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## Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

### Outer North West Area Committee

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008

### Subject: Key Messages from Area Committee Sub Groups and Forums

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Adel & Wharfedale  
Guiseley & Rawdon  
Horsforth  
Otley & Yeadon

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Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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Council  
Function

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Delegated Executive  
Function available  
for Call In

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Delegated Executive  
Function not available for  
Call In Details set out in the  
report

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#### Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Members on progress made at the Area Committee sub groups and ward forums that have taken place since the last Area Committee meeting.

### 1.0 Background

- .1 The Area Committee has an ad-hoc policy group, and three sub groups looking at service provision within the delegated functions of Community Safety, Children & Young People and Streetscene. All members receive the full minutes for each of the forums.
- .2 Under proposals agreed at the June Area Committee it was agreed that two new sub groups would be formed: one for business and employment, the role of which would be to develop links with major businesses and employing organisations to see how business can be encouraged to support local groups and to support the development of skills and employment, and the other on health and wellbeing to help gain an understanding and oversight of local health provision and partnerships. Dates and

arrangements for these sub groups are currently being set up with the appointed Chairs for each group.

- .3 There are currently two ward forums in the outer area for Guiseley & Rawdon and Yeadon. The forums meet on a regular basis approximately four or five times a year.

## **2.0 Community Safety Sub Group**

- 2.1 There has been one meeting of the Community Safety sub group since the last Area Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Key points raised were:

- Inspector Coldwell takes over from Insp. Hepworth from 22<sup>nd</sup> September as Outer North West Area Inspector.
- There has been a 13% reduction (85 fewer offences) in priority crimes in the 5 month period from April -August compared with the same period last year.
- Concern was expressed at the lack of continuity with staff from the Anti Social Behavior Unit. There is a lack of linkage between asb issues and youth service activity. This issue will be picked up at the joint meeting of the Community Safety and Children & Young Peoples sub groups.
- There are increasing numbers of young people who appear to be under the influence of alcohol who are turning up at local youth provision. It would help to have local police contacts for youth workers and also attendance by PCSO's at local centres.

## **3.0 Streetscene Sub Group**

- 3.1 There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. Key points raised were:

- A fortnightly green bin collection pilot commences on the 20<sup>th</sup> October. Providing that the pilot is successful it is hoped to commence a full roll-out from April 2009.
- An outside contractor has been appointed who will use a small vehicle to reach areas the normal refuse collection vehicle is unable to access.
- The brown bin scheme has proved very successful with an 80% take up in some areas.
- A letter is to be sent to the Chief Officer for Streetscene expressing the sub groups concerns that the service does not have the capacity to deal with increased volumes of waste and also the amount of 'downtime' due to vehicles being off the road.
- It was agreed that Streetscene should be proactive in supplying the call centre with accurate information to deal with enquiries.
- Leaf collection commences 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- Updates were provided on the street sweeping and gully cleaning schedules.

## **4.0 Children and Young People's Sub Group**

- 4.1 There has been no children and young peoples sub group since the last meeting as due to officer and member commitments the proposed meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> was not able to proceed. A joint sub group held with the Community Safety sub group was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. A report back from this meeting will be reported on at the next Area Committee.

## **5.0 Guiseley and Rawdon Forum**

5.1 There has been no meeting of the Guiseley & Rawdon forum since the last Area Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## **6.0 Yeadon Forum**

6.1 There has been one meeting of the Yeadon forum since the last Area Committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> September. Key points raised were:

- Dave Pearson attended on behalf of Metro and updated the forum on a variety of issues including bus services 966, 33 and 737. Following a request made at a previous meeting, the 966 has now returned to its original timetable to the satisfaction of local residents.
- Sergeant Beck and PCSO Harrison updated the forum on current crime levels and police activity in the area.
- Councillor Campbell gave a progress report on the Yeadon Town Centre regeneration scheme. Concern was expressed about available parking spaces for activities taking place at the Town Hall. Members of the public were urged to contact Morrisons regarding the 2hour waiting to see if it could be waived in the evenings.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

7.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

List of background documents:  
None