

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 21st October 2013

Subject: Summary of Key Work

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Ardsley and Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

This report presents an update on the key work taking place within the Outer South Leeds area, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Recommendations

The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate;
- b) approve the Outer South Area Committee Priorities and Actions (Appendix 1).

1.0 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, a summary of key work which the Area Support Team are engaged in based on priorities identified by the Area Committee, that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

2.0 Background information

- 2.2 Members will recall at the July 2011 Area Committee, a revised title and format for this report was introduced based on proposed changes to the Leeds Initiative partnership and planning framework for the city in an effort to be more focused on current priorities.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Area Chairs Forum

- 3.1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 28th June were approved at the meeting on 6th September 2013 and are attached at **Appendix 1**. The minutes from 6th September were approved at the meeting on Friday 4th October and are attached at **Appendix 1B**. The minutes of 4th October will be approved at the next meeting which will take place on 25th November 2013 and will be presented to a future Area Committee.

4.0 Outer South Area Committee Priorities and Actions

- 4.1 At the September 2012 Area Committee members agreed the development of a Business Plan that outlined all delegations, ward profiles and a Priorities and Action Plan setting out the main priorities of the Committee.
- 4.2 It was agreed at previous meetings that members would be provided with a refreshed version of the Priorities and Actions. This is attached for comment and approval at **Appendix 2**.

5.0 Updates by theme: Children & Families

5.1 Activities Fund Delegation

- 5.1.1 The Activities Fund Steering Group met on 19th September 2013 and draft minutes are attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 5.1.2 The Steering Group made a number of recommendations, including:
- a) that the fund be split based on the population by ward;
 - b) that the funding formula be based on a 20% split across the remaining school holidays (October, Christmas, February, and Easter) and after school activities;
 - c) that the proposed model be adopted.

- 5.1.3 Members were consulted on the recommendations and no objections were raised. The recommendations have now been progressed via the Delegated Decision route.
- 5.1.4 The Youth Matters Group was consulted on the model and a number of young people have expressed interest in being involved in the young people advisory group. The young people felt the model ensured they were involved at all stages. Comments included "It's good as we get a say on where the money is going" and "it's good as it's for us".
- 5.1.5 Area Support Team is working closely with partners to set up an advisory group of children and young people to support the delivery against the Activities Fund delegation.
- 5.1.6 The next meeting of the Activities Fund Steering Group is scheduled for 12th November 2013.

6.0 Updates by Theme: Sustainable Economy and Culture

6.1 Community Centres Sub Committee

- 6.1.1 The Community Centres Sub Committee last met on 15th May and draft minutes were presented to a previous Area Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for 6th November 2013 and minutes will be presented to a future Area Committee meeting.

6.2 The Point Steering Group

- 6.2.1 The Point Steering Group last met on 1st July 2013 and the minutes were presented to a previous meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 25th November 2013 and minutes will be presented to a future Area Committee.

6.3 Morley Empty Shops Fund

- 6.3.1 The Morley Empty Shops Fund is available for shops in Morley and landlords can apply for a maximum of £2,600 towards the costs of replacing shop fronts. To date three premises have benefited from the fund and there is a remaining balance of £5,457.00 providing scope for a further two shop fronts.

7.0 Updates by Theme: Safer and Stronger Communities Board

7.1 Outer South Environmental Sub Group

- 7.1.1 The Outer South Environmental Sub Group met on 25th September 2013 and minute will be presented to a future Area Committee.

7.2 Community Safety

Partnership and priorities

- 7.2.1 The Safer Leeds Executive priorities for 2013/14 are as follows:
- Strengthening the partnership approach to support a reduction in **domestic abuse**.
 - Continued focus on reducing domestic **burglary** and its impact across Leeds.
 - Effectively tackle and reduce **ASB** in our communities

- Improve our understanding of and approach to deal with **Child Sexual Exploitation**
- Reduce **re-offending**
- Deal with increased use of **legal highs and cannabis** in the city

7.2.2 The South Leeds Community Safety and Environmental Partnership met on 5th September. The meeting approved its revised Operating Principles and updates were provided on the action plan. The action plan has been circulated by email and Members are invited to comment on its progress via the Area Lead Member.

Key achievements

7.2.3 Burglary Reduction

The number of burglaries in Outer South wards remains low with all four wards in the bottom 12 wards across the city. City and Holbeck Division have now introduced a multi-agency approach to identify individuals who are at risk of becoming involved in burglary. The “Amber Nominals” meeting brings together partners to share intelligence about individuals and agree joint actions to reduce their offending.

7.2.4 Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

The September meeting of the South Leeds CSE Practitioners Forum agreed to focus on ensuring that services working with young people in South Leeds are adequately trained. The group discussed awareness raising in communities and will continue to develop ways this can take place at future meetings.

7.2.5 Area Lead role

Area Lead Members for Community Safety Safer Leeds are invited to attend a meeting with the Senior Management Team of Safer Leeds in October. The Chief Officer will provide an overview of the SL strategic priorities and explain roles of the members of SMT. This will further enhance the relationships between the Area Committee and Safer Leeds.

8.0 Updates by Theme: Health and Well being

8.1 The area Health and Wellbeing Partnership reviewed arrangements have now been confirmed as the approach by the core working group following consultation with wider membership. The South East Area Health Wellbeing Activity September Update is included at **Appendix 4**.

8.2 International Day of Older Persons

8.2.1 Area Committee approved funding for events to coincide with International Day of Older Persons. Two events took place one in Morley and one in Rothwell. Both events were well attended and reached nearly 400 older people.

8.2.2 The events formed part of a number of city wide events in celebration of the International Day of Older People. A number of organisations had stalls and provided information and advice to help older people to live in their own homes with comfort, dignity, and security for as long as they choose.

8.2.3 Refreshments and food was provided and those attending were entered into a prize draw in return for completion of an evaluation form. Area Support Team is working with event organisers to further analyse the evaluations. A selection of comments is attached at **Appendix 5**.

9.0 Updates By Theme: Housing and Regeneration

9.1 Conservation Audits

9.1.1 Following a further round of public consultation that ran from January to March 2012, all consultation responses are being reviewed and considered and amendments made to the appraisal and proposed boundary as appropriate. The project was discussed at Planning Board on 29 November 2012. The appraisal and boundary review may also be considered by Executive Board. If approved, the revised boundary will be designated and the appraisal will be adopted as a material consideration in the planning process.

10.0 Local updates

10.1 Community First Grants

10.1.1 Community First Grants are summarised at **Appendix 6**.

10.2 Strengthening Relationships between Town and Parish Councils

10.2.1 At the July 2013 Area Committee meeting Members agreed to establish a working group to agree options for strengthening links and report back to Area Committee.

10.2.2 The first meeting of the group is scheduled for 11th October 2013. An update will be provided to a future Area Committee.

10.3 Springbank & Moorlands NIP

10.3.1 The Springbank and Moorlands estate in Rothwell was identified as one of the Priority Neighbourhoods to receive a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP). As part of the NIP a Donkey Sanctuary Project proposal was taken to the steering group in January 2012 by Gildersome Primary School and £1,000 was allocated to the start-up costs of the Donkey Sanctuary. Gildersome Primary School has now advised that the project will not go ahead resulting in £1,000 being returned to the Wellbeing pot.

11.0 Corporate Considerations

11.1 Consultation and Engagement

11.1.1 Projects are developed to address priorities in the Area Committee Business Plan. The production of this plan is informed by Local Councillors and local residents. All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for any contribution from the Well being budget is received at the Area Committee.

11.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

11.2.1 Community groups submitting a project proposal requesting funding from the Well being budget have an equal opportunities policy and as part of the application process, complete a section outlining which equality groups the project will work with and how equality and cohesion issues have been considered.

11.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

11.2.3 A light touch Equality Impact Assessments is carried out for all projects.

11.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

11.3.1 The projects outlined in this report contribute to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies:

- Vision For Leeds
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Health and Well being City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

11.4 Resources and Value for Money

11.4.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

11.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

11.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are not eligible for Call In.

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

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

11.6 Risk Management

11.6.1 This report provides an update on work in the Outer South and therefore no risks are identifiable. Any projects funded through Wellbeing budget complete a section identifying risks and solutions as part of the application process.

12 Conclusions

12.1 The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Area Committee.

13.0 Recommendations

13.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate;
- b) approve the Outer South Area Committee Priorities and Actions (Appendix 1);

14.0 Background documents¹

14.1 There is no background documents associated with this paper.

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.