

**Report of ENE Area Leader**

**Report to Inner East Area Committee**

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December 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 five 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.
2. That members of the Inner East Area Committee agree for the Children and Young People's Sub Group to be the forum to progress discussions around the Youth Service's emerging Service Level Area Agreement (SLA).

## **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**

- 2.1 At its meeting in June 2012 the Inner East Area Committee agreed to establish number of sub groups to make recommendations for progress against key headings in the Area Committee Business Plan.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 On 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- 2.4 Health & Wellbeing Sub Group  
The Health and Wellbeing Sub Group met on 28<sup>th</sup> October and discussed issues relating to childhood obesity, niche tobacco, diabetes, alcohol misuse and mental health. Minutes are attached in full at **Appendix A**.
- 2.5 Planning Sub Group  
The Planning Sub Group met on 12<sup>th</sup> November and discussed issues relating to East Leeds Transport Strategy. Minutes are attached in full at **Appendix B**.
- 2.6 Communities Centres Working Group  
The Community Centres Working Group last met on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and is scheduled to meet again in the New Year. Time and date to be advised.
- 2.7 Environmental Sub Group  
The Environmental Sub Group met on 10<sup>th</sup> October and discussed issues relating to the new 'One Environmental Service', EIZs and refuse. The minutes of this meeting are attached in full at **Appendix C**.
- 2.8 Children & Young People's Sub Group  
The Children & Young People's Sub Group met on 31<sup>st</sup> October and discussed issues relating to newly delegated Youth Activity Fund. The minutes of this meeting are attached in full at **Appendix D**.

## **3 Priority Neighbourhoods**

- 3.1 Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

- 3.1.1 Phases one and two of the Darker Nights initiative is now complete. Over 500 properties have been visited as part of this crime reduction initiative to encourage local people to leave their lights on when out and keep their doors and windows locked. A range of crime prevention materials were also given to local residents including timer switches and tremble alarms. The activity was co-ordinated by Safer Leeds, ENE Area Support and BRH Neighbourhood Policing Team, with assistance from Housing Leeds, LCC Private Rented Sector Team, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team and West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service. A phase three of the initiative will commence in January.
- 3.1.2 On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, the Police & Crime Commissioner made a trip to Lincoln Green Community Café as part of his visit to Leeds. The PCC had the opportunity to speak to a number of local people and local business owners about their community safety priorities. Ward Councillors also highlighted the range of partnership work underway across the Ward to address local resident's crime concerns.
- 3.1.3 An employability meeting focussing on Burmantofts & Richmond Hill was held with a number of partners around worklessness on 18th November. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Grahame in his capacity as Inner East Area Committee Area Lead Member for Employment & Skills. Prior to the meeting, there was a detailed exercise carried out to map all the support/current initiatives on offer to support people back into employment. One of the key activities which Ward Members are keen to see happen following this meeting is better promotion of support that is on offer for local residents.
- 3.1.4 A number of activities and events took place on the week commencing 25th November around NEET:
- A Make a Winning Application Workshop ran from Ebor Gardens Community Centre on 25th November between 11am and 1pm. This helped support young people complete apprenticeship application forms and was led by the Leeds Apprenticeship Hub.
  - A NEET Sweep took place across the Ward led by Igen, involving a wide range of partners to gather further information about NEET not known and also increase awareness for NEETs about the support and opportunities available from services operating in the area.
  - A NEET event took place on Thursday 28th November between 3pm and 5pm at Ebor Gardens Community Centre. This was a stall type event with a wide range of support agencies present.
- 3.1.5 Planning for the 2014 Burmantofts Gala is well underway. Three out of four roles for the resident led committee have been appointed to. A detailed action plan has been developed and a programme of activities and entertainment are already being planned. The gala is due to take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June between 12pm and 3pm.

## 3.2 Gipton

- 3.2.1 The Neighbourhood Manager for Gipton is working with partners to deliver a "A Get Ready – Set 4 Success" project to help young people aged between 16 – 24 get

ready for employment and create a successful C.V in order to help gain employment, training or an apprenticeship.

- 3.2.2 Gipton Opportunity shop continues to be a success, attracting more people to the sessions to help develop employment opportunities.
- 3.2.3 In October, GIPSIL hosted the launch of the Dole Animators film 'All In It Together'. This short film was on the subject of the welfare reform agenda and was created by benefit claimants in Leeds, including GIPSIL service users.
- 3.2.4 Two very successful football sessions are now in operation in the multi-use games area (MUGA) situated at The Dame Fanny Waterman Centre. Both sessions attract over thirty young people.
- 3.2.5 Talks are underway with Children's Services to increase the provision for two year olds in the area, using existing community facilities.
- 3.2.6 Partners are developing a "Tour De Gipton" bicycle event for the community to celebrate and build upon the Tour De France legacy.
- 3.2.7 A package of support has been offered to victims of burglary in Gipton, including community reassurance visits.

### 3.3 Harehills

- 3.3.1 Harehills Bonfire night programme ran for three nights over the Bonfire period and attracted large numbers of young people. The programme was organised to help prevent young people in the area from engaging in anti-social behaviour. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November approximately 60 young people attended Harehills Youth Hub to take part in FIFA and pool tournaments. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November over 100 young people attended Ashton Park to participate in a roller disco. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November over 70 young people again attended Ashton Park to take part in a football event and enjoy outdoor music.
- 3.3.2 Consultation is underway in relation to the Town and District Centre Scheme which will see £200,000 of capital investment in the Harehills Lane shopping area. The initial proposals include the creation of better parking space within the Bellbrookes Car Park, creation of a focal point to make the area more attractive to shoppers and making the area more pedestrian friendly.
- 3.3.3 On 18<sup>th</sup> November the first joint Harehills and Chapeltown Youth Forum took place. This meeting saw partners and voluntary sector agencies from both neighbourhoods come together to look at ways to improve joint working and improving outcomes for young people. This forum also ties in with the extension of the Chapeltown Gang prevention strategy into Harehills.

### 4.4 Seacroft

- 4.4.1 In partnership with Job centre Plus, partners are looking in depth at the reasons for entrenched unemployment within specific streets in Seacroft. It is hoped that this will give a broader understanding of the barriers to employment and identify the services required to break the cycle of unemployment.

- 4.4.2 After a break in delivery, the Friday Night project for young people is now back in operation and is attracting thirty five plus young people.
- 4.4.3 Seacroft Boot and Shoe market held its first event on 23rd November. The market had affordable markets stalls selling: food, bric- a-brac, recycled goods, children's toys and lots more.
- 4.4.4 A Winter Gala event is planned for 14th December 2013. The Gala has a varied programme of activities and entertainment
- 4.4.5 A free family Christmas event was held at St Richard's Church on 23rd November. The event had a father and mother Christmas, along with a package of entertainment for families.
- 4.4.6 Neighbourhood Planning is continuing to progress. The group leading on the plan have been successful in their bid for bespoke support from Localities to help and guide the community through the designation and consultation phases of the process.

#### **4 Children and Young People update**

- 4.1 The Children and Young People's Sub Group met on 31<sup>st</sup> October. At this meeting a process was discussed for the spending of the remaining Youth Activity Fund allocation 2013/14. It was agreed to take the 15 applications received for this funding to the December Area Committee for approval following a series of Ward Member meetings for this specific purpose.
- 4.2 As part of this approval process, officers from Children's Services canvassed young people on the applications received. The results of this feedback were presented to Elected Members at their Ward Member meetings.
- 4.3 Future meetings of the Children and Young People's Sub Group will seek to address the spending of the Youth Activity Fund allocation for 2014/15, which in turn, will be reported back to the Inner East Area Committee for final approval.
- 4.4 Area Support Teams are further working with colleagues in the Youth Offer Team to support the development of the 2014/15 Youth Service Delegation.
- 4.5 Following an initial meeting in November, officers are planning a series of Area Committee based workshops in the Members Lounge at Civic Hall to provide information to Members on current youth services provision, provide an opportunity for Members to influence the development of the Service Level Agreement and have their say on how the delegation will work in practice. These workshops will be held in January 2014 with a report on the Youth Service Delegation and the SLA being presented at the March round of Area Committees for approval.
- 4.6 Moving forward, it is recommended that the Children and Young People's Sub Group be the forum with which to monitor the effectiveness of the SLA.

#### **5 Employment and Skills update**

- 5.1 At the October Area Committee, Members received an update on Employment and Skills provision city-wide and within Inner East. In response, it was agreed that further discussions would be held between the Area Support Team and the Employment Skills Service to identify areas where Inner East Area Committee Members could appropriately support the development and implementation of an action plan. These discussions will also involve the lead Member for Employment, Skills and Welfare.
- 5.2 Both reducing the number of young people within East North East (ENE) Leeds who are not in education, employment or education (NEET) as well as improving access to employment opportunities are a key priorities for the ENE Area Leadership Team and the three ENE Area Committees, particularly the Inner areas. It is pleasing to note that NEET figures are currently on a downward trend city-wide and this is reflected across the Inner East clusters. However, it is recognised that there is still considerable work to be done to improve local access and take-up of training and employment opportunities.
- 5.3 Significant partnership work is taking place across ENE, particularly within the priority neighbourhoods within Inner East. Some examples are referred to in the 'Priority Neighbourhoods' section of this report. It is suggested that there is now a need for a coherent strategy for Inner East to draw this work together and provide a framework for future developments. A number of key areas for improvement have been identified through partnership working and will be incorporated into the strategy, for example:
- Addressing low levels of digital access
  - Additional ESOL classes, given many are now operating at capacity
  - Challenging employers on overly stringent and demanding recruitment processes to ensure that opportunities are more accessible
  - Access to information about learning provision and employment opportunities, particularly the development of the Leeds Pathways website
  - Pre-apprenticeship and pre-employment support to enable people to compete effectively for available opportunities
  - Early information about major employment opportunities and the need for this to be cascaded to those organisations, including the voluntary sector, who are working directly with local residents to develop their skills
  - Expanding the provision of mentoring to ensure sustained engagement
  - Working more closely with the Work Programme providers to maximise clients' access to information about opportunities
  - Ensuring work in this area compliments the emerging anti-poverty strategy
- 5.4 Although resources to deliver any new initiatives are limited, new investment was announced on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 from a pot of government funding allocated to England's major cities to invest over the next three years, with the aim of helping more than 25,000 young people into jobs that will last. Within the Leeds City Region, £4.6 million (£1.2 million for Leeds) will be used to provide intensive, targeted wrap-around support for at risk and long term unemployed young people, an innovative pilot looking at the role that Employment Agencies can play in helping

young people into work and the creation of a new Young Ambassador Scheme to offer peer mentoring, support and advice to young people.

- 5.5 Members may be interested to note that the Business and Administration apprentice funded by Inner East Area Committee has almost completed the first part of her placement with Housing Leeds. Reports from both the apprentice and the employer have so far been very positive, with a range of experience being gained and evidence being gathered to complete her NVQ successfully. She is starting with the Area Support Team and Locality Team, on a split placement arrangement in early December. Police checks have been completed and she will move there in early March, before completing the Apprenticeship with Arcadia from June to August 2014. The Area Support Team is now focusing on publicising this success story to promote Apprenticeships within ENE and city-wide.

## **6 Corporate Considerations**

### **6.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 6.1.1 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.
- 6.1.2 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.

### **6.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 6.2.1 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.

### **6.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

- 6.3.1 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

### **6.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 6.4.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.
- 6.4.2 There is no exempt or confidential information

6.4.3 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

## **6.5 Risk Management**

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

## **7 Conclusions**

7.1 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.

## **8 Recommendations**

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

8.2 That Members of the Inner East Area Committee agree that the Children and Young People's Sub Group be the forum with which to monitor the effectiveness of Youth Service's SLA.

## **9 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

9.1 None.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.