

Report of the South East Area Manager

East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 7th September 2010

Subject: Actions, Achievements and update report

Electoral Wards Affected:
 Garforth & Swillington
 Kippax & Methley
 Temple Newsam
 Cross Gates & Whinmoor

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 details of actions and achievements of the Area Management Team relating to priorities and work of the Area Committee since the Area Committee meeting in July 2010. It also provides an update on issues relating to the work of the Area Management Team.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides Members with an update on actions, partnership work and progress since the last meeting in July 2010, particularly in relation to the Area Delivery Plan.

Background Information

2. The ADP has been developed following the headings contained within the Leeds Strategic Plan and the Vision for Leeds. It is a local expression of the city's commitment to the Local Area Agreement and partnership working.

The themes of the ADP are:

- Culture
- Harmonious Communities
- Enterprise and Economy
- Transport
- Environment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Thriving Places
- Learning.

3. The refreshed version of the Area Delivery Plan was approved by Area Committee in July 2010.

Updates by Theme

Culture

Providing new and improved leisure facilities in Outer East

4. Drainage work was completed to sports pitches in Whinmoor at Skelton Woods and Fieldhead Carr which should allow them to be ready to use at the start of the new season. The issue regarding floodlighting to Fieldhead Carr sports pitches appears to be nearing a satisfactory conclusion between Fieldhead Carr Primary School and Whinmoor Warriors. The school had concerns regarding the initial proposal to erect floodlighting between the pitches. An alternative proposal to erect floodlighting at the edges of the playing fields now appears to be acceptable to the school subject to agreement with its Board of Governors. The funding for the floodlights was approved by Area Committee some time ago.
5. The Chair of the Area Committee held a meeting with the Chief Planning Officer in July to discuss progress with the playing fields at Thorpe Park. The conclusion of the meeting was to approach the owners of Thorpe Park with a view to them providing a masterplan for the whole project that would give Members a number of options for the site.

Enterprise and Economy

Training for young people on Social Enterprise projects

6. Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme (SGNS) continues to provide a gardening and decorating service to elderly people across Outer East Leeds. SGNS have now taken on a student from Corpus Christi High School as a gardening apprentice with the accredited course being to City & Guilds standard.

Learning

Jobs Employment & Training (JET) Partnership

7. The minutes of the JET partnership which met on the 15th of June are attached at the end of this report (appendix 1). This partnership, set up to improve employment and training opportunities, is represented from the Area Committee by Cllr Tom Murray.
8. The Job Shop at Kirkgate Market has been relocated to another unit due to the previous one being too small and outstanding issues with the risk assessment. The new unit is in a more advantageous area of the market in terms of footfall, while the

size and location will offer much more potential for focussed partner activity. The official launch of the new site is expected on the 10th of September.

Children Leeds – East Leadership Team

9. The Area Committee champion for this partnership is Cllr Tom Murray. The work that this partnership is involved in crosses the boundaries of a number of themes in the Area Delivery Plan(ADP). The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th of May 2010 are attached at the end of this report (appendix 2).
10. Key issues discussed at the May meeting included the first meeting of the Children's Trust Board and continual improvements in integrated working in Children's services.

Environment

11. The Community Environmental Support Officer (CESO) for Swarcliffe has now been appointed. The whole Outer East area now has a named CESO to deal with issues in their designated areas.
12. The final phase of Micklefield Regeneration improvements that was scheduled to start in June was delayed until late July. The works are mainly environmental and based around the Milestone Banking near Garden Village. There will also be a stone bus shelter sited on the Great North Road. The funding for the work is a combination of Yorkshire Forward, Section 106 and Area Committee capital.

Health and Wellbeing

Health & Well Being Partnership

13. The Health and Well Being partnership meeting held on 27th of May and 22nd of July. The minutes of the May meeting are attached at the end of this report (appendix 3). The minutes of the July meeting were not available at the time of the mail out.
14. The partnership has identified the following priorities that are included within its action plan for 2010 – 2013:
 - Prevent recurring hospital admissions
 - Identify and reduce risk of people at higher risk of dying prematurely
 - Reduce proportion of people living in deprived areas presenting late for cancers
 - Bringing together key stakeholders and agencies to work jointly on developing and improving local health and well being services
 - Enable local people to gain health related skills and knowledge to build community health capacity
15. Area Management Team have been working closely with local health providers to provide free health checks in key buildings across the Outer East area. Over 120 people attended the health check at Garforth and Halton Libraries. It is intended to roll this out to other areas over the next few weeks and months. Lloyds Pharmacy and Leeds City Council have organised the following health checks to date:

- 16th of July at Halton Library – blood pressure and diabetes check (10 ‘til 2)
- 27th of July at Garforth Library and One Stop Centre – diabetes check (10 ‘til 2)
- 10th September at Kippax Library – blood pressure and diabetes check (2 ‘til 4)

Thriving Places

Creating Safer Environments

16. The North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership met on the 13th of May 2010 and the minutes of the meeting are attached as appendix 4 to this report. Cllr Mark Dobson represents the Area Committee on this partnership. The main issues for discussion centred on the future of PACT meetings in East Leeds and the continued use of POCA (Proceeds of Crime Act) funding to support community projects in 2010/11.

Tasking Teams

17. Since the last meeting of Area Committee the Tasking Team meetings were held on the following dates:
 - Temple Newsam – 11 August
 - Cross Gates & Whinmoor – 11 August
 - Garforth/Kippax & villages – 1 September.
18. In Cross Gates & Whinmoor there has been a reduction in the level of anti-social behaviour around Stanks Parade shops and the shopping parade at Fieldhead Carr (Whinmoor). However, the Police and partner agencies remain vigilant. The tasking team has drawn up an action plan to deal with the main offenders involved in ASB in and around the Swarcliffe and Whinmoor areas. Also, CCTV cameras at Fieldhead Carr shops in Whinmoor are now linked up to Killingbeck Police Station thus providing a greater sense of security for those traders.
19. In Temple Newsam the most problematic area continues to be Halton Moor and East Osmondthorpe. The group has continued to focus on particular problem individuals who are involved in crime, burglary and ASB on the estates. There has been increased focus on addressing hate crime after youth workers became increasingly concerned about the attitude and language being used by some local youths. The Halton Moor One Stop Centre has also seen increased levels of ASB caused by known individuals and these individuals are being targeted by Police and ASBu.
20. In Garforth/Kippax and the villages the main issue for a long time has been ASB associated with under age drinking. A number of projects to fund additional Police hours has helped reduce the problem and a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) in Kippax and Allerton Bywater has made it illegal to consume alcohol in public places. There have also been major concerns raised by local people about the illegal encampment of travellers with demands that things are put in place to prevent a repeat in 2011.

Swarcliffe PFI credits

21. A Community Environment Support Officer (CESO) has now been appointed in Swarcliffe. The majority of the cost for this 3 year post (£69,095) will be met from Swarcliffe PFI credits. The other contributor, Aire Valley Homes, will cover 50% of the cost in year 1 totalling £13,819.
22. Other projects recently approved from the PFI credits include:
 - **Parking Areas in Swarcliffe** - £144,000 (Stanks Drive, Swardale Green, Swardale Road and Langbar Close). The cost at this time based on the information available and does not include for any statutory undertakers costs.
 - **Swarcliffe in Bloom** – agreed at further £2,000 to carry out work in the Dennyils.
 - **St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre Kitchen**. The cooking facilities were recently condemned as having inadequate ventilation and requiring a new installation - cost £12,341.
23. The total budget allocated is £287,817 leaving a balance of £62,183.

Harmonious Communities

Community Forums

24. The following forums have been held since the last meeting of Area Committee on the 6th of July 2010.
 - Whinmoor – 19th of July 2010 (minutes attached – appendix 5)
 - Swarcliffe – 21st of July 2010 (minutes attached – appendix 6)
 - Cross Gates – 27th of July 2010 (minutes not available at this time)
 - Halton Moor & East Osmondthorpe – 3rd of August 2010 (minutes not available at this time)
 - Halton – 5th of August 2010 (minutes not available at this time)

Year of the Volunteer

25. Planning is underway for the volunteer awards event to be held on the 4th of November at the Civic Hall. The programme will include recognising voluntary groups across Outer East Leeds specifically around the following areas:
 - Supporting the elderly
 - Providing activities for young people
 - Environmental works
 - Sport

26. The format of the day is still being worked up but it is intended to recognise all voluntary groups with a certificate and there may be some form of entertainment provided by a local voluntary group. Members will be kept informed of plans and progress.

Further proposals for Community Engagement

27. The July Area Committee, approved the Outer East Community Engagement Plan for 2010/11. The plan outlined community engagement activities that would provide opportunities for residents to identify their priority issues and so inform and influence the Area Delivery Plan.

To complement the Area Committees Community Engagement Plan, the Area Management Service have been piloting the use of the Council's Citizens' Panel and Website.

Area Management teams, including south east, are currently working to implement the positive outcomes of the pilot by March 2011; this work will include adopting the use of the Citizens Panel as a basis from which to undertake resident consultation, and to develop web content to underpin other engagement activities.

This work complements the Area Committee's engagement with local communities by increasing the number and demographic representation of local people contributing. It also allows for some consistency of approach within Leeds. There will only be a short term temporary impact on the capacity of the team to deliver the current Outer East Community Engagement Plan. Officers will continue work in key areas such as Community Forums, Community Charter, Older Persons week etc.

Members are asked to note that consideration is also being given to the development of a South East Public Sector Community Engagement Strategy which Area Management are coordinating. The strategy would aim to avoid duplication of engagement work by partners, identify barriers and how to remove them, and develop ways for partners to work better together on engagement activities.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

27. No specific issues are identified.

Legal and Resource Implications

28. No specific issues are identified

Recommendations

29. Area Committee is asked to note the report and raise any questions.

Background papers:

East (Outer) Area Committee Report, 8 July 2008 – Area Delivery Plan 2008-11

Executive Board Report, 16 July 2008 – Area Committee Roles 2008/09