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

**Report to Outer East Area Committee**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Subject: Summary of Key Work**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Cross Gates & Whinmoor Garforth & Swillington Kippax & Methley Temple Newsam		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

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**Summary of main issues**

1. The report will detail priority work carried out in the area over recent weeks.
2. The report will provide minutes relating to forums, partnership and sub-group minutes and minutes of Area Chairs.

**Recommendations**

3. Area Committee will be requested to note the report and raise any queries.
4. Area Committee is asked to consider and agree on a place based name for their new community committee.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The report will provide Area Committee with details of key issues and activities in recent months including project work and community engagement.
- 1.2 The report will provide Members with minutes relating to recent community forums and engagement activities, sub groups and partnerships and minutes of Area Chairs meetings.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The Area Committee provides a Business Plan that is updated throughout the year where actions are detailed against the Area Committee priorities. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Area Committee meetings including project work, community engagement, partnership work, functions delegated to Area Committee, Area Lead Member roles and actions, integrated working and locality working.
- 2.2 The report will include relevant attachments such as forum minutes and partnership minutes etc.

## **3 Main Issues**

### **3.1 Community Safety**

- 3.1.1 The Programme of Change was introduced by West Yorkshire Police in June 2013 to improve force performance and transform the way services are delivered.
- 3.1.2 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.
- 3.1.3 The transformation programme aims to build on existing working arrangements and develop new ones. This may include 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.
- 3.1.4 West Yorkshire Police and Safer Leeds will be in attendance at the meeting to provide a verbal update.

### **3.2 Thorpe Park**

- 3.2.1 At the September 2012 meeting of the Outer East Area Committee, Members agreed to feature updates on Thorpe Park as a standard item on the Agenda.
- 3.2.2 Representatives of Thorpe Park and Planning have been invited to today's meeting to update re changes to the masterplan including the surgical innovations building, highlight details of a new road application and answer any questions from Members.

### 3.3 Area Lead Members

3.3.1 The meeting of the Area Lead Members was held on 13<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed to continue regular updates with attendance by officers in addition to the Leads' on-going work. The Chair plans to invite Area Leads to update on any key issues at this meeting.

### 3.4 Naming new committee

3.4.1 As part of the Area Working Review, the council's Executive Board received a paper in December 2013 on discussions held at the Area Committee Chair's Forum to develop new principles to replace Area Committees with 'Community Committees' alongside a refreshed approach to community engagement.

3.4.2 This approach is intended to support greater resident involvement in decision making going forward and is part of the broader Citizens@Leeds approach that has been developed to ensure focus on inclusive, locally provided citizen-based services.

3.4.3 The four propositions underpinning this new Citizens@ Leeds approach are:

- The need to **provide accessible and integrated services**;
- The need to **help people out of financial hardship**;
- The need to **help people into work**;
- The need to be **responsive to needs of local communities**.

3.4.4 Within this context Elected Members have been involved in a number of conversations on the future direction of Area Committees in the form of briefings and workshop sessions. This engagement with Members will continue, providing an update on progress and to ensure Members are given the opportunity to influence the format and priorities of the Community Committees.

3.4.5 Members are also asked to consider and agree on a place-based name for their new community committee, so that the new committees can be formally constituted at the council's AGM on 9 June 2014. A number of thoughts from Inner South Area Committee are listed below:

- Inner South Community Committee, with a tag line, supporting communities of Beeston, Cottingley, Holbeck, Beeston Hill, Hunslet, Belle Isle and Middleton.
- Community Committee for Inner South Leeds
- Community Committee for South Leeds (Inner)
- Community Committee for Beeston and Holbeck, City and Hunslet and Middleton Park.

### 3.5 Community engagement

3.5.1 The next Community forums will be held in:

- Halton Moor on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- Cross Gates on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.
- Halton on Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

- Swarcliffe on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April.
- North Whinmoor on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 January 2014 are attached as **appendix 1**.
- Kippax & Methley on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
- Garforth & Swillington on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### **3.6 Area Chairs' meeting**

- 3.6.1 The last meeting was on 20 January 2014 and minutes are attached as **Appendix 2**.

### **3.6 Partnerships and Area Committee Sub Groups**

- 3.6.1 **Environmental sub-group:** The meeting scheduled for February had to be cancelled and a date has to be set for the next meeting.
- 3.6.2 **Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP):** The meeting due on 30<sup>th</sup> January was rescheduled.
- 3.6.3 **Health & Wellbeing:** A paper outlining health and wellbeing issues will be presented at this Area Committee meeting.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 The projects in sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.5 and 3.6 form the main part of the face-to-face community engagement strategy.

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

- 4.2.1 Under equality legislation the Council has a legal duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate and promote equality in relation to race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, and religion or belief.
- 4.2.2 The main section of this report provides details of activities around community engagement and the delegation of environmental services to Area Committees that support this legal duty.

### **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

- 4.3.1 The proposals contained within this report contribute to the existing targets and priorities set out in the Council's Policy Framework in the following plans:
- Vision For Leeds
  - Children and Young Peoples Plan
  - Health and Well Being City Priority Plan
  - Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

- Regeneration City Priority Plan

#### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

- 4.4.1 There are no new resource implications contained in this report other than funding that has previously been agreed by Area Committee from its revenue budget.

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

- 4.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are no longer eligible for Call In.
- 4.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.
- 4.5.3 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

#### **4.6 Risk Management**

- 4.6.1 This report provides an update on project work and key issues in Outer East. Any projects funded from the Well Being Budget or undertaken by the Area Support Team are risk assessed.

### **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 The report provides up to date information on key work and key issues for Area committee to consider. Members are requested to note the content of the report and raise queries relating to issues raised within the report.

### **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 Area Committee is asked to note the report and raise any queries.
- 6.2 Area Committee is asked to consider and agree on a place based name for their new community committee.

### **7 Background documents**

- 7.1 There are no background documents.

<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.