



**Report of the West North West Area Manager**

**North West (Outer) Area Committee**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010**

**Subject: Area Delivery Plan Update - Quarter 4, 2009/10**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**  
 Adel & Wharfedale  
 Guiseley & Rawdon  
 Horsforth  
 Otley & Yeadon

Ward members consulted  
 (referred to in this report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

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

**Executive Summary**

This report provides Members with an update of progress for Quarter 4 against actions in the 2009/10 Area Delivery Plan for Outer North West.

**1 Purpose of this report**

1.1 This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements against the 2009/10 Area Delivery Plan, covering the eight themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan.

**2. Background Information**

2.1 The Area Delivery Plan for 2009/10 was approved by this Area Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 and is available upon request. It sets out the work plan and priorities for the Outer North West Area Committee.

2.2 To March this year, 92.3% of the 65 actions in the plan have been completed or underway. Five actions have not yet started.

**3 Main Issues**

**Culture**

3.1 The refurbishment and relocation of the historic Brook Crompton clock from the former Parkinson factory in Guiseley to the Netherfield Road car park was completed in March 2010. The building and its clock tower was part of Guiseley's industrial heritage and has been a local landmark since the 1930's. The relocation of the clock tower to the site will

add an historic touch to it and also help to preserve a relic of the industrial heritage within its local community. The clock was officially unveiled on 25<sup>th</sup> March and was attended by over 100 local residents and former workers from the factory.

- 3.2 The repair to the bell tower of Adel St John the Baptist Church was completed in March. The building is a grade 1 listed building in a conservation area. The bells were retuned and re-fitted. The bell tower was rebuilt using the same original stone. A lightning conductor was erected on the finished bell tower to protect the overall work and the church as well. The improvement work has helped to ensure a safe structure for the benefit of all users and the whole community.
- 3.3 Work has been carried out to install and paint heritage style lighting columns in Otley and Yeadon as part of the Town and District Centre regeneration schemes. More than 50 columns were installed around the town centres of Otley and Yeadon. The new lighting has now been put into operation. Work has completed in Otley and is expected to be finalised in Yeadon in the next quarter.
- 3.4 In this quarter, works have been completed to improve sports and recreation venues including the Ridgeside play area and Micklefield bowling green. Area Committee funding has also been given to support improvements to Yarnbury Horsforth Football and Rugby Club and the Scout and Guide headquarter in Horsforth.

### **Enterprise and Economy**

- 3.5 The Yeadon High Street town and district centre scheme was completed in early 2010. The scheme provides high quality public realm improvements focusing on the High Street helping to improve pedestrian use. Area Management is currently developing a leaflet for Yeadon High Street as a way to promote the business of the town centre following the period of disruption caused by the construction work.
- 3.6 Work commenced this quarter to redevelop the former Horsforth library to provide a new youth centre for all young people in the area and also provide accommodation for the area management team. The work is being undertaken by the Council's Property Maintenance division and is expected to complete in June 2010.

### **Learning**

- 3.7 Area Committee funding has been allocated to extend the adventure playground for Yeadon Westfield Junior School. Work will commence and complete in the next quarter.
- 3.8 Work has started this quarter to build a new Early Years base in St Peter's C of E primary school in Rawdon. The foundations and access to the site are completed. The modular build is now on site and is being stripped and refitted ready for use. The path and fencing work that is funded by the well being fund will not commence until the modular build is completed. The project is expected to be completed in the next quarter.

### **Transport**

- 3.9 The consultation on Metro's Local Area Accessibility Action Plan in the Outer North West Leeds has ended and the data has been collated. It is hoped that some specific projects can be identified and carried out in the near future to improve accessibility in Outer North West Leeds. A report outlining the key findings from the consultation and

action plan were submitted to the 8<sup>th</sup> February Area Committee for discussion. The accessibility action plan will be submitted to the Business and Transport subgroup for further consideration.

- 3.10 The consultation on the outline designs of the routes to be improved under the Leeds Core Cycle Network have ended. Funding has become available to start the work with the first elements of the network, including route 3,5,15 and 16. Works have either started or will start shortly on all these routes, except for route 5 from Cookridge to the City Centre. Problems have been identified at Cardigan Road relating to scheme cost and external funding. The detailed design of route 5 is now being considered.

## Environment

- 3.11 The Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIP's) for Weston Estate, Otley, an area of Horsforth and Holt Park are underway. West North West Area Management has been providing support to identify priority issues for each area and implement a co-ordinated service delivery approach for problem areas.
- 3.12 Weston Estate steering group have met every two months for the last two years to deliver local priorities which were embedded in an action plan for the area. The action plan has been revised and a new action plan is to be developed reflecting new priorities of the community. A leaflet will be designed and distributed to all houses in the estate to inform local residents of the achievements that have been obtained during the last two years and encourage their deeper involvement and ownership in the development and delivery of the new action plan.
- 3.13 An action plan has been developed for Horsforth in conjunction with the police and other partners. After the successful Environmental Visual Audit (EVA) carried out in Horsforth on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, further work has been planned for the area. This includes a second EVA focusing on the residential areas held on 4<sup>th</sup> June in preparation for the Horsforth Operation Champion to be held towards the end of June.
- 3.14 The NIP for Holt Park has been resurrected and an initial meeting held in August. A walkabout of the Holtdale area was undertaken in May 2010 by a Member for Adel & Wharfedale and council officers. From this an action plan has been drafted and a further meeting to discuss progress has been arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- 3.15 Green Check Energy Savers project is well underway. The project has been delivered to seven out of ten participating school this quarter. The remaining three schools will receive training and workshops in the next quarter. Data collected from 5 participating schools over a 6 week period via the use of energy consumption monitors showed that there were savings of around 168 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>, 391 KWh and £35 per school. Extrapolation of the data across the school's annual 39 week delivery would lead to average savings of £1,373; 6,559 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> and 1,5252 KWh per school if they continued to implement their energy saving measures as recommended under the project. The project is expected to complete in the next quarter.
- 3.16 More than £25,000 Wellbeing funding has been committed during this quarter to tackle various environmental concerns across outer north west areas. The funding will back *Muck:up!*, an anti-dog fouling campaign set up by a local residents group. Extra dog warden patrols will be provided in hot spot areas during out of normal working hours and an event will be organised on Otley Chevin to raise awareness on environmental protection, particularly dog-fouling issues, with local residents and pet owners. Additional staff resources will be funded to ensure a clean and safe environment on weekends and bank holidays in Wharfemeadows and Yeadon

Tarnfield parks. In addition, the entrance area of Prince Henry's Grammar School and Otley Chippendale swimming pool will be decorated with more flowers and plants. It will make the area more attractive and help to encourage local people to get more involved in sports and cultural activities. Finally, site-based gardeners will continue to be provided in various sites across Guiseley and Rawdon to help maintain the physical environment and help to address safety concerns.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

- 3.17 A number of activities funded by the Area Committee to encourage more people to get involved in sports and recreational activities to improve their health and wellbeing occurred during this period. These included the Yorkshire Model Marine Expo organised in March to encourage more people to take part in sailing and a primary school package delivered to Broadgate Lane Primary School at Yeadon Tarn under the framework of the Outdoor Recreational Activities project.
- 3.18 New wellbeing funding was allocated during this quarter to empower local community groups to provide continued services and activities to older people in outer north west Leeds. Funding will enable People's Action in the Locality (OPAL) to deliver the second chair-based exercise class from April this year and will run for 38 weeks. Funding will also be used to enable Aireborough Voluntary Services to the Elderly with Disabilities (AVSED) to replace their 7-year-old 16-seater minibus with a new one. AVSED's buses have been very popular with over 400 users in the Guiseley, Yeadon and Rawdon areas. The new bus will be ready for use from July this year.

### **Thriving Communities**

- 3.18 The CASAC Burglary Reduction project aims to deliver crime prevention activities including target hardening of properties in burglary hotspots and distributing distraction burglary packages to older and vulnerable residents. The level of activity during this quarter has been reduced due to other opportunities to fund target hardening jobs from other sources. As such, the number of properties target hardened during this period was 12. So far, 387 properties in outer north west Leeds have been target hardened since the beginning of the project and 38 more properties are expected to be target hardened in the next quarter.
- 3.19 The well-being funded police initiatives which aim to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour commenced in quarter 3. These include off-licence test purchasing, capture cars, off-road police motorcycles and a speed indicator device for the outer north west area. Detailed progress of these initiatives during this quarter can be found in the year end well-being projects report.
- 3.20 Monthly multi-agency tasking meetings are held in the outer north west area, involving officers from the police, anti-social behaviour unit, West North West Homes, youth service and area management, amongst others. The group continued to identify crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots and looked at ways of working together to address them.

### **Harmonious Communities**

- 3.21 Community Engagement is a key function of the Area Committee and two regular forums are held in the Guiseley and Rawdon and Yeadon area. Apart from the regular

forums, the Area Management Team has led or being involved in a number of ad hoc consultations during this period including the Horsforth Design Statement and Holt Park Wellbeing Centre. In addition, the area management team is now implementing its Community Engagement strategy that was presented to the Area Committee in December 2009. The strategy includes maintaining and improving the area management website to increase communication with the public and partners, setting up and developing the West North West Area Citizen Panel to undertake questionnaires and participate in focus group discussions on local issues and developing a West North West Area Charter to promote the Area Delivery Plans.

- 3.22 Through the well-being fund, the Area Committee has continued to support a wide range of community and voluntary organisations, including OPAL (Older People's Actions in the Locality), AVSED (Aireborough Voluntary Services to the Elderly with Disabilities), the 13th Horsforth St Margarets Brownie Unit and the Muck:up campaign in Otley. In this quarter, nearly £40,000 has been committed to bring improvements to community facilities including improving the Breary Marsh bridleway in Adel and Wharfedale, improving the access ramp in Horsforth Hall Park, refurbishment of the lounge of Yarnbury Horsforth football and rugby club and the Scout and Guide headquarter in Horsforth and extending the adventure playground for Yeadon Westfield Junior school.
- 3.23 The Guiseley conservation area review is nearly completed. A further £6,000 wellbeing funding has been allocated in this quarter to carry out a conservation area appraisal in Horsforth Cragg Hill and Woodside. All five new conservation area review and appraisal projects in Rawdon, Horsforth, Yeadon and Bramhope are set to start from the beginning of the next quarter.

## **4 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

- 4.1 The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan mirror the priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan. This will enable local interpretations of the priority outcomes for the area to be developed and delivered against. Actions in the plan were formulated based on consultation with key stakeholders in the local area.

## **5 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 5.1 The well-being fund is used to finance projects that meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan. Area Management work with other council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to using the well-being fund which ensures best use of the funding.

## **6 Conclusions**

- 6.1 The Area Delivery Plan set out the key actions for 2009/2010 for Outer North West Leeds. This report provides an update for members on progress against the actions contained within the report.

## **7 Recommendations**

- 7.1 Members are asked to consider and comment upon the contents of the report.

## **8 Background Papers**

Outer North West Area Delivery Plan 2009/10

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2009/10