
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens & Communities)

Report to North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 27th March 2014

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Kirkstall, Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse, Weetwood		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

This report provides members with a summary of sub group and forum business since the February Area Committee. The report also asks Members to consider and agree on a place-based name for their new community committee.

Recommendations

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

- Note and action as appropriate the Key Messages from Sub Groups and Forums.
- Consider and agree on a place-based name for the new community committee.

Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group business and the current position relating to other project activity. This includes introducing a presentation on the Police Programme of Change. It also includes an update on the current position with the former Royal Park School and West Park Centre sites.

3 Background information

- 2.1 An Area Committee update report is submitted at every cycle of Area Committee meetings unless there is no additional business to report from sub groups or any other project activity to report. Partner organisations and Council services will contribute information to the Area Update Report.

4 Main issues

Forum and Sub Group Key Messages

Planning Sub Group

- 3.1 Planning sub group met on 12th February 2014 and the following issues were discussed:
 - An update was given on the LDF Core Strategy, following feedback received from the Planning Inspectorate and the full list of the modifications are now on the LCC website for viewing.
 - Neighbourhood Planning issues were discussed, and updates given about the progress of local group draft plans.
 - JR summarised new guidance which set out plans to introduce new measures to speed up the delivery of homes by cutting down unnecessary planning process and provide more certainty about where sensible development should take place. The aim is to remove delays and burdensome conditions to boost house building and support businesses.
 - The 6 week consultation on the draft Far Headingley, Weetwood and West Park Neighbourhood Design Statement has now ended and the steering group are in the process of reviewing the responses received.
 - Various planning applications were discussed.

Key Messages

- 3.2 There were no key messages from the Planning Sub Group.
- 3.3 The Area Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Planning Sub Group.

Environment Sub Group

- 3.4 Environment Sub Group met on 3rd March 2014 and the following issues were discussed:

- The WNW Environmental Services Locality Team provided an overview of the service and the delegation.
- Since the last sub group there have been 738 requests for service received by the WNW Locality Team.
- Chris Baird gave an update on the work his is undertaking as Environmental Coordinator, a post which is funded through Area Committee.
- Mary Frankland, the Environment Officer from Leeds Met University, a post funded through Area Committee, gave an update on the work she has been undertaking including a successful clear up event at the Rosebank which attracted over 80 volunteers.
- Parks & Countryside gave an update on the Parks & Countryside Annual Report which set out the plans for the forthcoming year for the Inner North West area.

Key Messages

- 3.5 There were no key messages from the Environment Sub Group
- 3.6 The Area Committee are asked to note the discussions of the Environment Sub Group.

Transport Sub Group

- 3.7 The joint Transport Sub Group for North West (Inner) and North West (Outer) Area Committees met on 31st January 2014. The following issues were discussed:
- An update was given on the site allocations work – analysis is currently being progressed and potential new sites investigated, a further update will be provided at the next meeting.
 - A discussion was held about lack of parking at rail stations and the problems this causes for residents, it was suggested that stations could have pay and display parking.
 - Various issues about train services between Leeds and Horsforth and the Harrogate line were raised including possibility of improving timetables to make better use of rolling stock, Northern Rail intend to apply for a franchise extension after the current franchise ends, and improved signalling works have taken place on the Harrogate – Horsforth section of the line.

Key Messages

- 3.8 There were no key messages from the Transport Sub Group.
- 3.9 The Area Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Transport Sub Group.

Children and Young People's Sub Group

3.10 The Children and Young People's Sub Group have met twice since the last Area Committee. The first meeting was on the 12th February 2014 and the following issues were discussed:

- An update on the current status of Youth Activity Fund projects funded in 13/14 was provided and a full report will be provided at the end of the current monitoring period.
- An update was provided on the Youth Panel for the Inner North West, the Panel will support Area Committee with youth engagement and participation as well as support the child friendly agenda. The first meeting was due to be held on the 25th February 2014 and will be held every six weeks.
- A decision was taken to invite applications to the 2014/15 Youth Activities Fund for a period of three weeks.

3.11 The Children and Young People's Sub Group met on 17th March 2014 and the following issues were discussed:

- The applications received in response to the Youth Activities Funding round were discussed; there were 13 projects received from a range of providers and geographical locations in the Inner North West.
- Young people met on Thursday 13th March to discuss the applications and detailed feedback was provided including a list of the projects in order of preference of the young people.
- Taking into account the feedback from young people Members have recommended 7 projects for approval and have asked for further information from 1 project. These projects are detailed in the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund Allocation Report.

Key Messages

3.12 Members are asked to note those projects agreed through the Youth Activities Fund as outlined within the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund Allocation Report.

Forum Update

3.13 Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum – There has been one forum held since the last Area Update Report to Area Committee in Hyde Park & Woodhouse on Tuesday 11th February 2014. Areas for discussion included Royal Park School, a discussion on key environmental issues and community safety issues.

Key Messages

3.14 There were no key messages from the Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum.

Place-based name for the new Community Committee

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

- Community Committee for Headingley, Hyde Park, Woodhouse, Kirkstall and Weetwood.
- Headingley, Hyde Park, Woodhouse, Kirkstall and Weetwood Community Committee.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Elected members have been consulted on the content of this report.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues in relation to this report.

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).

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

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

4.5 Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group and Forum business and other project work undertaken by the Area Support Team.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to:

- Note and action as appropriate the Key Messages from Sub Groups and Forums.
- Consider and agree on a place-based name for the new community committee.

7 Background documents

None