

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 24th March 2014

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:

- Receive a presentation from Chief Inspector Fran Naughton and comment on any possible issues or concerns about the forthcoming changes.
- Propose and agree a name for the Community Committee
- Provide 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. Notes from sub groups and forums that have met since 4th February are attached.

2. Background information

- 2.1 An Area Committee update report is submitted at every cycle of Area Committee meetings. Partner organisations and Council services contribute information on projects and provide service updates.

3 Main issues

3.1 Community Safety

3.1.1 Police Programme of Change

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.

- 3.1.2 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.
- 3.1.3 Chief Inspector Fran Naughton will update the Area Committee on the progress of the Programme of Change and what this might look like for the outer north west area.

3.2.1 Holt Park Action Day

A joint action day was carried out with officers from Housing Leeds, West Yorkshire Fire Service, Aireborough and Wharfedale Neighbourhood Policing Team and Environmental Health working together to deal with issues on the estate.

- 3.2.2 A Speed Indication Device was employed on Holtdale Approach with 11 speeding letters sent out and a speed gun was used in Holt Lane with 8 cars being stopped and 1 ticket issued. Anti-theft number plate screws were fitted to 15 cars.
- 3.2.3 The Crime Prevention Team undertook an estate walkabout and advised shoppers in the Holt Park Centre regarding handbag safety.
- 3.2.4 Housing Leeds conducted 50 tenancy visits to ensure residents were complying with their Tenancy Agreement.

3.2.5 West Yorkshire Fire Service carried out 6 Home Fire Safety Checks as well as distributing leaflets to properties in the area.

3.3 Health, Well-being and Adult Social Care

3.3.1 Older people being more active to reduce social isolation

This project is led by Leeds City Council Leisure Services with Public Health West North West Locality Team, Housing Leeds, Leeds City Council Sheltered Housing Team and the four Neighbourhood Network Schemes in outer north west Leeds. Physical Activity Resource Kits will be purchased for use by older people living in sheltered accommodation and across the 4 Neighbourhood Network Schemes to provide fun activities to encourage older people to participate in regular physical activity.

3.3.2 The objective of the project is to use the Activity Resource Kits to encourage older people to be physically active to aid mobility and maintain bone density, muscle strength and reduce falls, in line with the National Physical Activity guidelines for older people.

3.3.3 Funding provided by Public Health will be used to buy equipment for the Resource Kits and sport and fitness coaches to provide a limited number of training sessions for the kits. Potential resources for the kits could include Boccia (French bowls), parachute games, table tennis, swingball, skittles etc. Residents and staff will also contribute their own ideas for using the equipment.

3.3.4 The project will deliver in the following, sheltered housing schemes: Ireland Crescent, Farrar Lane, Wayland Croft, Bennett Court, Wharfedale Court, Rosemont flats, Union Court and Billing View .as well as working alongside with the four Neighbourhood Network Schemes in the area.

3.3.5 Patient Empowerment Model

Leeds West Clinical Commissioning Group is commissioning a new service to develop communities of practice to empower patients and communities to actively self-manage their health issues through peer support. The project will provide signposting and increase awareness and access about local services and voluntary groups in a managed way. The development supports key NHS Leeds strategic objectives focusing on priority health goals relating to long term conditions, health promotion and mental health. Member practices highlighted the need for support with signposting and wanted increased knowledge about local services and voluntary groups including those for older people and more vulnerable patients.

3.3.6 WNW Public Health and Area Support teams have helped to develop the proposal and will help with implementation. It will be open to all practices in outer north west Leeds.

3.3.7 Holt Park Active

The new wellbeing centre opened at the end of last year and provides a wide range of sports and support services to the community. The centre is home to a Bodyline Gym, a purpose built dance studio and multi activity rooms and a range of swimming pools. Beyond this, there are a number of activities for older people, disabled people and people with learning difficulties. New partnerships are being formed that look at existing wellbeing opportunities and developing new ones.

3.3.8 A workshop was held at Holt Park Active on 7th February to explore opportunities for joint working between Sport and Active Leisure, Adult Social Care, Health and the voluntary sector. Individuals were shown around the facility by members of staff to look at the rooms and facilities on offer. Partners received a presentation on health issues, finance, safeguarding, housing, carers support, outreach activities, and community resources. This is the start of an ongoing dialogue.

3.4 **Children's Services**

3.4.1 Officers from Planning and Childrens Services held a workshop on 20th February for members to consider basic need relating to school place planning. The discussion allowed members to engage in long-term strategic school place planning. Information and statistics were available to consider the future long term planning for places and identify areas of particular need.

3.4.2 Following the discussion Childrens Services agreed to arrange individual ward briefings with members to continue the conversations.

3.4.3 The Children & Young People sub group met on 28th February to discuss the remainder of the Youth Activity Fund and potential projects. Members also discussed the budget for 2014/15, in terms of the next round of commissioning.

3.4.4 A total of 3 proposals were discussed at the meeting and these have been put forward for approval at the March Area Committee meeting.

3.4.5 Geographically Targeted Youth Work

Members were invited to attend a workshop to meet with the Youth Offer Team on 11th March to receive an update on the work achieved so far by the team but significantly to undertake some more practical work on the specifics of the influencing role of the Area Committee. The workshop offered an opportunity to explore how the service will work in practice as well as the current targeted youth work in the outer north west area. One of the outcomes of the workshop was for members to meet with the West North West Area Youth Worker lead to better understand what activities are currently provided.

3.7 **Employment, Skills and Welfare**

3.7.1 Housing Leeds Financial Inclusion Officer update

A number of initiatives to improve IT access and address budgeting and employability issues have been arranged by Housing Leeds for Otley. These will take place on the Weston estate or at the Core Resource Centre in the town centre. The initiatives include:

- Free 1:1 money / benefit advice provided by the Money Advice Service each Tuesday at the Core Resource Centre. This will be trialled for 4 weeks starting 18th March
- A number of free computer/getting online courses will be provided on the Weston estate via the mobile Library information bus. The first 4 week course began on the 6th March and has been fully booked. A second course has been arranged to start on 1st May.
- A one day taster session for beginners to help get started with computers/getting on line has been arranged for 24th April.
- The mobile Library provision will also provide a drop in service for residents to use the laptops on the bus to carry out efficient/effective job searches, update their CVs, apply for jobs online and address employment difficulties or issues. This takes place each Thursday morning until the beginning of May on the Weston estate.

3.8 Project and Service Update

3.8.1 Place-based name for the new Outer North West Community Committee

Members are asked to consider and agree on a place-based name for their new Community Committee, so that the new committee can be formally constituted at the Council's Annual General Meeting on 9 June 2014. Having consulted with the Chair of the Area Committee the following suggestions have been made to stimulate discussion:

- Wharfedale & Aireborough Community Committee
- Community Committee for Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth, Otley & Yeadon
- Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth, Otley & Yeadon Community Committee

3.8.2 Town and Parish Council meeting

After the meeting on 7th November with the North West Outer Area Committee and representatives of the Rawdon, Horsforth and Pool Parish Councils a further meeting has now been arranged with the Town and Parish Councils for 2nd April. Details of the meeting, which will focus on environmental issues, will be included at the June Area Committee meeting.

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.

4.2 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 2012/13 with amendments only to environmental delegations.

4.3.2 The Area Functions are included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3C).

4.3.3 The Area Support Team's work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 - 20
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 Programmes of work outlined in this report are resourced in the main by Area Support Team staff and where relevant their partners which in turn provides value for money.

4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets and the Youth Activity Fund

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 February Area Committee and provides information on project and service activity in the outer north west area.

6 Recommendations

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Background documents

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.