

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 9th December 2013

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley & Yeadon	<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

This report provides Members with a summary of Area Committee business since the last meeting and provides information on project and service activity in the outer north west area.

Recommendations

The North West (Outer) Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the contents of this report and comment on any of the matters raised.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of the area update report is to bring together a range of information relating to Area Committee business into a single report to update Members on recent sub group and forum business and also project and service activity.

2. Background information

- 2.1 The Area Committee currently has six sub groups looking at service provision within the functions of Community Safety, Children & Young People, Environmental Services, Health & Well-being and Transport as well as a Policy Group.
- 2.2 Since the last Area Committee the following sub groups have met: Environment, Policy, and Children and Young People. Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting are attached at appendix 1 – 3. There are currently three ward forums in the area for Guiseley & Rawdon, Holt Park and Yeadon. The forums meet on a regular basis throughout the year.
- 2.4 Since the last Area Committee there have been forum meetings in Guiseley & Rawdon and Holt Park. Details of items discussed at the Holt Park Forum are attached at appendix 4 and minutes from the Guiseley and Rawdon will be brought to the next area committee in February.

3 Main issues

3.1 Area Lead Themes

The Area Lead Member role aims to provide a local lead perspective and further facilitate local democratic accountability, particularly in conjunction with the relevant Executive Member. The Area Committee has 5 area leads and works through the sub groups to progress local issues around the themes. The key issues for each sub group are outlined below.

3.2 Health, Well-being and Adult Social Care

- 3.2.1 There has been no further meeting of the Health & Wellbeing sub group since the November Area Committee.

3.3 Children's Services

- 3.3.1 The Children & Young Peoples sub group last met on 8th November. A representative from both the Clusters and Youth Service attended to discuss the Youth Activity Fund.

The sub group agreed to hold a commissioning round for the remaining £20,000 budget of 2013/14. A deadline of 22nd November was agreed for applications to be received. A group of young people from ONW high schools formed a panel to consider the applications and rate them according to a matrix on the 26th November. These comments were fed back to the decision making panel of ONW members who met on the 29th of November to review the applications and make recommendations for funding to the Area Committee.

A further special meeting of the sub group took place on the 22nd November. Details of that meeting are attached in the separate Children & Young Peoples sub group report.

3.4 Environment

- 3.4.1 At the November Area Committee approval was given for a new quad bike for the outer north west area. The minutes of the 4th November Environmental sub group are included.

3.5 Community Safety

3.5.1 Action Day

An action day is scheduled for Weston Estate in Otley for 12th December 2013, Housing Leeds will be supplying 1 skip in the area and the ONW Area Committee have supplied a second. The Police NPT Hub will arrange for a walkabout on the estate prior to the action day to feed in any relevant environmental issues.

3.5.2 Simple to Start

This initiative examines 3 years crime data across Outer North West and compiles a top 10 of post codes. The top 3 of the post codes account for 40% of the crime over the last 3 years. Maps have been produced showing the previous 3 years worth of crime.

Engagement is required with officers and residents who will have local knowledge about these areas. This may help explain why certain areas appear to be vulnerable to crime and feed into a plan with the aim of addressing these vulnerabilities through partnership work.

Engagement is planned with Housing Officers and Environmental Enforcement Officers, Councillors and residents.

3.6 Employment, Skills and Welfare

- 3.6.1 Councillor Cleasby as the Lead Member has met with the Executive Member to discuss the role and ongoing priorities.

3.7 Project and Service Update

3.7.1 Neighbourhood Planning

The WNW Area Support Team met with Planning officers on 14th November 2013 to discuss progress and identify any issues. At present neighbourhood plans are being undertaken by 6 organisations in ONW these being: Otley Town Council; Horsforth Town Council; Rawdon Parish Council; Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum and Adel Neighbourhood Forum.

An update report on Neighbourhood Plans will be brought by Planning officers to a future meeting of the ONW Area Committee.

3.7.2 Derelict & Nuisance Sites

The Area Support Team is in regular attendance as a member at the derelict and nuisance sites working group. Progress is reported on those priority sites in the area that appear on the priority list and action is taking in the main by planning, building and planning enforcement.

3.7.3 Well-being Spend

The Area Support Team continues to work with members on the development of well-being projects in the area.

The Area Support Team are to prepare ward briefings for each outer north west ward before the next area committee and will be propose meetings with individual wards and the Area Chair to review well-being spend.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Community Forums are held in the Guiseley & Rawdon ward, Yeadon and Holt Park. In addition ward members are consulted on projects and initiatives within their ward.

4.1.2 On 7th November 2013 a meeting was held with North West Outer Councillors and members of the Rawdon, Horsforth and Pool Parish Councils to discuss strengthening links with the Outer North West Area Committee. Items discussed included

- Environmental services
- Community forums
- Youth Services
- World War 1 centenary
- Potential joint initiatives

It was felt that this had been positive and there was agreement to hold a further meeting. A note of the meeting is attached at appendix 5.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 A key principle of locality working is a focus on delivering the best outcome for residents across the area. This principle underpins equality and community cohesion, seeking to engage with local communities through forum meetings, and improve service provision through regular sub group meetings.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The Area Committee Functions and Priority Advisory Functions were approved by the Executive Board in June 2009. This approval was rolled forward to 2010/11 and is also being rolled forward to 2011/12 with amendments to the environmental delegation. The Area Functions are included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3c).

4.3.2 The Area Support Team's work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the: Vision for Leeds 2011- 2013 City Priority Plan 2011-2015; Joint Health and Well-being Strategy and the Children and Young People's Plan.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

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

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 This is the report of the Area Leader for West North West Leeds who has delegated responsibility to action decisions in accordance with Area Support Team's work programme in accordance with part 3 of the Council's Constitution in relation to Area Committee Functions.

4.5.2 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt. This report is not subject to call-in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 This report provides Members with a summary of sub groups business since the September Area Committee and provides information on project and service activity in the outer north west area.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of the report and comment on any aspect of the matters raised.

7 Background documents

7.1 None

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.