

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to: South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 31st March 2014

Subject: Neighbourhood Improvement Officer Update

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Ardsley & Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

To provide Members with an update on the work of the Neighbourhood Improvement Officer (NIO) since the last report in July 2013.

To provide to Members a review of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation statistics for the Outer South area, highlighting priority areas and themes that could form the basis of a proposed refocused NIO work programme.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- note the contents of this report and make comment as appropriate;
- note the findings of the data review and agree to the direction of travel with regard to future work;
- to agree to meet the NIO in a series of Ward Based Briefings to confirm ward priorities

1 Purpose of this report

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2 Background information

- 2.1 In July 2012 the Area Committee agreed to fund a Neighbourhood Improvement Officer (NIO) project for a further 3 year term from March 2013 running until 31st March 2016. The NIO would work 3 days a week across the four wards of the Outer South Area Committee. The work would build on the successful programme of Neighbourhood Improvement Plans already delivered and the format developed of Supported Areas across Outer South.
- 2.2 The current NIO came into post in September 2012 and a report taken to the December 2012 Outer South Area Committee agreed to secure the progress made to date by approving continued support to Residents Groups in priority neighbourhoods, following the model of Supported Areas.
- 2.3 The December 2012 Area Committee also agreed to the exploration and development of work with key partners in the Health & Wellbeing team and Community Safety team. An update on health work can be found at section 3.3.1. Following further exploration, the strand of work around Community Safety was not progressed, as issues arising regarding Community Safety have been effectively dealt with through existing channels (issues arising at Tenants and Resident Associations are fed back by the NIO to the Community Safety Co-ordinator and passed onto Tasking, Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team and the Police where appropriate).

3 Main issues

3.1 Support to Priority Neighbourhoods

- 3.1.1 The NIO continues to support priority neighbourhoods under the agreed format of a Supported Area. A summary of work to date is detailed at **Appendix 1** and an overview of the NIO's work is provided at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.1.2 Despite the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan process, Morley North Members will be aware that within the previously defined priority neighbourhoods of; Asquith & Ingles, Oakwells & Fairfax, Springbank & Moorlands there are no active Resident Associations. Morley North priority areas are included in the data review and refocused work plan at section 3.4.

3.2 Community Engagement and Capacity Building

3.2.1 South Leeds Community Network

- 3.2.2 The South Leeds Community Network provides networking opportunities for community groups across South Leeds. The group aims to strengthen the community sector by providing a forum through which groups can meet each other and support organisations such as funders and development workers. It also aims to share information, ideas and best practice enabling groups to improve and innovate their work. Meetings have been held in Cross Flatts Park in July, in Rothwell in November and Woodlesford & Oulton Action Group hosted a meeting in Woodlesford in March. Topics covered so far have included funding, training and organising community events with key speakers from Leeds City Council and the Voluntary Sector being invited to each event as well as groups sharing their own experiences and learning.
- 3.2.3 The NIO along with Involvement and Improvement Officers from Housing Leeds continues to provide support to South Leeds Community Network to organise meetings and training sessions, aiming to strengthen the networks ability to support itself as a peer learning network.
- 3.2.4 In January, the network, in conjunction with Leeds Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) organised a Safeguarding training session held at Belle Isle Youth Hub specifically for community groups. This explored safeguarding issues and provided information and support in producing effective policies and procedures for safeguarding in a community setting. 24 people attended, 6 from Outer South Groups. Groups that attended are reviewing their policies with Tingley TARA taking up further training with LSCB to reach a level 1 in Safeguarding. A further briefing session was also delivered to Woodlesford & Oulton Action Group.
- 3.2.5 In conjunction with the NIO the group have reviewed a guide they made in 2013 for people who want to set up a community group. The guide includes information on governance, insurance, policies, funding, support, finances and training. Guides will be printed and distributed in the following months.
- ### **3.2.6 Community Heroes**
- 3.2.7 In April 2013 a Community Heroes Event was delivered at Blackburn Hall. The event was an opportunity for the Outer South Area Committee to celebrate the diversity and strength of community leadership in their communities, saying thank you to those contributing to their communities on a voluntary basis across Outer South Leeds. Feedback from the event was very positive and groups appreciated the recognition offered to them. Results included wellbeing small grant applications, participation in South Leeds Community Network and additions to our mailing list.
- 3.2.8 Building on the success of the 2013 Community Heroes Event, the Outer South Area Committee agreed to deliver an event in 2014. Work is being progressed to hold a celebration event for those volunteering their time to improve their communities, at Morley Town Hall in June. The NIO is leading on organising this, with support from colleagues and partners. Ward Members will be kept updated on progress.

3.2.9 The NIO promotes relevant opportunities, from both LCC and the voluntary sector, including training, funding and events to South Leeds groups, examples include:

- widespread distribution of Leeds Let's Get Active promotional materials
- encouraging groups to take advantage of the HUGO bus and the Library Information Bus
- providing venues with Welfare Reform Guides
- promoting the financial fitness project commissioned by Outer South Area Committee and Public Health and delivered by West Yorkshire Trading Standards
- contributing to integrated locality working through participation in relevant development forums such as Third Sector Goes Local and Transform Leeds.

3.2.10 The NIO aims to engage with a wide audience across Outer South Leeds and provide assistance to organisations through signposting and networking. Examples include:

- Signposting to the Fair Exchange Project, engaging them in wider Leeds support forums and initiatives such as Doing Good Leeds, South East CCG Events and South Leeds Community Network
- contributions to community events such as the Older Persons Events in Morley and Rothwell promoting Winter Health and Morley Newlands School Fair promoting Change 4 Life
- advice & support to St Mary's Woodkirk's community space project, resulting in an application to the Caird Peckfield Fund
- A weekly good news story is gathered from Outer South groups each week with the winning story being tweeted by senior officers. This helps the NIO to be aware of projects in the area and provides valuable publicity to both Area Committee and groups.

3.2.11 The NIO works closely with the Community Involvement Teams at Housing Leeds and Leeds Federated. Regular meetings are held to share information on projects and work together on project delivery and support to groups, for example, in giving support to Rothwell TARA or working together on the Winter Warmth project.

3.3 Thematic Work

3.3.1 Health

3.3.2 At the July 2013 Area Committee the NIO reported on CCG proposals for a Health Champions programme, this programme had two streams. The first stream was a Practice Health Champion programme to be delivered by South East CCG across 44 GP practices in their catchment area. This work was commissioned with £250,000 from the South East CCG. At the July 2013 Area Committee it was reported that the Practice Champions programme was on hold as the CCG were advertising a vacancy that would manage this work. After seeking further information regarding this project we are advised that proposals are currently being reviewed by the CCG to build on the current healthy living service provision.

- 3.3.3 The second stream was a Community Health Champion programme, which would cover the areas not covered by the South East CCG programme, namely Morley (which falls into West CCG). A steering group consisting of the Health Improvement Officer and the NIO, planned a course of training, attended events and groups to promote the programme and delivered three initial briefing sessions across three venues in Morley North; St Peter's Church, Gildersome Baptist Church, Drighlington Meeting Hall. Attendance was poor at these events. Due to this and the change in direction of the CCG (they are not currently pursuing a Health Champions programme) the further programme will not be delivered in the format planned.
- 3.3.4 The Health Improvement Officer and the NIO are working with Morley Elderly Action to plan a Dementia Awareness Briefing. The session raises awareness of the challenges people with dementia and organisations that work with them face, maps services in the area and gives advice on how organisations and individuals can take further action. Further briefings can be arranged around a range of topics to meet the needs of organisations.
- 3.3.5 A report at this Area Committee from the Health Improvement Manager highlights key health priorities across Outer South and work being progressed by their team. The NIO will meet with the Area Lead Member for Health & Wellbeing to confirm how the NIO role could add value to this work.
- 3.3.6 **Tackling Income Deprivation**
- 3.3.7 **South Leeds Foodbank**
- 3.3.8 South Leeds Foodbank is organised through a network of churches throughout Inner and Outer South Leeds and operates using the Trussell Trust system. The origin of the group is in South Leeds Churches, initially two separate groups, one for Inner South and one for Morley the two groups joined forced in order to share learning and resources and to share the cost burden of the registration fee for the Trussell Trust. It is run entirely by volunteers.
- 3.3.9 South Leeds Foodbank opened its first distribution centre in Belle Isle in October and since then has opened further distribution points in Middleton & Hunslet, the idea being to roll out the project at a manageable pace and take learning on board as they widen their presence.
- 3.3.10 The Foodbank has received funding from the Inner South Area Committee, Wellbeing Fund to support their work in Inner South. In the first four months of operation South Leeds Foodbank provided food to 810 people, 55% of which were children.
- 3.3.11 On the 11th February the Foodbank launched in Outer South with a distribution centre in Gildersome based at St Peter's Church. They have future plans to open further distribution points, with Drighlington, Tingley, Woodkirk and Newlands being suggested.
- 3.3.12 The NIO has met with members of the Foodbank network to offer support in establishing distribution points across Outer South Leeds. So far, the group are concentrating on establishing further distribution points across the Morley area as their connections and volunteers are largely Morley based. The NIO is assisting them to find free venues and link into local infrastructure to establish distribution points in Newlands & Denshaws estate and Tingley.

3.3.13 The group want to focus on the most deprived communities across Outer South and the NIO has shared deprivation statistics for Outer South Leeds with the Foodbank. The NIO has highlighted to them that there is a need in Rothwell, with Wood Lane estate being the most deprived community across the four wards and John O'Gaunts being in the top 30% nationally. The foodbank are keen to pursue a Rothwell distribution centre and the NIO has shared suggestions for Rothwell contacts with the group.

3.3.14 Funding opportunities have been shared with the group including Community First and the Wellbeing Fund and the NIO has assisted in the completion of Community first forms. The NIO will be available to support the group in a Wellbeing application should this be something they wish to pursue.

3.3.15 Their distribution centres already set up or planned cover Morley North (Gildersome), Morley South (Newlands & Denshaws), Ardsley & Robin Hood (Tingley) and links are being established in Rothwell in order to set up a distribution centre there.

3.3.16 South Leeds Debt Forum

3.3.17 The South Leeds Debt Forum draws its membership from across South Leeds with the aim of developing stronger partnership working around the issue of debt, money management, financial literacy and welfare. The forum officially launched in July 2013 and representatives from key local partners have developed an initial action plan to direct the work. One of the first projects is the development of a website accessible to both professionals and clients which maps resources and services around debt and money management across area and can be used to promote local and national campaigns. The forum will meet every two months, supported by the NIO and Housing Leeds. The NIO will work to ensure there is relevant representation from Outer South Leeds within this forum and that projects include the whole wedge.

3.3.18 Winter Warmth

3.3.19 Bringing best practice from a project developed in Outer East, the NIO worked with Ward Members and partners to develop a Winter Warmth scheme to deliver essential winter items to elderly, vulnerable residents across Outer South Leeds. The project was jointly funded through the Outer South Area Committee Wellbeing fund and the Housing Leeds Area Panel and provided 525 packs containing thermal flask, fleece blanket, hot water bottle and cover, soup, bed socks, thermal hat, gloves and scarf, thermometer and porridge. Packs were distributed by Housing Leeds, Morley Elderly Action, Tea Cosy Memory Café, Leeds Federated and Ward Members. An evaluation will be presented to a future Outer South Area Committee.

3.4 Proposed Work Programme, 2014-2016

Data Review

- 3.4.1 As part of the development of a delivery plan for the NIO role 2014-2016, a priority list of neighbourhoods and key themes has been produced based on the 2010 release of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.
- 3.4.2 The table below ranks the top 16 Lower Super Output Area's across Outer South Leeds, most deprived listed first and showing the 3 priority domains (themes) in each area.
- 3.4.3 To note, the Barriers to Housing & Services domain is made up from indicators which are local authority wide, this has caused a general shift in ranking across Leeds as a local authority. For this reason it is recommended this domain is not used as a focus for locality work. A fourth domain is therefore included in areas where this ranks in the top three domains.

Key:

IOMD= Indices of Multiple Deprivation, an overall national ranking is given to an area based on statistics covering 9 different domains:

Income Deprivation
Employment Deprivation
Health Deprivation & Disability
Education, Skills & Training
Barriers to Housing & Services
Crime & Disorder
Living Environment
Income Deprivation Affecting Children
Income Deprivation Affecting Older People

LSOA = Lower Super Output Area, an area of a few streets, the country is broken down into 32,486 Lower Super Output Areas

Rank = National ranking from 1 -32,486 where 1 is the most deprived

IOMD LSOA Rank 2010	Percentage Ranking	Lower Super Output Area Number and Area	Ward	Key Themes
4990	10-20%	E01011632 Wood Lane Estate	Rothwell	Education, Skills & Training Employment Deprivation Income Deprivation affecting children
5127	10-20%	E01011544 Newlands & Denshaws including Lewisham Park	Morley South	Living Environment Education, Skills & Training Income deprivation affecting older people
5292	10-20%	E01011540 Newlands & Denshaws	Morley South	Living Environment Education, Skills & Training Employment Deprivation
7085	20-30%	E01011552 Smithy Lane, Fairleighs	Ardsley & Robin Hood	Education, Skills & Training Living Environment Income deprivation affecting children
7257	20-30%	E01011547 Harrops & Elmfields	Morley South	Living Environment Barriers to Housing & Services* Income deprivation affecting older people Education, Skills & Training
7834	20-30%	E01011639 John O'Gaunts	Rothwell	Education, Skills & Training Crime & Disorder Income deprivation affecting children
7861	20-30%	E01011499 Thorpe Including Winthorpes	Ardsley & Robin Hood	Barriers to Housing & Services* Education, Skills & Training Crime & Disorder Living Environment
8334	20-30%	E01011533 Wynyard Drive, Bright Street, Chapel Hill	Morley South	Living Environment Crime & Disorder Health Deprivation & Disability
8499	20-30%	E01011532 Farm Hill Road, Asquith Avenue, Ingle Avenue	Morley North	Living Environment Income deprivation affecting older people Education, Skills & Training
9408	20-30%	E01011538 Eastleighs & Fairleighs	Ardsley & Robin Hood	Living Environment Education, Skills & Training Income deprivation affecting older people
9557	20-30%	E01011541 Queen Street, Commercial Street (Morley Town Centre)	Morley South	Living Environment Income deprivation affecting older people Health deprivation & disability
9617	20-30%	E01011519 Moorland Ave, Spring Ave & Spring View	Morley North	Living Environment Education, Skills & Training Barriers to Housing & Services* Income deprivation affecting older people
10108	30-40%	E01011627 John O'Gaunts Estate	Rothwell	Crime & Disorder Education, Skills & Training Barriers to Housing & Services* Income deprivation affecting children
10259	30-40%	E01011529 Oakwells & Fairfax	Morley North	Living Environment Education, Skills & Training Barriers to Housing & Services* Income deprivation affecting children
10783	30-40%	E01011631 North Lane, Holmsfield Lane, Langdale Road	Rothwell	Education, Skills & Training Health Deprivation & disability Employment deprivation

Due to limited resources, it is proposed not to take the following LSOA's forward for future work:

- E01011541 ranked 9557, Morley Town Centre
- E01011529 ranked 10259, which falls outside of the top 30% of LSOA's, this will not be included due to finite resources
- E01011631 ranked 10783, which falls outside of the top 30% of LSOA's as the lowest ranked LSOA, this will not be included due to finite resources.

The remaining 9 neighbourhoods are:

Neighbourhood	Ward	2007 Rank	2010 Rank	Change in position	Priority Issues	Rank
Woodlane	Rothwell	6306	4990	Down 1316	Education, Skills & Training	1913
					Employment Deprivation	5213
					Income deprivation affecting children	5397
Newlands & Denshaws	Morley South	7042	5127	Down 1915	Living Environment	908
					Education, Skills & Training	2241
					Income deprivation affecting older people	4147
Tingley	Ardsley & Robin Hood	6817	7085	Up 268	Education, Skills & Training	1935
					Living Environment	3815
					Income deprivation affecting children	8331
Harrops	Morley South	7778	7257	Down 521	Living Environment	1847
					Income deprivation affecting older people	7271
					Education Skills & Training	7405
John O'Gaunts	Rothwell	8238	7834	Down 404	Education, Skills & Training	4217
					Crime & Disorder	6932
					Income deprivation affecting children	7099

Thorpe	Ardsley & Robin Hood	7251	7861	Up 610	Education, Skills & Training	4479
					Crime & Disorder	4926
					Living Environment	7242
Wynyard Drive	Morley South	10494	8334	Down 2160	Living Environment	834
					Crime & Disorder	6418
					Health Deprivation & Disability	9193
Asquith & Ingles	Morley North	8245	8499	Up 254	Living Environment	1297
					Income deprivation affecting older people	2227
					Education, Skills & Training	6552
Springbank & Moorlands	Morley North	9327	9617	Up 290	Living Environment	5158
					Education, Skills & Training	7296
					Income deprivation affecting older people	9203

3.4.20 As happened with the development of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans, these statistics will form the basis for a renewed work plan which will focus on priority issues in the most deprived neighbourhoods across Outer South. This work will be developed with Ward Member input through Ward Based Briefings.

3.4.21 Following further research into priority issues and mapping of current work around them, the Neighbourhood Improvement Officer will consult with Area Leads to develop a menu of options that will be presented to Ward Members at Ward Based Briefings for discussion and feedback.

3.4.22 The following table outlines work to be progressed:

Project	Areas of benefit	Phase
Community Heroes Event NIO Role: In conjunction with the Outer South Area Committee, to organise an annual celebration event for those who volunteer their time to improve their communities. Outcomes: Raise the profile of the Outer South Area Committee. Celebrate and encourage community work across Outer South	Across OSAC Area	Annual Event
South Leeds Community Network NIO Role: To provide practical support, advice and mentoring to South Leeds Community Network. Outcome: A peer support network meets regularly to provide information sessions and networking opportunities for community groups across South Leeds. The group is well connected to Leeds wide voluntary sector support services. Training and funding advice can be offered at a local level.	Across OSAC Area	On-going
South Leeds Foodbank NIO Role: To assist the South Leeds Foodbank to make connections to appropriate referrers and to make connections within priority neighbourhoods Outcome: A number of distribution centres are set up across Outer South Leeds, targeting deprived communities.	Across OSAC Area	On-going
South Leeds Debt Forum NIO Role: To engage partners from across Outer South Leeds in the South Leeds Debt Forum To assist in the development of projects and provision targeting Outer South Leeds deprived communities Outcome: Workers and interested community activists have access to a forum and the resource of a website to assist in delivering and improving provision and campaigning around debt and money management, financial literacy and welfare Resources are targeted at developing projects and provision in Outer South Leeds	Across OSAC Area	On-going
Dementia Friendly Communities NIO Role: To work in partnership with Health Improvement Officers, Older People's Networks and Dementia Organisations & Campaigners to develop Dementia Friendly Communities across Outer South Leeds Outcome: To deliver briefings on Dementia Awareness To assist in progressing any actions for communities to become Dementia Friendly Communities	Across OSAC Area	On-going
Winter Warmth NIO Role: To evaluate the 2014 Winter Warmth Project To bring forward a plan for a 2015 Winter Warmth Project Outcome: Vulnerable & Elderly residents are provided with essential items to combat fuel poverty The Outer South Area Committee's profile is raised through the distribution of these packages	Across OSAC Area	Annual Project November - February

Capacity Building NIO Role: Weekly Good News Story gathered from community groups and shared with senior members and officers On-going development of community mailing list and social media presence Ad-hoc support to community projects, as and when required Maintenance of groups in Supported Areas, please see Appendix 1 & 2 Outcome: Groups in pre-defined Supported Areas receive advice & support from the NIO Groups across Outer South are kept informed of opportunities	Across OSAC Area	On-going
Employment & Skills Role: TBC Outcome: TBC		
Health Role: TBC Outcome: TBC		
Living Environment Role: TBC Outcome: TBC		
Crime & Disorder Role: TBC Outcome: TBC		
Community Committee's Role: TBC Outcome: Residents better engaged with Community Committee's		

Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 This report is a product of consultation with Members, residents and partners and presents a proposal for Members to consider.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considerer these issues.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The work outlined in this report contributes to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies.

- Vision for Leeds
- Children and Youth People Plan
- Health and Well being City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration Priority Plan.

5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 5.1 Legal implications as a result of this report will be reflected in any subsequent Funding Agreements and Contacts to Tender that arise from projects funded from the Well being Budget.
- 5.2 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from the Executive Board are eligible for Call In.
- 5.3 There are no key or mayor decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.
- 5.4 There are no direct implications for the above as a result of this report.

6 Risk Management

- 6.1 All proposals requested Well being Funding complete a section in the application process outlying the risks associated with the project and how they will be managed.

7 Conclusions

- 7.1 The report provides an update to members on the work of the NIO. The report shows the range of projects the NIO has been involved in, making a positive contribution to neighbourhoods and communities across Outer South. The role has strengthened the work of the Area Support Team by providing a crucial outreach resource to support communities and develop projects alongside elected members, LCC colleagues and external partners.
- 7.2 A data review introduces a re-prioritisation of work based on key themes affecting the most deprived communities across Outer South. This forward work plan will be further developed in consultation with Ward Members.

8 Recommendations

8.1 Members are asked to note:

- a) note the contents of this report and make comment as appropriate;
- b) note the findings of the data review and agree to the direction of travel with regard to future work;
- c) to agree to meet the NIO in a series of Ward Based Briefings to confirm ward priorities

9 Background documents¹

9.1 There are no background documents associated with this paper.

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.

Neighbourhood Improvement Officer Project – Six Month Update

This is a six monthly update report from the Neighbourhood Improvement Officer (NIO) from July 2013 to January 2014. The post is employed by Health for All on behalf of the Outer and Inner South Area Committees but is directly line managed by South East Area Support Team and located in the South East Area Support Team Offices within the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre in Leeds. The post is funded for 3 days a week across the four wards of the Outer South Area Committee area.

The NIO works to develop strong connections between groups, service providers, local Councillors and the wider voluntary sector, acting as a link to training and funding opportunities and encouraging groups to join such networks over time.

The summary below details work with groups over the last 6 months.

Ward	Priority Neighbourhood	Programme of Work	Training. (Training opportunities are shared with all groups)	Progress Report
Rothwell	John O’Gaunts	Supported Area: High Support		<p>The NIO attends monthly committee and resident meetings, supporting the group to plan projects and activities. The NIO attends coffee mornings monthly to catch up with the group and pass information onto residents. The group have established good links to agencies and have regular attendance from them at their meetings.</p> <p>Meetings are well attended but there have been on-going problems with Anti-Social Behaviour on the estate leading to residents and committee members feeling frustrated. The NIO and other officers in attendance continue to encourage residents to report incidents and the issue has been raised at Tasking meetings.</p> <p>Since July the PNW has supported the committee to:</p>

Ward	Priority Neighbourhood	Programme of Work	Training. (Training opportunities are shared with all groups)	Progress Report
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain funding for a summer of activities from: Arise Wellbeing Fund Housing Leeds Outer South Area Panel Plan and deliver a summer of activity for residents on John O'Gaunts Estate – including a community clear up, fun day, old fashioned sports day and a seaside trip Hold an AGM and vote in a full committee The group continue to run weekly computer access and coffee morning sessions which are well attended, including a Macmillan Coffee Morning and a celebration of the first year anniversary of their coffee morning The NIO is helping the group to publicise their sessions and is in discussion with the Rothwell Record regarding promotion.
Rothwell	Wood Lane/Rothwell TARA	Supported Area: Medium Support		<p>The group are on an email distribution list and receive updates through this, the NIO attends some meetings and takes away actions from these.</p> <p>The NIO has met with the group to discuss support needs, the group identified that they need new members. The group currently leaflet a large number of houses prior to meetings and it was agreed we would pursue an entry in the Local to You magazine as an alternative. The NIO has produced some publicity for meetings and offered to assist in further publicising meetings.</p>

Ward	Priority Neighbourhood	Programme of Work	Training. (Training opportunities are shared with all groups)	Progress Report
				<p>The NIO is helping to establish links with other departments such as Environmental Services.</p> <p>At the last meeting two attendees put themselves forward to join the committee, which is a very positive step for the TARA.</p>
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Tingley	Supported Area: High Support	Safeguarding Briefing x 2 Safeguarding Level 1	<p>The PNW continues to support the TARA, attending monthly meetings. The group held their AGM and successfully voted in a new committee.</p> <p>The NIO supported the group to successfully apply for Housing Leeds Outer South Area Panel funding to run an access to computers project. The NIO facilitated contact with agencies that could support the group in running these sessions and drops in monthly to assist.</p> <p>The group had difficulty negotiating room hire, storage and internet access, in response the NIO organised a meeting with all relevant departments. A solution has been reached, allowing the group to access the internet via a dongle and storage has been acquired within the centre.</p> <p>The NIO dealt with a complaint regarding driving instructors using the estate for practice. A message has been conveyed to driving instructors via the Driving Standards Agency and test centres.</p> <p>The NIO has strengthened relationships with the Environmental Services team.</p>

Ward	Priority Neighbourhood	Programme of Work	Training. (Training opportunities are shared with all groups)	Progress Report
				<p>The NIO is supporting the group to apply for further funding, review their Safeguarding Policy and alter their Constitution.</p> <p>The group are keen to support the development of a Food Bank distribution point at Blackgates Community Centre and the NIO is facilitating a meeting to progress this.</p>
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Robin Hood TARA	Supported Area: High Support	Applying for Small Grants x 2 First Aid x 2 Safeguarding Briefing x 2	<p>The NIO continues to support the TARA, attending monthly public meetings and monthly committee meetings. The group have forged relationships with various departments and have good representation from these at their meetings.</p> <p>The group, assisted by the NIO organised a Christmas Lights Switch On Event, in line with the event that happened last year. The group have been very willing to all participate in learning the processes involved in this, to enable all members of the group to take projects forward in future. The NIO helped to set up for the event and ran children's activities at the event.</p> <p>The group have successfully gained funding from:</p> <p>Community First Red Nose Day Wellbeing Fund</p> <p>The group made contact with Richard Gill and have set up a Robin Hood In Bloom group.</p>

Ward	Priority Neighbourhood	Programme of Work	Training. (Training opportunities are shared with all groups)	Progress Report
				<p>The group have progressed plans for the community orchard, with the help of Ward Members, securing funding for picnic tables and chairs and a cabin and water catcher. Relationships with Parks & Countryside continue to improve, with the group now being offered a twice yearly review of their stewardship agreement, assistance in applying for events and 4 Park Ranger days per year.</p>
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Thorpe	Supported Area: Low Support		<p>The Thorpe Community Group wound down at their AGM in November 2012.</p> <p>The NIO attended a meeting organised by Housing Leeds with local community volunteers involved in the upkeep of the centre and interested in pursuing community ownership of the centre. Representatives from national charity, Locality, attended the meeting and provided information to the volunteers about steps they would need to take to pursue community ownership of the centre and support that would be available to them.</p> <p>Housing Leeds and the NIO helped to organise a public meeting for January, but the meeting was cancelled by community members. The community members have been put in contact with those at Locality who can support them to pursue this project. Should a public meeting be organised and a committee formed, Housing Leeds would open discussions with the group regarding management of the centre.</p>

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Morley South	Newlands & Denshaws TARA	Supported Area: Medium Support	Safeguarding x 1	<p>The NIO continues to support Newlands & Denshaws TARA, attending monthly meetings of the group and encouraging them to meet as a committee outside of the TARA. The group have had their accounts audited by WYCAS and presented at a public meeting.</p> <p>The NIO has liaised with Environmental Services to get the bins outside the shops on Albert Drive replaced.</p> <p>The NIO assisted the group to book Community Skips which were matched by Aire Valley Homes. The group organised a successful trip to Bridlington over the summer holidays and a Christmas Party.</p> <p>The NIO booked West Yorkshire Trading Standards to attend a meeting and offer advice and support around scam/frauds and welfare rights.</p> <p>A meeting between Morley Newlands Primary, ward members and the group has been facilitated resulting in the NIO assisting the group in putting together a letting and applying for funding to support future activities at the school. Since then the NIO has met with the head of Morley Newlands Primary regarding space for a foodbank distribution centre, the head is still keen to see the community space used by the TARA and the TARA are planning a regular booking.</p>

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				<p>The committee and the NIO have met twice to look at potential funding and go through application forms. Following the last meeting the group have begun to fill in a Community First application form, the project is based around providing various activities in the community room at Morley Newlands primary. Tasks were allocated and the group are doing further research into their proposed project before completing the form with the NIO.</p> <p>Members of the group are regular attendees at South Leeds Community Network.</p> <p>The NIO and Housing Leeds will be bringing the HUGO bus to Newlands & Denshaws estate in May.</p>
Morley South	Harrops & Askey TARA	Supported Area: Medium Support		<p>The NIO assisted the group to book skips for their community clear up, the skips were match funded by Housing Leeds.</p> <p>The group do not currently hold monthly meetings and an active group member has recently moved away from the estate leaving the future of the group uncertain.</p> <p>The NIO is liaising with Involvement & Improvement Officers in Housing Leeds regarding support for Harrops & Askey TARA and work to revive this group.</p> <p>The NIO and Housing Leeds will be bringing the HUGO to Harrops & Askey estate in May.</p>

Definition of a Supported Area

A Supported Area is an area identified as Priority Neighbourhood through the previous Neighbourhood Improvement Plan process that now receives on-going support in order for residents to take action in their communities.

The Neighbourhood Improvement Officer works with active Residents Associations in these areas to help them to develop as groups and to access funding, training and further support. This key link into Priority Neighbourhoods means issues can be addressed as they occur through the engagement of officers from various departments in the community meetings.

Outline below is the type of support a group in a Supported Area can expect:

High

Role and personal development
Training
Constitution & Policy writing
Attendance at meetings
Support with administering and facilitating meetings
Support to make links with key partners
Funding
Support to plan and run projects

Medium

Monthly phone call
Attendance at 3 meeting per year
Opportunities shared and support when requested with:

Funding
Training
Relationships
Recruitment

Low

Opportunities shared and support when requested with:

Funding
Training
Relationships
Recruitment

Groups move between levels of support, dependent on circumstances.

Groups currently supported through this model are:

Newlands & Denshaws TARA	Morley South
Harrops & Askey TARA	Morley South
Rothwell TARA	Rothwell
John O'Gaunts TARA	Rothwell
Tingley TARA	Ardsley & Robin Hood
Robin Hood Residents Association	Ardsley & Robin Hood