



Report of the Director of Environments & Neighbourhoods

South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 31st January 2011

Subject: Area Managers Report

Electoral Wards Affected: Ardley & Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Council Function <input type="checkbox"/>	Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/>

Executive Summary

This report details a range of activities taking place within the Outer South Leeds Area, some of which are dealt with in greater detail elsewhere on the agenda.

This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements of the Area Management Team relating to priorities and work of the Area Committee since the Area Committee meeting in November 2010.

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, brief details of the range of activities with which the Area Management Team are engaged based on the Area Delivery Plan priorities, that are not addressed in greater detail elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Members will recall at the March 2010 Area Committee, a new format for this report was introduced based on the Area Delivery Plan themes and priorities. Ward Members confirmed priorities for 2010/11 at ward member briefing meetings and the 2010/11 Area Delivery Plan was approved at the June Area Committee.

3.0 Updates by Theme: Culture

3.1 Community Centres Sub Committee

The Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee last met on 26th November 2010 and the minutes and action plan are attached at **Appendices 1 & 2**.

4.0 Updates by Theme: Enterprise and Economy

4.1 Morley Town Centre Management

Further to the report presented at the November Area Committee. The Morley Town Centre Management Board met on 26th November. Minutes are attached at **Appendix 3**.

4.2 Investment Partnership South Leeds (IPSL)

- 4.2.1 The draft Investment Strategy document has been approved by the steering group. A roving exhibition has been organised, where officers from Leeds City Council and private sector partners from the Investment Partnership for South Leeds, will be on hand to answer questions. Exhibition locations are listed below:

17th Jan – Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre 10am-7pm

18th Jan – St Matthew's Holbeck 10am -7pm

21st Jan – White Rose Centre 10am–7pm

24th Jan – St George's Centre Middleton 10am-7pm

25th Jan – Morrisons Supermarket, Hunslet 10am -7pm

26th Jan – Hamara Healthy Living Centre, Beeston 10am-7pm

28th Jan – Morrisons Supermarket Café 10 – 6pm

www.investsouthleeds.co.uk provides further information regarding IPSL and the investment strategy.

4.3 South Leeds Employment, Education and Training Group (SLEET)

To further strengthen links between the SLEET group and the Outer South Area Committee, the most recent minutes available are attached at **Appendix 4**.

4.4 Rothwell Inter Agency

The Rothwell Inter Agency last met on 22nd November 2010 and the minutes and are attached at **Appendix 5**.

5.0 Updates by Theme: Learning

5.1 Children Leeds South Leadership Team

To further strengthen links between the Children Leeds South Leadership Team and the Outer South Area Committee, the most recent minutes were presented at the last Area Committee. The next meeting is arranged for 26th January.

6.0 Updates by Theme: Environment

6.1 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Sub Group

6.1.1 The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Sub Group are due to meet on the 25th January 2011 to discuss Environmental issues and actions highlighted in the Area Delivery Plan (ADP).

6.1.2 Ginnel Mapping

Following Members agreeing to Morley North becoming the next Ward to be mapped, Area Management have begun work with partners in the Information Team to complete this work. A recent meeting on 11th January invited Aire Valley Homes to be involved with this mapping work and saw a final draft version of the Morley North map completed. This will now be circulated to partners and Ward Members for comment.

6.1.3 Grit Bins

Highways have provided information regarding the process for installation of grit bins. This is summarised below:

- Additional grit bins serviced by Highways are being installed.
- The criteria for installation has 5 aspects to the audit. Each aspect is scored and a location must score at least 3.5 for a bin to be installed.

1. Gradient	Flat	Slight	Steep	Very Steep
2. Usage (no. of properties)	Quiet (1-20)	Busy (21-50)	Very Busy (51+)	
3. Aged Persons home, Doctor's surgery, hospital or school nearby or on route?			Yes	No
4. Topography: above 500 feet?			Yes	No
5. Shelter index: Area receives little or no sun?			Yes	No

- Location suggestions for core service grit bins can be submitted to a Highways Operations Manager to complete an audit, and a response will be given within a week. If a location fails to meet the criteria then a grit bin maintained by core service will not be installed. If Councillors and community groups wish to provide an enhanced grit bin service at their cost, a blue grit bin can be purchased and the group are responsible for purchasing, spreading and replenishing salt.
- A survey of locations of core service grit bins has been undertaken across the City.
- No grit bins are placed on primary road networks as these are gritted by Highways vehicles.

The Highways Winter Service Plan provides a good reference for this information and any further queries relating to grit bins should be directed to an Operations Manager in Highways.

6.1.4 Well being Funding

The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Sub Group, have identified anti littering educational workshops for schools, and out of hours patrols and signage to tackle dog fouling, as projects that could be funded with the £3,675 revenue Well being Funding allocated by the Area Committee.

Out of Hours Patrols

Highways and Environmental Enforcement Team have provided an update on patrols undertaken over weekends in October and November 2010. They have confirmed that; a fixed penalty notice has been issued for dog fouling on Horsfall Street (Morley), 24 people have been advised regarding responsible dog ownership, 21 advisory leaflets have been issued, 2 stray dogs returned to their owners, an appointment made to microchip a puppy, and over 50 poo bags have been issued. Severe weather during December caused scheduled patrols to be cancelled but will be rearranged. Patrols continue in the new year and as the number of daylight hours increases, evening and early morning patrols will start.

Anti Littering Workshops

Members responded with the following nominations for primary schools to receive support from Groundwork for a local clean up and an hour long workshop on the environment and litter with pupils.

- Morley North, Churwell Primary School
- Morley South, Newlands Primary School
- Ardsley and Robin Hood, Robin Hood Primary School
- Rothwell, Rothwell Victoria Junior School

These schools have been invited by Groundwork on behalf of the Area Committee to receive this project between February half term and Easter.

6.2 Conservation Audits

- 6.2.1 Morley Conservation Area Appraisal: Work continues on the appraisal in light of the comments received during the public consultation. An additional public meeting is to be arranged to revisit the proposals and allow further public debate.
- 6.2.2 Woodlesford Conservation Area Appraisal: The draft proposed boundary is currently with the Ward Members for comments and has been through Planning Board. An internal draft of the appraisal will be available by the end of the month with a four week period of public consultation to be undertaken during February and March. Following any necessary changes made in light of the consultation responses it is proposed to take the final version of the appraisal to a Planning Board in late March for adoption.

6.3 Oulton and Woodlesford Design Statement

Leeds City Council Development Team, Area Management and Ward Members have been asked to comment on a draft design statement for Oulton and Woodlesford as part of the consultation process. The group recognise that the consultation period will see several revised versions produced but the final version will be advertised in the Yorkshire Evening Post for the public comment and a formal adoption process of the plan will follow.

7.0 Updates by Theme: Thriving

7.1 Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP)

The DCSP are keen to maintain a strong link between the partnership and the Area Committee. Councillor Robert Finnigan attends the DCSP as the Outer South Area Committee representative.

8.0 Updates by Theme: Harmonious Communities

8.1 Rothwell Events

8.1.1 Members' ringfenced £10,000 revenue Well being Funding to support a number of Rothwell events during 2010/11. Total project spend is £8,942. This leaves a balance of £1,058, including £500 ringfenced to the Rothwell Beer Festival which was not taken up by the group.

8.2 Community Engagement

8.2.1 The steering group of partners continues to work well together to deliver the 'Gildersome Go For Gold' participatory budgeting initiative. The programme of consultation has been completed, with a total of 88 responses received. These were grouped into themes and formed part of the funding criteria: community safety, environment, local facilities, activities for children, young people and the elderly. A detailed list of community groups based in Gildersome was compiled and all 36 groups received an invitation to apply for funding. 13 applications met the 7th January closing date and the steering group are due to meet on the 18th January where the applications will be reviewed to ensure they meet the criteria. The steering group will also discuss arrangements for the Decision Day to be held in March.

8.3 Community Charter

8.3.1 The Charter provides the public facing, resident friendly version of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP). Area Management have concluded the publication and distribution of 5000 Outer South Charters to community groups and venues across the area.

8.4 Neighbourhood Improvement Plan's

8.4.1 The two Neighbourhood Improvement Plan's currently being delivered in Outer South have steering group meetings planned for early in the new year; Harrops and Bridge Street, 28th January, and Thorpe, 17th January. Both steering groups are working towards completing the NIP's in March and ensuring the appropriate support continues for each residents association.

8.5 Area Committee Sub Groups

8.5.1 The terms of reference for the Cleaner Neighborhoods and Community Centre's Sub Groups are attached at **Appendices 6 and 7** respectively. They have been updated to include a section regarding equality principles, a corporate requirement to support Leeds City Council securing the Equality Standard 'Excellent' status. The Community Centre's Terms of Reference have also been updated to ensure consistency in governance of the sub groups. It is proposed that both groups rotate the chair on an annual basis, so that each ward representative takes a turn. Meeting dates and times will be determined by the chair and if the named Member is unable to attend, it is expected they will nominate a ward colleague as a substitute to attend the meeting.

9.0 **Recommendations**

9.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.

Background Papers:

- Area Managers 29th November 2010
- Well Being Report 29th November 2010
- 'Department of Communities and Local Government: Extra Support for Town Centres', Regeneration Management Team Meeting, 14th October 2009
- Conservation Area Reviews 10th September 2007