

Report of: Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)

Report to: Council

Date: 10 September 2014

Subject: Area Committee Annual Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1. Summary of main issues

This report brings the Area Committees' Annual Report to the attention of council. It outlines the changes which have taken place during 2013 to 2014 and gives a flavour of some of the work area committees have carried out within their communities to improve lives for local people.

Building on the work of the Area Review undertaken in 2012, the report provides an update on wellbeing funding spend and the projects that have been supported. It also describes the key developments which have taken place to drive forward the council's ambition to improve the way decisions are taken in local areas and the way we engage with residents. This includes the development of community committees, the delegation of the Youth Activities Fund and the role of area lead members (now community champions). Finally, the report looks ahead to the next steps to be taken to ensure the new community committees deliver better locality working.

2. Recommendation

Members of council are asked to:

- receive the annual report; and
- agree the work now being progressed to further improve the effectiveness, profile and community engagement role of community committees.