

Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 6th February 2014

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.

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 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.
- 2.4 Health & Wellbeing Sub Group
The Health and Wellbeing Sub Group met on 13th January 2014 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 29th November 2013 & 10th January 2014 and discussed issues relating to East Leeds Transport Strategy and significant projects in the Inner East area. Minutes are attached in full at **Appendices B & C**.
- 2.6 Communities Centres Working Group
The Community Centres Working Group last met on 27th 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 3rd December 2013 and discussed issues relating to the new 'One Environmental Service', EIZs and refuse. The minutes of this meeting are attached in full at **Appendix D**.
- 2.8 Children & Young People's Sub Group
The Children & Young People's Sub Group met on 2nd December 2013 & 14th January 2014 a discussed issues relating to newly delegated Youth Activity Fund. The minutes of this meeting are attached in full at **Appendices E & F**.

3 Priority Neighbourhoods

- 3.1 Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

- 3.1.1 The 2014 Neighbourhood Survey has been distributed across the Ward. 259 responses were received; the highest ever returned for a neighbourhood survey in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill. This represented a more than 10% return rate from the number of surveys that were distributed in the community.
- 3.1.2 To compliment the neighbourhood survey, two community engagement events took place in the local community – one at Richmond Hill Community Centre and the other at Ebor Gardens Community Centre. The purpose of the events was to work with local residents to develop solutions to their priorities and discuss how we, as a council, can better communicate with local people.
- 3.1.3 The Darker Nights burglary reduction initiative has recommenced. Following the work that was carried out between September and November, burglaries were down over 30% compared to the previous time last year. Activity will take place every fortnight until the end of March 2014 in areas identified through Police intelligence. Funding for target hardening work to support this activity has been provided through Inner East Area Committee and Veolia.
- 3.1.4 Nowell Mount Community Centre has transferred to Children's Services to be used for parental support provision. The building is currently being refurbished and will be re-launched once the work is complete. LCC Youth Service will continue to operate sessions for young people from Nowell Mount, as well as the Nowells Together and Councillors surgeries continuing to use the centre. Other community groups who used Nowell Mount have been supported to find space in both Ebor Gardens and Richmond Hill Community Centres.
- 3.1.5 Parks & Countryside has put together a greenspace master plan for all parks and play areas in the Ward. Investment has been prioritised by Ward Members and the Neighbourhood Manager will be working with a variety of funders and organisations to make these improvements.

3.2 Gipton

- 3.2.1 A bespoke multi-agency employment course named "Get Ready" commenced in January 2014. This is a six week course for two hours, two days per week tailored to 18-24 year olds who have been out of work for an extended period. "Get Ready" will provide support to increase self-confidence as well as skills and knowledge in order to improve employability. Included in the course are business visits and interviews, aspirational topics, such as "first impressions and the art of polite conversation", "who are you?", "what can you offer?", "dress to impress" and genuine applications for apprenticeship and business positions.
- 3.2.2 2,175 consultation questionnaires have been distributed to schools and locations throughout Gipton. The results of the questionnaire will be included in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for 2014/2015.
- 3.2.3 Gipton is helping to promote "Leeds Let's Get Active", by hosting 10 weeks of free fitness sessions at the Henry Barran Centre commencing Friday 24th January 2014.

An “Active Women’s” session which includes sports such as netball, rounders and badminton will run at Fearnville Sports centre on Monday’s.

3.3 Harehills

- 3.3.1 There is now a Community Leadership Team (CLT) and Local Management Team (LMT) in place for Harehills. Along with work with the wider community, both of these community engagement mechanisms will input into the emerging Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for the area.
- 3.3.2 Initial consultation has taken place within the community to inform the design of the physical improvements due to be made to Harehills Lane under the proposed Town and District Centre scheme. The initial design process is currently underway and proposals will be available for further consultation before the end of the financial year.
- 3.3.3 The Harehills Opportunity Shop commenced on the 23rd January. Running from the ECHO Centre on Conway Road, in partnership with GIPSIL, the project offers employment support to local residents from the Harehills area.
- 3.3.4 A new partnership has been created for providers of youth activities across the two areas of Harehills and Chapeltown. This arrangement will enable providers to network and join partnerships with the aim of increasing social cohesion.

3.4 Seacroft

- 3.4.1 Seacroft boot and shoe market held its first event on 23rd November 2013; this will be one of eight events that are planned for 2014. The market had affordable markets stalls: food, bric-a-brac, recycled goods, car boot, children’s toys, general car boot stuff, giving the community an opportunity to purchase great value fruit and veg as well as some locally made produce like jam, chutneys, sauces , pies, cheese, snacks as well as meeting in the café to have a catch up with friends and neighbours.
- 3.4.2 The Winter Christmas Gala was held on 14th December for the residents of Killingbeck and Seacroft, which attracted between 300 and 400 people attend. The Christmas Gala ran across five different venues; St James Church, St George’s Memorial Gardens, the Seacroft Village Hall, Seacroft Methodist Church and The Cricketers Arms. It included local primary and secondary school choirs, switching on of the Christmas tree lights, a parade, a concert in St James Church, stalls, food café and tea room, information stalls from service providers and voluntary/community organisations, Santa’s Grotto and Nativity and craft activities for children.
- 3.4.3 A free family Christmas event was held at St Richard’s church 23rd November 2013. The event attracted over one hundred and fifty people to see father and mother Christmas, along with a package of entertainment for families.

- 3.4.4 Barncroft Residents Association donated £1,300 to fund Christmas presents for children known to social services and SMART team who otherwise wouldn't have got anything. Social Services and the SMART team identified vulnerable children from the ward who would not receive any presents (or very little) for Christmas. Members of both teams took time out from their busy work schedules to purchase toys for the children. Staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience of choosing gifts for them and due to their close working relationships and knowledge of the families, they were able to choose individual and personalised gifts for the children on their caseloads. Feedback from the children themselves was incredible! , with lots of lovely hugs, smiles, sincere thank yous and home-made thank you cards from the children.
- 3.4.5 STAR community group arranged for 24 children to attend a "Santa Cruise" day at Thwaite Mills. The day included a trip on a barge, craft sessions making Christmas cards and a visit to see Santa. The children had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
- 3.4.6 The Friday Youth Hub offers sports, arts and crafts, music and dance to young people aged 8-18 years of age at Denis Healey Centre. The night is split into two sessions, juniors (8-13 years old) and seniors (12-18 years old). The youth hub engages young people into different activities, including sport, thereby enabling them to develop a sense of self-belief, self-discipline and self-worth that can be communicated to all aspects of their lives. The sessions are well attended, with an average number of 46 young people attending.
- 3.4.7 Opportunity Shop - Gipton and Seacroft
 Opportunity Shops' 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. 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. The successes include:

91	Completed registration / initial assessment
61	Moved closer to employment
50	Created CV
30	Occasional attendance at Opportunity Shop (2-3 visits)
20	Regular attendance at Opportunity Shops
45	completed job applications
28	Gained interview for employment, training or education
11	Involved in Opportunity Shop activities / projects
15	Regular volunteering, work experience or work placement.
17	Entered training or education (including Youth Contract)
3	Entered an apprenticeship
5	Gained permanent full-time employment without training

2	Gained permanent full-time employment with training
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4 Children and Young People update

- 4.1 The Children and Young People's Sub Group continues to meet in a bid to help steer the process of allocating the 2014/15 Youth Activity Fund.
- 4.2 As part of this process the sub group, along with partners, has started a mapping exercise to help identify all the universal youth activity currently taking place in the Inner East area. The aim of this exercise is to ensure that any future allocation of the Youth Activity Fund is used to compliment and fill gaps in existing provision.
- 4.3 The remaining 2013/14 Youth Activity Fund has now been allocated, with eight projects being commissioned from the 15 applications received. The Area Support Team will monitor the success of these activities as well as effectiveness of the wider process in order to help garner best practice.

5 Police Review

- 5.1 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:
<http://content.yudu.com/Library/A2bfi8/WestYorkshirePolicea/resources/index.htm?referrerUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.westyorkshire.police.uk%2Fnews%2Fwest-yorkshire-police-and-crime-plan-2013-2018>
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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 Inner East area.

6 Area Committee Business Plan Update

- 6.1 The Area Officer is currently in the process of revisiting the Area Business Plan for the Inner East Area Committee. Despite the relative success of previous incarnations of the plan, the Area Officer is looking to amend the format of the Business Plan to make it more relevant and user friendly. A draft of the revamped Business Plan, including a comprehensive community engagement strategy will be presented to a future meeting of the Area Committee.
- 6.2 One mainstay of the Business Plan will be the Inner East Area Committee's identified Priorities. Consultation is currently underway with partners and local residents to help identify both the Business Plan and Neighbourhood Improvement Plan Priorities for 2014/15 via a series of community engagement methods including surveys and discussions at Community Leadership Team (CLT) meetings.

- 6.3 The draft priorities will also be informed by a number of key data sets such as the Census, Joint Strategic Needs Assessments; Citizens Panels; Police perception reports as well as information housed on the West Leeds Observatory Website: <http://www.westyorkshireobservatory.org/> . A list of draft priorities will be presented to the Area Committee in March 2014 for further discussion by Elected Members.

7 Update on work to address NEET levels and employability

- 7.1 Work to reduce NEETs and improve employability is continuing taking place city-wide and locally. When comparing the adjusted NEET for November 2013 with that for November 2012, the figure has increased slightly from 5.9% (1535) for Leeds and from 6.2% (486) for ENE. Within Inner East cluster the increase has been minimal – up from 10% to 10.1%. The figure for the Networks cluster has remained static. Within EPOSS cluster, the figure has actually reduced by 1% from 3.7% to 2.7%. However, Alwoodley, NEXT and Seacroft & Manston clusters have all seen a slight increase, with the CHESS cluster having seen the greatest increase from 7.2% in October to 9% in November.
- 7.2 A major issue encountered this year has been in relation to obtaining data from UCAS to provide clarification of those young people who have progressed to universities across the country. For the first time, UCAS, due to legal reasons, have been unable to share this data with local authorities. This usually informs of approximately 400-500 HE destinations which we otherwise would not know about. We are in the process of trying to obtain as much of this information as possible from schools and colleges. Yet until this information is confirmed, these young people are classed as Not Known, with a proportion counted within the adjusted NEET figure.

Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Self-Assessment Tool (SAT) and Network

- 7.3 The CEIAG and SAT devised by the local authority was launched at the Leeds CEIAG Network meeting on 20th November 2013. There was an impressive attendance at the meeting of two colleges, 19 and 24 secondary schools (including representatives from SILCs and PRUs), nine of which were from the ENE area. Attendees pledged to return to their schools and roll out the SAT with a target date for completion of Easter 2014. On 10th February, there will be the second Network meeting of the academic year which will provide the opportunity for schools to compare their initial drafts of findings and kick-start the buddying system to share good practice and deploy innovative ways of meeting their IAG duties.
- 7.4 The CEIAG Self-Assessment Tool is available on the New Teacher, Parent and Professional Area at www.leadstandp.org.uk. This is a new website linked to Leeds Pathways, bringing together information and advice to professionals and parents. Users can check out new blogs, presentations, news and the latest information by area – East North East, West North West and South East Leeds.

Youth Contract

- 7.5 The Youth Contract is delivering positive benefits to young people across the city. Within ENE, of 224 young people who have started on the programme, 141 have progressed in to employment, education or training and of those, 28 have sustained this move in to positive activity for at least 6 months. Through the Youth Contract

Cluster Innovation Fund, a residential at Herd Farm has been delivered to nine young people who are NEET or at risk of becoming NEET. The young people experienced outdoor activities alongside the Education Business Partnership's 'Set 4 Success' employability course. Eight of the young people who attended are currently not NEET and the remaining one is looking for a course to better support her needs. Given the vulnerability and hard to reach nature of the young people recruited, this is a significant achievement.

Apprenticeship Hub and Apprenticeship Training Agency (ATA)

- 7.6 The City Deal has provided funding for three years to deliver the Leeds Apprenticeship Hub and Leeds Apprenticeship Training Agency, with a significant focus, although not exclusively on young people 16-18 years. Up till December 2013, the Hub / ATA had collectively achieved 102 SME engagements and 40 apprentice starts. On this occasion, it is not possible to provide a local breakdown.
- 7.7 The Area Support Team is currently working with the Leeds Apprentice Hub to deliver a large scale event to raise the profile of apprenticeships. This will include real opportunities through learning providers and employers with opportunities and support to sign up to the National Apprenticeship Service website. Transport will be provided between high schools in the area and the event.
- 7.8 An apprenticeship event at Ebor Gardens Community Centre in November was attended by 11 young people aged 16-19. 10 of these were young South Asian women who were supported to attend by Shantona. They registered on the National Apprenticeship Service website and completed job searches for childcare and retail supported by a tutor from Shantona and support from the Hub.

'Young Talent: Head Start' programme

- 7.9 On 14th November 2013, the government announced that the Leeds City Region had been awarded £4.6m to deliver the 'Young Talent: Head Start' programme across the region, providing support to a cohort of young unemployed people 18-24 to gain employment in a competitive labour market.
- 7.10 The Council has received £1.2m from this pot and will deliver a local programme focused on giving a 'head start' to around 800 young people, furthest from the labour market, on Jobseekers' Allowance (JSA) for 6 months and, with insufficient opportunities to gain real work experience in the current economic climate. The programme in Leeds will include an intensively supported work experience placement for up to 3 months with a local employer, training and a guaranteed job interview. In addition, each young person will receive employability information, advice and guidance to enable them to compete more effectively in the market place.
- 7.11 The programme will be managed through the Council's Employment and Skills Service in partnership with Jobcentre Plus. The support element of the programme will be delivered by an external provider. All activities must start by March 2014 and the programme in Leeds will run over two years.

8 Corporate Considerations

8.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 8.1.1 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 now four Community Leadership Teams (CLTs) established and operational for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton, Harehills and Seacroft. A representative of three of these CLTs currently sits as co-optee on the Inner East Area Committee. Work is underway to select a representative from the Harehills CLT to act as a co-optee on the Area Committee.
- 8.1.2 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.

8.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 8.2.1 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.

8.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 8.3.1 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

8.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 8.4.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.
- 8.4.2 There is no exempt or confidential information
- 8.4.3 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

8.5 Risk Management

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

9 Conclusions

- 9.1 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 five Sub Groups - but despite this, the Area Support Team recognises that there is still a significant amount of work to be done.

10 Recommendations

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

11 Background documents¹

11.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.