

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 2 December 2013

Subject: Environment Sub-Group

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby	<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. The Outer North East Environment sub-group was established in July 2011 to oversee the Strategic direction for the improvement of service delivery and the quality of the environment for Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby wards
2. This report provides the area committee with the minutes of the latest meeting of the sub-group which took place on 14th November 2013.

Recommendations

3. The Area Committee is requested to note the minutes of the Environment sub-committee, and, where appropriate, provide support in resolving any issues raised.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Area Committee with the minutes from the latest meeting of the Outer North East Environment sub-group which took place on 14th November 2013.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Environment Sub-group was set up by the Area Committee in July 2011.
- 2.2 Membership of the sub-group is one member from each ward. For 2013/14 membership is Cllr Buckley (Alwoodley Ward), Cllr Robinson (Harewood Ward) and Cllr Wilkinson (Wetherby Ward). Cllr Wilkinson chairs the meeting in his capacity as Outer North East area lead role for the Environment.
- 2.3 Officers attend from the East North East Environment Locality Team, Parks and Countryside, Housing, Refuse and Waste, and Continental Landscapes (grounds maintenance contract).
- 2.4 The sub-group meets four times per year.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The vision for the Environment sub-group is:

‘An Outer North East Leeds with a clean and tidy streetscape and high quality public green spaces that the whole community can enjoy and take pride in.’

- 3.2 The aims of the sub-group are:

- Strategic direction for the improvement of service delivery and the quality of the environment for Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby wards;
- A targeted response to local priorities;
- Better co-ordination of service delivery;
- Investment in the local environment.

- 3.3 A key role in achieving these aims is to closely monitor the performance and outcomes of the Environment Service Level Agreement (SLA, including in-year variations to the SLA, undertaking an annual review of the SLA and consideration of equality, diversity, community cohesion and community safety matters in relation to the delegation of Environment services.

- 3.4 The latest meeting of the Environment Sub-group took place on 14th November, 2013. Minutes of this meeting are attached at Appendix A to this report.

4 Corporate Considerations

- 4.1 **Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 The Environment sub-group has responsibility for considering issues raised by Town and Parish Councils, and discuss and agree support for 'In Bloom' groups.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 The Environment sub-group has responsibility for considering equality, diversity, community cohesion and community safety matters in relation to the environment.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The Environment sub-group has responsibility for ensuring that the Outer North East Area actively makes a contribution to Leeds becoming the Best City;

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 The Environment sub-group is supported by an officer from the East North East Area Support Team.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 The delegation of Environment services to Area Committees, via an approved Service Level Agreement, contributes significantly towards the Stronger Leeds section of the new Safer & Stronger Communities Plan 2011-15.

4.5.2 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.

4.5.3 There is no exempt or confidential information in this report.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no significant risks identified in this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The Environment sub-group meets four times per year, and has specific responsibilities relating to Environment Issues, and the SLA. The minutes of the meeting are provided to this area committee.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Area Committee is requested to note the minutes of the Environment sub-committee, and where appropriate, provide support in resolving any issues raised.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 Outer North East Area Committee Environment Sub Group Terms of Reference;

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.

7.2 Outer North East Area Committee, Service Level Agreement 2013/14.