



Area Achievements 2005/06 - Delivering Better Outcomes for Local People Across Leeds

Summary of Area Delivery Plan achievements

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- The Area Committee has invested £90,000 to boost the number of Neighbourhood Wardens in Inner East. It now has a five strong team in each ward.
- In response to particularly stubborn environmental problems, an intensive environment enforcement officer, funded by the Area Committee, is working in the Torres, South Seacroft and Shepherds Lane areas. Successful prosecutions have already been secured.
- Alongside the more traditional community engagement exercises (e.g. consultative forums and community events) a well being funded local community radio station reached over 30,000 people via broadcast and internet and a film project working with young people in East End Park, Gipton and Seacroft has produced 8 professional quality videos on issues including ASBOs and Domestic Violence.



- Tasking Teams (a neighbourhood management mechanism involving Council, ALMO, Police, Fire Service and other organisations working in localities) were established throughout the Area and delivered £20,000 of improvements in each inner east ward. Examples of initiatives undertaken include security gates, major environmental works, community engagement activity, community clean-ups, activities for children, promotion and educational leaflets.
- The Committee's small grants scheme supported 30 neighbourhood projects delivered by local community groups.

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- The Halton Moor Neighbourhood Management Initiative supported by the Area Committee and the East Leeds District Partnership has had remarkable success (reported in the Observer and the YEP) in turning around this former 'problem estate'. Property voids were reduced by 80% with savings of around £300,000. Crime has fallen dramatically and house prices are rising significantly.
- The Area Committee funded and supported a Designated Public Places Order in Garforth. This was introduced in December 2005 and is helping to combat anti social behaviour fuelled by alcohol.
- 25 small grants to voluntary & community groups were given to support projects to improve neighbourhoods and encourage more community involvement.
- A successful gardening scheme commissioned through Groundwork supported over 400 vulnerable and older people in the last six months.
- The Committee, with help from the private sector, funded a household magazine with articles written by young reporters from the 5 High Schools in Outer East.



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- The 'Open Door' partnership centre in Brackenwood opened in September 2005. It is used as a base by the Neighbourhood Policing Team and feedback from residents shows an increased level of reassurance in the area. Activities run by the Youth Service and the Police are reducing levels of anti social behaviour in the locality.
- The Area Committee's Grant & Fundraising Advice Worker started work in February 2006. Since then he has provided 37 community & voluntary groups with funding advice, 7 of which are receiving more intensive support including development & business planning advice. Several groups have gone on to develop plans for new community projects in the area.
- 4 multi-agency operations took place in the area resulting in 67 arrests, 29 unlicensed or abandoned vehicles being recovered, 108 properties referred for improved security measures, 69 fire safety assessments and 90 people stopped by the Police for questioning.
- Social enterprises in the Chapeltown and Meanwood area are being assisted with European Funding through the 'K Fund'. 11 bids for K Fund support have been received so far.
- Planning applications for new bars or clubs in Chapel Allerton will be subject to more rigorous scrutiny following adoption of a cumulative licensing policy. The Area Committee succeeded in getting the support of the Council following extensive public consultation in 2005.
- The Area Committee has funded a Youth Development Worker to work with voluntary youth organisations and recruit new volunteers to improve youth activities in the area.

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- Alcohol fuelled disorder has significantly reduced since a Designated Public Place Order (alcohol free zone) was introduced in Wetherby town centre in summer 2005.
- Partners including the Council, Leeds North East Homes and West Yorkshire Police delivered multi-agency enforcement operations in Alwoodley on the Cranmer and Lingfield estates. The police also led a multi-agency operation covering villages in Harewood and Wetherby and deployed mobile CCTV cameras. This resulted in a reduction in crime and increased public reassurance.
- An Alwoodley 'Planning Ahead' event took place, attended by local residents and staff from the Council, Leeds North East Homes and the police. Council departments received 70 requests for action during the event all of which were resolved within two months. Over 80% of residents gave positive feedback after the event.
- Young people in Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby are meeting Councillors, the Police and Youth Workers to discuss matters of concern. The new Youth Forum was established with young people to ensure they get a say in services which affect them, meet peers from other areas and encourage capacity building.



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- 4 multi agency crime and grime operations resulted in more than 50 arrests, over 100 anti social behaviour warnings issued, approximately 100 street cleansing tasks done and over 120 warrant visits undertaken.
- The Committee supported the development of a Designated Public Places Order, banning consumption of alcohol on the streets of Headingley.
- A Regeneration Plan was prepared for Little London, involving a large community consultation programme with over 1400 households to gather views on regeneration options for the area, 967 responses were gained. Alongside this funding is in place to start neighbourhood management work on the estate.
- A regeneration scheme was developed for Headingley Town Centre
- Employment of a Funding Officer to work with voluntary and community groups within the area has helped to bring in at least £500,000 of new funding for groups.
- A 'To Let Board' initiative was developed, restricting the use, style and positioning of To Let signs in parts of Hyde Park, Woodhouse and Headingley.

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- The committee invested £40,000 into a scheme delivered by CASAC which provided target hardening to 320 properties in the area to help reduce burglary. Alongside this, 800 additional policing hours across all the wards were funded, feasibility work into the CCTV needs of Otley Town Centre commenced and match funding was allocated for a dedicated Police Community Support Officer for Horsforth.
- 25 small grants were given to voluntary and community groups to support local neighbourhood initiatives.
- 'Behind Closed Doors' works with victims of domestic violence in the Otley and Guiseley area. Funding was allocated towards the costs of employing a support worker to provide crisis support, safety planning information and risk assessments for individuals across the outer area but particularly targeting the more isolated rural areas.
- The Committee funded capital projects including resurfacing works of roads and footpaths in poor condition, improvement works at Greenacre Community Hall, the heritage refurbishment programme of the Jubilee Clock in Otley, a new skateboard park and youth shelter for Micklefield Park and a new playground at Tranmere Park School.
- Funding was provided towards the employment of a Development Worker for Space To Grow, an initiative based on Otley Chevin that provides outdoor learning experiences for young people. Funding was also provided for work with under achieving children in Otley, towards the purchase of a new community minibus in Horsforth and for a worker to support elderly people in the Aireborough area.



- 2 crime and grime operations were delivered in the Holt Park and Horsforth areas and results included: 16 arrests; 23 vehicles removed for non-payment of Vehicle Excise; 23 joint visits carried out by anti-social behaviour and the Police; 16 anti-social behaviour warnings issued; 620 leaflets delivered by the Fire Service regarding Home Fire Safety Checks; 4 truancy patrols, 10 children escorted back to school and 72 letters issued to tenants regarding untidy gardens.

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- The 'Signpost' project in Beeston has worked with 45 families and 65 young people on anti social behaviour issues. 25 young people were supported to remain in school and 16 parents have attended Parenting Programmes to enhance their capability and capacity to manage their child's behaviour. This had led to a 75% reduction in the number of offences committed by young people who are involved with Signpost.
- The Committee identified 22 priority neighbourhoods and work has started to develop Neighbourhood Improvement Plans to tackle priority issues. Improvement work has commenced in Beeston Hill, Manor Farms, Cottingley, part of Central Middleton and the St Luke's/Normantons area.
- European Funding was secured to support priorities in the Area Delivery Plan - £370k has provided a Learning Links scheme in Beeston Hill and Holbeck to promote parental involvement with children's education and training for parents. The investment of £317k in the development of Social Enterprise Solutions in South Leeds created 27 jobs.
- Vocational horticultural training and construction skills training schemes for disaffected year 11's have enabled young people to remain in education and improve their chances of employment after they leave school.
- 5 multi-agency initiatives to tackle crime and grime resulted in 63 arrests, 69 unlicensed or abandoned vehicles being recovered, 410 properties security marked, 182 properties referred for improved target hardening security measures, 259 fire safety assessments, 253 sites cleared of rubbish and 90 people stopped by the police for questioning

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- The Committee identified 9 priority neighbourhoods. Neighbourhood Improvement Plans were developed and implemented to tackle priority issues in Eastleighs/ Fairleighs, Newlands/Denshaws, John O'Gaunts, Wood Lane Estate, Fairfaxes and Oakwells and the Harrops.
- The Committee targeted over £50,000, nearly a third of its resources, to improving community facilities in the area. This included the refurbishment of West Ardsley Committee Centre to allow for the development of increased community use including the provision of a child care facility.

- A Town Centre Management Initiative was developed for Morley and Rothwell and a Town Centre Manager is being recruited. A range of events have been held to develop the profile and increase visitors to the town centres of Morley and Rothwell, these include continental and Christmas markets, a visitors leaflet and Christmas promotional events.
- A Youth Work Network in Morley produced a directory of activity for young people in summer 2005.
- A multi-agency initiative to tackle crime resulted in 90 properties security marked and 300 people attending community safety events.

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- Four multi-agency crime and grime operations were held resulting in 85 target hardening actions being delivered in conjunction with CASAC, 8 seizures of motorbikes being driven illegally on estates / parks, extensive use of Automatic Number Plate Readings resulting in nearly 200 intelligence hits and 58 vehicles being targeted in relation to being uninsured, untaxed or used in crime, more than 50 arrests / appearances in court for offences and non-payment of fines, over 200 home fire safety checks, and 56 warning letters being issued to young people responsible for anti-social behaviour. A major success with partners was in the New Wortley / Clydes area where focused interagency work, appointment of wardens jointly funded with Leeds West Homes and Police actions led to overall crime reductions of 46%, with burglary down 63%, theft from vehicles down 64% and criminal damage down 42%.
- The Committee provided funds to establish a Mobile Community Policing Cycle Unit and supported initiatives to raise public awareness of crime. This included a 'Let's bin it' campaign on the Fairfields Estate with wheelie bin stickers containing crime prevention messages being issued to 1200 households.
- The Committee and Leeds West Homes have worked with Groundwork Leeds and local community groups to bring about significant greenspace improvements on 7 sites.
 - The Committee supported community clean ups which resulted in over 40 tonnes of waste being removed. A designated Community Area Service Team was funded to provide a rapid local response to litter and environmental problems.
 - The Committee supported the development of major regeneration initiatives for the area. They funded the production of a Regeneration Framework Document for the West Leeds Gateway; a derelict site in New Wortley was demolished; funds are supporting the redevelopment of Mistress Lane - approval was granted to demolish the maisonettes and a planning brief is being prepared for future use of the site. A £230,000 scheme to improve shops on Stanningley Road was also secured.
- A £220,000 Community Café project at New Wortley Community Centre, supported through Objective 2 European funding, was established. This aims to support local people in training for work and contributes to plans to develop the centre and cafe as sustainable ventures. A funding policy for grants to community centre associations was agreed to foster open and efficient usage of local centres.



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- Pudsey Farmers' Market was established very successfully with more than 3,000 attending the opening day. Plans to re-develop Pudsey's bus station, car parking and markets area were a key priority and the subject of local consultation. Town and District centre proposals were also developed for both Pudsey town centre and Farsley to build on this work.
- The first "I Love West Leeds" Youth Festival was held. Commissioned by the Outer Area Committee, Interplay Theatre Company raised additional funding to develop a cross art form festival with music, theatre, poetry, cinema and radio, culminating in a festival day in Farnley Park. More than 4,500 people took part in the project which showcased the talents of young people and involved intergenerational work in various settings. The committee also supported the Farsley Summer Youth Festival which involved more than 200 young people in that area.
- Three multi-agency crime and grime operations were held with an emphasis on prevention and enforcement assisted by high visibility policing. These actions resulted in 18 arrests for drug offences, 65 referrals for target hardening work through CASAC, 8 motorbike seizures for illegal use, more than 120 home safety fire checks and 35 ASB warning letters being issued.
- In response to public concerns about safety support was given to CCTV establishment in Pudsey Park, Lidgett Hill and is planned for Farsley.
- These actions and additional Police patrols funded by the Area Committee have helped to reduce crime in Outer West but concerns remain about specific "hotspot" areas including Pudsey Town centre. Support was given for the development of a Designated Public Places Order in Pudsey. This received positive responses in consultation and is due to be in place by June 2006.
- An anti-litter campaign getting out key messages on buses, shelters and billboards was funded by the Committee. This included a "Butts Out" campaign in town and district centres to reduce cigarette litter.

