver universal activities for children and young people. For 2013/14 the amount allocations is £20,500, and the area lead member for Children's Services has developed proposals for spending this funding. Further information is available in a separate report to this area committee.
- 3.3.6 The Council's Youth Service currently offer youth clubs at Boston Spa Children's Centre, Barleyfields Centre, Moortown Methodist Church, Bardsey Village Hall and Thorner Victory Hall, plus detached and mobile youth provision. A new provision has started at Moortown Library in the FY20 room which is proving successful, providing fun activities, and recently, a six week cooking programme.
- 3.3.7 The voluntary, community and faith sector also provide support and services for young people in the area. For example, Moortown Baptist Church provides a wide range of activities for children and young people. Wetherby Community Radio run a project at Barleyfields Community Centre in conjunction with the Council's youth service providing accredited training in radio recording, editing and production skills.

3.3.8 The Area Committee has funded the following projects which support this priority:

Organisation	Project	Total cost of project	Wellbeing awarded
LCC Sport and Active Lifestyles	Lifestyle and multi-sport activities Leadership awards	£2445 £2498	£2445 £2498
Wetherby Community Radio Ltd	Barleyfields Radio Project	£2000	£1000

3.4 Supporting Communities

3.4.1 **Support for local organisations** - There are a large number of voluntary organisations including village hall committees, in bloom groups, sports and leisure clubs. The council supports these groups in providing local activities and events through providing advice, support and resources.

3.4.2 The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for Treetops Community Centre in Alwoodley Ward and Barleyfields Community Centre in Wetherby Ward.

3.4.3 The area committee pays expenses for a volunteer key holder to open Treetops Community Centre for those groups who do not wish to be keyholders themselves. This successful arrangement has been in place since early 2012.

3.4.4 **Crime and anti-social behaviour** - The Area Committee receives an annual performance report from the Divisional Community Safety Partnership each July.

3.4.5 Tasking meetings take place every six weeks, and provide an opportunity for agencies to share information and problem solve crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues.

3.4.6 The communities in Alwoodley ward are in the Roundhay, Alwoodley Moortown Neighbourhood Policing area. The priorities for this area are:

- To prevent, reduce, and detect burglaries throughout the area;
- To tackle anti-social behaviour (including mini motos and off road bikes) and drug dealing in Cranmer Bank estate.

3.4.7 Wetherby and Harewood Neighbourhood Policing Team cover all the communities within Wetherby and Harewood wards. The priorities for all the villages this area are:

- Anti social use of vehicles including excessive speed, driving on land and inconsiderate parking;
- Burglary of domestic outbuildings, farm buildings and crime relating to agriculture and equestrian pursuits;
- Poaching & fly tipping.

3.4.8 The priorities for Wetherby Town are:

- Supporting vulnerable people and other agencies who work with such people within our community;
- Anti social behaviour and vehicle use including litter and fly tipping within the town and residential areas including Sandringham Park, other public recreational areas and roadside parking places;
- Supporting local retail traders by tackling shop theft and purse theft within the Town Market area and Horsefair retail centre.

- 3.4.9 Wetherby Police Station Community Contact day took place on Saturday 27th July. The police station opened its doors to members of the public who were invited to come and look around the site and observe the programme of events laid on by Wetherby Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- 3.4.10 Displays included public order shield work, police dog agility and crowd management, drill displays by the local Air Training Corps, birds of prey, bouncy castle, 'wanted' posters, police vehicles, tour of the cells, a murder scene and much more. In excess of 1000 people attended and donated nearly £1000 for Martin House, Wetherby & District Crime Panel and a collection for a young man fighting leukaemia.
- 3.4.11 A lot of positive feedback was received on the day. Other partner agencies were also involved including Leeds City Council, the Ghurkha Welfare Charity, Royal British Legion and Air Training Corps. Entertainment was provided by the West Yorkshire Police Brass band and the Leeds Pipe band.
- 3.4.12 Quote from Sgt Matt Appleyard from the Neighbourhood Policing Team: 'It was a great day which brought in a lot of people from our local communities, the police dogs proved a huge hit with children as did the remote controlled Percy the Police car. We are grateful to all who attended and donated so generously to such deserving causes, thanks also to local businesses who donated prizes as well as the use of a fantastic bouncy castle'.
- 3.4.13 **Environment** - The Area Committee environmental sub-group oversees the strategic direction for the improvement of service delivery and the quality of the environment for Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby wards. Membership of the sub-group includes one member from each ward; officers attend from the Environmental Locality Team, Parks and Countryside, East North East Leeds Homes, and Continental Landscapes. The purpose of the group is to oversee the Environmental delegation and other environmental issues in the area including parks and countryside issues, derelict and nuisance buildings allotments and grounds maintenance.
- 3.4.14 The Environmental Locality Team manager provides a twice yearly performance report to the Area Committee.
- 3.4.15 In response to feedback and requests from ward members and parish councils, the area committee has agreed to fund a trial mobile cleansing service for Outer North East Leeds. This will provide a member of staff and a van to be deployed across the Outer North East area to undertake work that helps and support resident's efforts to maintain the cleanliness and overall appearance of their villages/neighbourhoods.

- 3.4.16 **Parish and town councils** - There are fifteen parish councils plus Wetherby Town Council in the Outer North East area.
- 3.4.17 The Outer North East Parish and Town Council forum provides an opportunity for discussion and consultation with the parish councils in the Outer North East area. Four forum meetings are held each year. Two meetings have been held so far this year. The table provides details of meetings held:

Date	Venue	Chair	Agenda items
25 April 2013	Boston Spa Children's Centre	Cllr Wilkinson	Welfare Reform Environmental Issues
11 July 2013	Shadwell Recreation Centre	Cllr Castle	Elmet Partnership of Schools and Services Digital Inclusion Environmental Issues Scrutiny Review

- 3.4.18 The recent scrutiny review highlighted the forum as an example of good practice. Further information about the scrutiny review is included in a separate report to this area committee meeting.
- 3.4.19 **Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP)** - The Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood includes the Lingfields, Firtrees, and Cranmer areas in Outer North East Leeds bounded by Harrogate Road to the east, Nursery Lane to the north, and Black Moor Road to the east. To the south it extends over the ring road to Stonegate Road to include the Queenhills/Leafields area which is in Inner North East Leeds.
- 3.4.20 Delivery of the NIP action plan is the responsibility of the Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP), a partnership of statutory and voluntary organisations. The MAP partners include Leeds City Council, East North East Homes Leeds (ENEHL), Leeds Jewish Housing Association, West Yorkshire Police, Job Centre Plus, MAECare, Northcall, IGEN, Churches Together and Groundwork Leeds.
- 3.4.21 MAECare held their Annual Get Together on 15th July. They continue to have a contract with Leeds City Council Adult Social Care and have been successful in securing funding from Big Lottery for the Mind and Body project. The Mind and Body project is funded for five years and focuses on helping people enjoy the best physical and emotional wellbeing possible.
- 3.4.22 MAECare run a range of events and activities for older people including a CAMEO group for people with long term health problems, a Men's Den, exercise classes, and outings. Transport is provided to all activities through a volunteer car scheme, with 32 volunteers. During the past year they provided 1407 lifts.
- 3.4.23 Older people are encouraged to volunteer, and MAECare work with local schools to bring young people and older people together. 15 older people volunteered in

local schools over the past year, listening to children read, and getting involved with an IT project.

- 3.4.24 Volunteers visit service users who are unable to attend any events or activities. During the last year 20 people received a visitor, and 10 people received regular support by telephone.
- 3.4.25 MAECare are submitting an action plan to the Dementia Action Alliance to register the local work on developing a dementia friendly community in Moor Allerton. They are currently working with a number of MAP partners to deliver dementia awareness sessions to their groups. Partners include Northcall, Leeds City Council Youth Service, Moortown Baptist Church, East North East Homes Leeds and the neighbourhood policing team. The awareness sessions will be delivered in the autumn.
- 3.4.26 Northcall held their AGM on 6th August and were able to report that they are continuing to provide a range of activities suitable for all ages including knitting classes, guitar lessons for children and adults, IT lessons, yoga, NHS Stop smoking sessions, and CAB sessions. Children's activities include street dance, cookery sessions, pre-school sessions and a tea time club. The community café, Nosh@Northcall, has undergone a refurbishment and re-organisation, and is open from 9am – 2pm.
- 3.4.27 An important new development for Northcall this year is their Mental Health Programme, funded by the People's Health Trust and the Allen Lane Foundation.
- 3.4.28 Churches in North Leeds in partnership with The Trussell Trust (www.trusselltrust.org) will be starting a 'food bank' to cover areas within North Leeds. The food bank will provide short term emergency food items to help people in crisis, and will be based in Moortown Methodist Church. At the food bank centre people will have access to other services such as signposting to local services, befriending and prayer for those who request it. All food given out by the food bank is donated by the general public across North Leeds.
- 3.4.29 Local agencies and organisations have been approached to see if they will be willing to become a registered food bank distributor. The distributors will hold vouchers which they can give to an individual or family in crisis to take to the distribution centre. The food bank provides three days food.
- 3.4.30 A new comprehensive programme of classes and workshops is being offered by Leeds Jewish Welfare Board. The launch of its new project 'The Venue@theMAZCC' on 28 July attracted close on 250 people to its taster showcase. The Open Day unveiling highlighted an all-embracing schedule of fifty classes which officially commences in September. The event raised awareness of the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Community Centre as a highly attractive and competitive venue for parties, events, conferences and meetings. On offer at the centre are classes that include guitar and ukulele classes open to all ages and abilities.
- 3.4.31 Other activities creating a buzz are ballroom dancing, social bridge, creative writing courses and computer lessons as well as reflexology and slimming world

classes and pamper sessions. Line-dancing, yoga, clay-modelling and a Diddi Dance session for toddlers are proving popular as are Cloth Cat, a singing master class that teaches would-be vocalists singing techniques and performance skills.

- 3.4.32 The community centre has also up-graded its functions and conference facilities and now caters for all celebrations under one roof. Income generated from room hire and catering is vital and invested back into the organisation's social care provision. Rooms have state-of-the-art multimedia facilities, top catering and CCTV coverage and the recent cool rebranding has made the one-stop facility the place to be seen.
- 3.4.33 The Council is closely monitoring progress on the redevelopment of the Lingfield Pub site, and maintaining communications with the owners of the site. Local councillors have met with the applicants to underline local anxieties. The owners have also met with representatives from the Living Local community group to discuss how the new facility can integrate into the local community.
- 3.4.34 Local councillors are also keeping in touch with the Planning Department to ensure that the conditions of the planning approval are all met. The small disturbance in June has not been repeated and there are no further reports of vandalism since.
- 3.4.35 The Area Committee has funded the following projects which support this priority:

Organisation	Project	Total cost of project	Wellbeing awarded
Shadwell Parish Council	Shadwell war memorial renovation	£1421	£710
Alwoodley Parish Council	Alwoodley Festive Lights	£4795	£3,500
Wetherby Town Council	Wetherby bonfire night and Christmas lights	£4000	£4000
Wetherby Arts Festival	Wetherby Festival	£15000	£2000
Safer Leeds	Purchase of trembler alarms	£2925	£487.50
Leeds City Council	Treetops Community Centre Support	£1500	£1500
Leeds City Council	Mobile street cleansing services	£31,500	£10,000

3.5 Planning, communications and transport

- 3.5.1 The Localism Act 2011 includes new rights for local communities, including the Community Right to Buy, the Community Right to Challenge and the introduction of Neighbourhood Development Plans aimed at giving local communities a greater say over the design and location of new development in their local area.
- 3.5.2 Communities which want to prepare a neighbourhood development plan have to submit an application to the Council to be designated a neighbourhood area. Since September 2012 the Council has designated 14 neighbourhood areas in

Leeds. Of these 14 neighbourhoods, 11 are in the Outer North East area. East Keswick Parish Council also intends to prepare a neighbourhood plan and has submitted an application to the Council to be designated a neighbourhood area.

3.5.3 The Council has recently undertaken consultation on site allocations for housing development. All local residents in Harewood and Wetherby wards were sent a letter to raise awareness of the site allocations consultation process, and to encourage them to have their say on potential development sites that will impact on their communities.

3.5.4 Aberford Village has secured £10,000 from Awards for All towards undertaking a study of the noise from the A1/M1 bypass which will engage volunteers in undertaking noise monitoring and produce a full report setting out the impact of the motorway on Aberford, and presenting potential improvement measures.

3.5.5 A 30mph zone is proposed for Linton Lane, wellbeing funding has been approved for this.

3.5.6 The Area Committee has funded the following projects which support this priority:

Organisation	Project	Total cost of project	Wellbeing awarded
Aberford and District Community Interest Company	A1/M1 Noise Abatement Study	£15000	£2000
Leeds City Council	Site allocation consultation letters to residents	£5181.65	£5181.65
Leeds City Council	Linton Lane speed limit	£4000	£4000

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.7 The Area Committee's Engagement Plan is now included as part of the Area Business Plan.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 Consideration is given to the equality impact of projects to deliver the business plan priorities through light touch equality impact assessments and the completion of project planning documentation.

4.2.2 Where a negative equality impact is identified action will be taken to mitigate the impact or risk.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 Corporately the Area Support Team is required to have a performance management framework in place for the Area Committees. This Area Committee

Performance Framework is the primary method of capturing performance information for Area Committees.

- 4.3.2 The themes in the Business Plan priorities mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The Well-Being Fund is used to finance projects which support the Area Business Plan priorities. The Area Support Team work with Council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to Well-Being Fund expenditure to ensure best use of this funding.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

- 4.5.2 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

4.6 Risk Management

There are no identified risks.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Area Business Plan sets out the key priorities for the year that links to city wide policies and provides a framework for spending the Wellbeing Budget. This report provides highlights of key activities since July and shows how the wellbeing budget has been used to support projects.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The area committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions June 2011.

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.