

Report of ENE Area Leader

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 24th October 2013

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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

1. This report provides members of the Inner East Area Committee with updates from its four Sub Groups and has minutes attached.
2. This report provides further updates as to the on-going work of the Inner East Area Committee, East North East Area Support Team and partners.

Recommendations

1. That members of the Inner East Area Committee note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the work being carried out by the Inner East Area Committee Sub Groups to help address the Area Committee's agreed priorities.
- 1.2 To provide members with an overview of the work being carried out by the East North East Area Support Team to help address the Area Committee's agreed priorities.

2 Sub Groups

- 2.3 At its meeting in June 2012 the Inner East Area Committee agreed to establish a number of sub groups to make recommendations for progress against key headings in the Area Committee Business Plan.
- 2.4 At its meeting in June 2013, the membership of these sub groups was renewed by the Inner East Area Committee with the agreement that they meet six times a year coinciding with the Area Committee cycle. The headings below contain updates on the work carried out by these sub groups.
- 2.5 On 3rd September 2013, the Inner East Area Committee agreed to establish a fifth sub group to engage with issues relating to Children and Young People and specifically the allocation of the newly delegated Youth Activity Fund.
- 2.6 At the time of writing the Children and Young People's sub group is still in the process of being established but it is anticipated that by the next area committee cycle that this group will have met and have outlined a methodology for moving this agenda forward.
 - 2.6.1 Health & Wellbeing Sub Group
The Health and Wellbeing Sub Group met on 9th September and discussed issues relating to childhood obesity, niche tobacco, diabetes, alcohol misuse and mental health. Minutes are attached in full at **Appendix A**.
 - 2.6.2 Planning Sub Group
The Planning Sub Group met on 3rd September 2013 and discussed issues relating to Harehills Lane Shops and significant developments in the Inner East Area. Minutes are attached in full at **Appendix B**.
 - 2.6.3 Communities Centres Working Group
The Community Centres Working Group met on 27th June 2013 and discussed issues relating to the future use of Alston Lane and Nowell Mount Community Centres as well as a future management model for the Henry Barren Centre. Minutes are attached in full at **Appendix C**.
 - 2.6.4 Environmental Sub Group
The Environmental Sub Group met on 10th October and discussed issues relating to the new 'One Environmental Service', EIZs and refuse. The minutes of this meeting will be circulated at the Inner East Area Committee on 5th December 2013.

3 Priority Neighbourhoods

3.1 Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

- A workshop took place between the ENE Area Leadership Team and Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Community Leadership Team on 10th September. The workshop focused on two questions; one on communication with local residents and the other around a reality check on how services are performing in the area. Further discussions are currently on-going with Area Leadership Team as to the next steps and actions to be delivered from the session.
- The opening event for Ebor Gardens IT Suite took place on Thursday 24th October. The IT Suite was officially opened by Councillor Ron Grahame and Tim Roache of the GMB. The project was jointly funded by Inner East Area Committee and GMB. The IT facility will enhance a number of sessions which are also being operated at the facility and hopefully generate more bookings at the centre which will support local residents accessing employment and training opportunities.
- Work to improve the Haselwood Dene Underpass is well underway. The underpass has been painted and coated with anti-graffiti paint. Work is still on-going with members of the community to create a mosaic and art design which will be placed on the walls of the underpass in early 2014.
- A successful Operation Champion took place on 26th September, focussing on Lincoln Green tower blocks. The day of action included an attendance sweep focussing on addresses where young people weren't at school, a drugs warrant was executed which recovered a large quantity of cannabis, over 30 annual tenancy visits were carried out by Housing Leeds and an extensive clean-up of the area was undertaken jointly by staff from the ENE Locality Team and Housing Leeds Estate Caretakers.

3.2 Harehills

- Two Bonfire Night activities have been organised in Harehills in a bid to combat the anticipated rise in ASB during this period. These activities will take the form of a roller disco on the evening of Monday 4th November and a football event on Tuesday 5th November.
- Opportunity Shops – The Neighbourhood Manager for Harehills is working with GIPSIL and ECHO to explore the possibilities of expanding these initiatives into Harehills.
- The Neighbourhood Manager is also working with the Jobs & Skills Service to formalise referral processes between the agencies in the area offering opportunity support.
- The Town and District Centre 2 money granted for Harehills Lane improvements will be discussed at the Harehills Lane Traders meeting on the 29th October 5.30 at the Compton Centre, Members are invited to attend to discuss the bid and set priorities.

- There is an event at Shine Harehills on the 24th October (7-9pm) hosted by the Yorkshire Cricket Board who are looking at increasing participation in cricket in the South Asian community. Any interested parties are invited to attend the workshop.

3.3 Killingbeck & Seacroft & Gipton

- The 'Opportunity Shops' funded by Area Committee have been running weekly in Gipton (at GIPSIL's Support Centre at Woodfield Court) and Seacroft (at the Denis Healey Centre) since the beginning of June 2013.
- The morning sessions are traditional work clubs, offering internet access and support with job search, applications and CV writing. Afternoon sessions and other activities offer attendees access to other opportunities such as volunteering, work experience, training and sports.
- 91 people have accessed the service between the months of June and September 2013. The service has reached 49 men and 42 women from the East North East area of Leeds, including 2 people who have disclosed Disabilities (one physical disability and one learning disability). The youngest person they have worked with is 16 and the oldest is 61, all of these people are of working age.

4 **Corporate Considerations**

4.1 **Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 An integral part of the work in the four priority neighbourhoods that make up the Inner East Area Committee is to ensure that local people are involved with and consulted on the activities taking place where they live. There are currently three Community Leadership Teams (CLTs) established and operational for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton and Seacroft. A representative of each of these CLTs currently sits as co-optee on the Inner East Area Committee. Work is underway to form a CLT for Harehills.
- 4.1.2 The above mentioned collectives have been directly involved in setting the current priorities we are working towards as part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans, which in turn link into the Inner East Area Committee Business Plan and Community Charter priorities.

4.2 **Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1 An equality screening document was completed as part of the development of; Neighbourhood Improvement Plans; 'Local Management Teams' which are a central function of the officer working groups; and Community Leadership Teams.

4.3 **Council policies and City Priorities**

- 4.3.1 The priorities of the Inner East Area Committee Business Plan, Community Charter and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans directly link into the Council's 'Best City' priorities for Leeds, the City Priority Plan for 2011 – 2015 and the Vision for Leeds 2011 - 2030

4.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.4.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

4.4.2 There is no exempt or confidential information

4.4.3 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In

4.5 Risk Management

4.5.1 There are no major risks associated with the content of this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 There are a number of actions on-going to achieve the Inner East Area Committees' priorities and fulfil its work programme - including the work of the four Sub Groups - but despite this, the Area Support Team recognises that there is still a significant amount of work to be done.

6 Recommendations

6.1 That members of the Inner East Area Committee note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 None.

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.