

**Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods**

**Outer North West Area Committee**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

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

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p>Adel &amp; Wharfedale Guisley &amp; Rawdon Horsforth Otley &amp; Yeadon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

**Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update and summary 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 five sub groups looking at service provision within the delegated functions of Community Safety, Children & Young People, Streetscene, Health & Well-being and Business & Transport. All members receive the full minutes for each of the subgroups.
- .2 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 Environment and Streetscene Sub Group**

- 2.1 There has been one meeting of the sub group on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The key points raised were:
- 2.2 Alison Gilliland has taken over responsibility for outer north west Environmental Action Team from Ruth Lees who has now left LCC.
- 2.3 The sub group requested feedback on the 'Days of Action' project which was funded by the Area Committee earlier this year.
- 2.4 The sub group confirmed that the Area Committee should receive a six monthly update report from the Environmental Action Team.
- 2.5 Streetscene actions for the outer north west area delivery plan will be agreed and progressed through the sub group.
- 2.6 Members raised concerns that for the second meeting in succession an officer from Streetscene Services had failed to attend the sub group without explanation. The Chair informed the meeting that he will write to the Chief Officer of Streetscene Services outlining the sub groups concerns at the service's commitment to this group.
- 2.7 Councillors are still receiving a number of complaints regarding missed black bin collections particularly in the Adel & Wharfedale Ward.
- 2.8 Councillor Campbell informed the meeting that bin routes were currently being re-organised. The first stage would take place in January and the second in June. Long-term route re-organisation should resolve some of the issues with difficult to access streets.
- 2.9 Leaf collection continues to be a problem in outer north west. Blocked drains and the disproportionate amount of rainfall in November have added to the problem. Increased detritus due to streets not being swept is also a contributing factor to the blocked drains.
- 2.10 Richard Britten provided an update on the current structure for West North West Homes Estate Management.

## **3.0 Health and Well-Being Sub Group**

- 3.1 There has been one meeting of the Health and Well being sub group on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010.
- 3.2 The group had the opportunity to tour around the Safety Central Building, Bramley where the meeting was held. This showed the Councillors some of the activities and opportunities that are available to West Yorkshire in the field of safety and wellbeing.
- 3.3 Discussions were had around future venues and agenda items. This allowed the group to look at some of the issues in the coming months that need to be addressed.
- 3.4 West North West Homes Leeds Sheltered Housing team updated the group on the current situation on the tendering process for future support of older people in the area. The situation is still under review but a full update will be given to the Area Committee in the coming months.
- 3.5 The group suggested some potential actions for the Area Delivery Plan to direct focus for the Area Committee in the next 12 months.

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

4.1 There has been no meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee. The next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

## **5.0 Community Safety Sub Group**

5.1 There has been no meeting of the subgroup since the last Area Committee. The next meeting is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

## **6.0 Business and Transport Sub group**

6.1. There has been one meeting of the Business and Transport subgroup on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010.

6.2. An update was given on the draft designs for the potential improvements to the ring road at the junction of the A65 and the Ring Road. The works are dependant on government funding bids but would reduce some of the congestion problems currently facing the area.

6.3. Discussions were had around the impact of the increasing amount of traffic as a result of new housing developments in the local vicinity.

6.4. Paul Gough gave an overview of the current regulations that govern housing development in the city and how this has been taken into account in some of the recent applications.

6.5. Metro updated the group on the outcomes of the accessibility pilot that was undertaken in Outer North West Leeds. The resulting report outlines the key findings and which agencies will be attempting to address the needs and is covered elsewhere on the agenda.

6.6. The draft terms of reference for the group are attached at Appendix 1 at the request of the chair.

## **7.0 Guiseley and Rawdon Forum**

7.1 There has been no meeting of the forum since the last Area Committee. The next meeting will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

## **8.0 Yeadon Forum**

8.1 There has been one meeting of the forum on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The key points raised were:

8.2 West Yorkshire Police gave an update on the current issues affecting the ward. These include burglaries as a result of bogus callers and break-ins through the use of mole grips.

8.3 Thefts from motor vehicles is on the increase. This is a result of 'sat-nav's' etc being left on show.

8.4 There are currently a number of 'scams' operating in the area, one involving bank details and one involving Council Tax recharges.

8.5 Cllr Downes gave an update on the proposed changes to some of the bus services in the area.

- 8.6 A report was received from Highways Services updating the current position regarding the works to Yeadon High Street.
- 8.7 The next meeting of Yeadon forum will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 7.00pm at Yeadon Town Hall

### **9.0 Community Centre Task and Finish Group Meeting**

- 9.1 The first meeting of this group took place on 19<sup>th</sup> January. The key points covered were:
- 9.2 The proposed amendments to the Lettings and Pricing Policy were agreed subject to a four week consultation period with existing users of the affected community centres. A copy of the policy is attached at appendix 2. Implementation of the policy will be sometime in the new financial year.
- 9.3 Shelagh Crossley, Directorate Property Manager for Environments and Neighbourhoods attended the meeting. A discussion took place on Ward-based Initiative funding.
- 9.4 A maintenance officer is to visit Yeadon Town Hall to look at schemes to reduce the carbon footprint of the building.

### **10.0 Recommendations**

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

List of background documents: None