

**Report of Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)**

**Report to Outer North East Area Committee**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014**

**Subject: Area Committee business plan (including Police Programme of Change)**

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. This report sets out the draft priorities for the Area Committee business plan for 2014/15 together with details of how the priorities and associated actions are prepared.
2. It also introduces Inspector Matthew Davison who will be attending the meeting to update the area committee on the Police Programme of Change.

**Recommendations**

3. The area committee is asked to:
  - agree the area committee priorities for 2014/15;
  - note the information on the Police Programme of Change;
  - consider the request for a contractor to have use of 10 car parking spaces at Treetops Community Centre;

**1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report sets out the draft priorities for the Outer North East Area Committee which form part of the Area Committee's Business plan.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 At the June 2011 Area Committee meeting the Delegated Roles and Functions of the Area Committee were presented.
- 2.2 Subsequently an Area Committee Business Plan has been developed which takes the forward work programme a stage further and sets out in more detail the work of the Area Committee and replaces the Area Delivery Plan. The Business Plan is updated annually and includes information about the Area Committee role and functions, wellbeing fund, ward information, and parish councils together with the Area Committee priorities.
- 2.3 A refreshed business plan will be presented to the March meeting of this Area Committee. This report concerns the priorities for the Area Committee which form part of the business plan and are reviewed annually.

## **3 Area Committee priorities 2014/15**

- 3.1 The priorities for the Area Committee provided a local interpretation on the City Priority Plan 2011 - 2015 which supports the long term vision for Leeds to be locally and internationally recognised as the best city in the UK.
- 3.2 The priorities provide a framework for use of the Area Committee wellbeing fund. Applicants are asked to state which area committee priorities their project will meet.
- 3.3 The priorities are prepared in consultation with ward members, officers from the council and partner agencies, town and parish councils, local residents and voluntary and community groups. It is informed by community engagement activity and partnership working which is taking place in the Outer North East area which is detailed below.
- 3.4 Subject to the Area Committee's agreement, the area officer will undertake consultation with partner agencies and organisations to assess what actions will be taken during in 2014/15 which support these priorities. The draft priorities for 2014/15 are attached as appendix A to this report.
- 3.5 Alwoodley Cluster of Schools and Elmet Partnership of Schools have developed priorities for action in their area of benefit and these are reflected in the business plan. In addition to school staff, membership of the cluster leadership groups also includes representatives from Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police and the voluntary sector.
- 3.6 Tasking meetings take place six weekly for the two Neighbourhood Policing Teams covering this area – Harewood and Wetherby and Roundhay, Alwoodley, Moortown. They are attended by representatives from the council, West Yorkshire Police, and partner organisations. Those officers attending work closely with the local communities they serve and have a good knowledge and understanding of the area and its issues.
- 3.7 West Yorkshire Police run PACT meetings (police and communities together) which offer the public the opportunity to raise issues of concern with their neighbourhood

policing team. In the Harewood and Wetherby NPT area, these are run in conjunction with Town and Parish Council meetings.

- 3.8 Meetings with ward members take place on a regular basis which offer the opportunity to discuss issues concerning local communities; Depending on the issues being discussed these meetings may involve officers from the council, partner agencies, and representatives from the community.
- 3.9 Wetherby & Harewood Town and parish council forum meetings are held four times per year to enable Town and Parish Councillors to come together to discuss mutual issues of concern and interest. Agenda items over the past year have localism, environmental issues, grounds maintenance, policing Issues, local bus services, sport and active lifestyles, highways, home security, and derelict buildings. A report is provided to this area committee after each forum meeting.
- 3.10 Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) includes representatives of organisations and agencies working in the Moor Allerton priority neighbourhood, including Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, Groundwork, Northcall, MAECare, Leeds Jewish Welfare Board and Leeds Jewish Housing Association. An action plan has been developed for MAP which is structured under the themes of the Area Delivery Plan and includes practical actions for the neighbourhoods within MAP which are being delivered through partnership working.

#### 4 Statistics

- 4.1 The [West Yorkshire Observatory website](#) offers a detailed range of information and statistics, including census data, which provides a statistical evidence base by which to plan service interventions and to guide resources into the area of greatest need.
- 4.2 In previous years the Neighbourhood Index has been produced. This is an area profiling system which provided the Council and its partners with a statistics on a range of seven domains: Economic Activity, Low Income, Education, Health, Community Safety, Environment, and Housing.
- 4.3 However, due to resources being concentrated on analysing census data, the index has not been updated for 2013. Despite this, the information can still be used as a guide in determining the issues to be addressed.
- 4.4 The neighbourhoods are defined using Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs); a range of data is easily available for these boundaries, and they meet government guidelines that a neighbourhood should contain between 5000 – 10,000 people. There are 108 MSOAs in Leeds, with an average population of 7000.
- 4.5 The Outer North East area covers nine MSOAs which are listed in the table below in order of ranking. The higher the ranking, the more successful the neighbourhood in terms of the seven domains. The three previous years rankings are included for comparison.

Ref No.	Area	2009	2010	2011	2012
E02002330	Wetherby West	107	108	107	107
E02002331	Wetherby East/Thorp Arch/Walton	80	76	79	81

E02002359	Aberford/Barwick/Lotherton/Thorner	93	94	97	94
E02002334	Bramham/Boston Spa/Clifford	96	93	90	97
E02002335	Bardsey/East Keswick/Collingham/Linton/Harewood	103	103	106	103
E02002341	Alwoodley West	102	104	103	104
E02002344	Alwoodley East	92	90	91	92
E02002351	Scarcroft/Scholes/Shadwell	101	97	102	100
E02002347	Moor Allerton	33	33	36	35

- 4.6 With the exception of Moor Allerton, the rankings are high, and the scores for the individual domains are higher than average for the city. For Moor Allerton the scores for the domains are close to the city average, apart from the Economic Activity and Low Income domains which are much lower than the city averages.
- 4.7 The concerns around economic activity and low income in the Moor Allerton area will continue to be addressed through the Moor Allerton Partnership. The Partnership is aiming to improve the amount of advice and information which is available for local people who need support in accessing education, training and jobs.

## **5 West Yorkshire Police Programme of Change**

- 5.1 West Yorkshire Police are a key partner, and officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Teams work in partnership with council colleagues to support the priorities in the area committee business plan priorities.
- 5.2 In June 2013 West Yorkshire Police initiated a Programme of Change strategy, to improve Force performance and transform the way services are delivered by reducing demand and thereby support the delivery of policing. Embedded within the strategy is a commitment from West Yorkshire Police to work more closely with Partners to deliver the outcomes set out in the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan.
- 5.3 The transformation programme aims to build on existing, and develop new, working arrangements, through potential co-location opportunities for Police and Partner resources to deliver a more integrated service provision. At the heart of this is the goal of ensuring communities are safe and feel safer.
- 5.4 Chief Inspector Matthew Davison will update the Area Committee on the progress of the Programme of Change and what this might look like for the Outer North East Area .

## **6 Community Centres**

- 6.1 The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for Treetops Community Centre in Alwoodley Ward and Barleyfields Community Centre in Wetherby Ward.
- 6.2 A new development is taking place on the site of the former children's centre next to Treetops Community Centre, and the contractor has approached the council with a request to use 10 car parking spaces on the Tree Tops Community Centre car park from January 2014 to January 2015 during the development period. The area

committee is asked to consider this request and make a recommendation on whether or not this would be acceptable.

## **7 Corporate Considerations**

### **7.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 7.1.1 Community engagement planning and actions are included in the Area Committee business plan to ensure that community engagement is embedded and recognised in all aspects of the Area Committee work.
- 7.1.2 The proposed changes to Area Committees in the report to Executive Board, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013 will seek to strengthen local democratic engagement and increase community engagement and involvement in local decision making. These changes will be reflected in the Area Committee business plan.

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

- 7.2.1 The priorities identified in the Area Committee business plan are developed with consultation with the local community and aimed at addressing the inequalities within the area.

### **7.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

- 7.3.1 The themes in the proposed Business Plan will mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.

### **7.4 Resources and Value for Money**

- 7.4.1 As outlined in the Function Schedule, the Well-being budget delegated by Executive Board is used to finance projects which meet the priorities for the Area Committee. Members of the Area Committee are keen that wherever possible the use of well-being brings in additional match funding to the area.

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

- 7.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from the Executive Board are eligible for Call In.
- 7.5.2 There are no key or major decisions included in this report.
- 7.5.3 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

### **7.6 Risk Management**

- 7.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

## **8 Conclusions**

- 8.1 The Area Committee requires a document to set out the key priorities for the year

that, links to city wide policies and provides a framework for the spend of the Wellbeing Budget.

- 8.2 The business plan supports and contributes to changes already being put in place to the planning framework at a city wide level and continue to illustrate how the Area Support Team will support partnerships and local services in this process and continue to champion the role of the Area Committee.
- 8.3 The business plan is another step forward in the increasing role and influence of the Area Committee but further work is needed to strengthen the performance monitoring information available at area level.
- 8.4 The draft area committee priorities for 2014/15 are attached at appendix A.
- 8.5 A key partner, West Yorkshire Police, have initiated a Programme of Change strategy.

## **9 Recommendations**

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

- 10.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12
- 10.2 Neighbourhood Index 2012, available at: <http://www.westyorkshireobservatory.org/>
- 8.3 Report to Executive Board, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014.  
[Citizens@Leeds: Responsive to the Needs of Local Communities](#)

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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.