

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Outer North West Area Committee

Date: 7th February 2011

Subject: Key Messages from Area Committee Sub Groups and Forums

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| <p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Adel & Wharfedale Guiseley & Rawdon Horsforth Otley & Yeadon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p> | <p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
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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

- 1.1 The Area Committee currently 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 sub groups.
- 1.2 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 since the last Area Committee held on 13th December. Key points from the meeting were:
- 2.2 No one from Streetscene was available at the meeting. Councillor Anderson is to write to the Chief Environmental Services Officer on behalf of the sub group requesting a written update on the current position within Streetscene and proposals for the delegation.
- 2.3 An officer from Parks & Countryside attended the meeting to update Members on current priorities for the service.
- 2.4 Rachel McCormack will be the Acting Service Manager for the West North West Environmental Action Team, covering Alison Gilliland's maternity leave.
- 2.5 A brief summary of work undertaken by the Environmental Action Team in the preceding quarter was circulated. A full report will be presented to a future Area Committee.
- 2.6 West North West Homes is in the process of recruiting to the neighbourhood teams. There will be 9 members of staff per area covering void properties, estate matters, graffiti and projects.
- 2.7 The next meeting of the sub group will be held on Monday 7th February.

3.0 Health and Well-Being Sub Group

- 3.1 There has been one meeting of the Health and well-being sub group since the last Area Committee held on the 19th January. Key points from the meeting were:
- 3.2 Donna Lancaster from Adult Social Care presented information on the Telecare Scheme in Leeds. This is a new initiative which uses simple monitors to help people feel safer in their home. It was suggested that Telecare be an item at a future Area Committee meeting.
- 3.3 Samantha Middleton (Head of Service for health visiting) attended the meeting on behalf of Leeds Community Healthcare to provide an update on the provision of Health Visiting and Midwifery Services in Outer North West Leeds. Information was provided on the closure of the 'well baby' clinic in Guiseley.
- 3.4 NHS Leeds Community Healthcare and Leeds City Council are currently working in partnership to review health visitor services and children's centre provision across the city.
- 3.5 The next meeting of the sub group will be held on Tuesday 22nd March 2011 at 2.30pm.

4.0 Children and Young People Sub Group

- 4.1 There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee meeting held on 7th February. Key points from the meeting were:
- 4.2 Suzanne Wainwright gave an update on the youth service and informed the meeting of a 12.5% cut in the youth service budget. As a result, more volunteers are being recruited to help with sessions.

- 4.3 The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme run by the youth service is extremely successful in outer north west however, it was noted that the scheme that was run at Benton Park School was no longer being offered.
- 4.4 The youth service would like to keep a mobile facility for both inner and outer north west and that from next financial year the intention is to keep the vehicle and fund it through the youth service, if the budget allows.
- 4.5 There has been a freeze on recruitment so at the moment any vacant posts are not filled.
- 4.6 As of January, all senior youth workers will only deliver face to face work and there will be no management of staff carried out by these workers. This will be carried out by the senior youth work managers. There is a commitment to protect staff who are delivering face to face contact with children.
- 4.7 There is an aspiration to co-locate Children's Services staff together in an area so that the structure becomes more integrated. Extended Services Managers contracts will end next August but work is underway with the Department of Education regarding central funding to keep these posts going.
- 4.8 It is the intention of the Children's Services re-organisation to keep frontline services whilst reducing the number of leaders and managers.
- 4.9 Childrens Services will operate over 3 areas with boundaries of the clusters matching those of the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Further details on the restructure will be made available at the February Area Committee.

5.0 Community Safety Sub Group

- 5.1 There has been no meeting of the Community Safety sub group since the last Area Committee available to report on. The next meeting is scheduled for 25th January 2011.

6.0 Business and Transport Sub group

- 6.1 There has been no meeting of the Business and Transport subgroup since the last Area Committee however a briefing was held with ward members on the 17th December with Neale Wallace and Louise Porter from Metro to brief members on the proposed Quality Bus Contract Scheme. This scheme would make Metro responsible for setting bus routes, fares, timetables and quality standards. The private companies that run the bus services now would then run services under contract to Metro.
- 6.2 The briefing formed part of Metro's initial consultation exercise. A formal period of consultation will take place during 2011. Further information regarding the Quality Bus Contract Scheme proposals can be found at

<http://www.wymetro.com/news/releases/qualitycontracts>

7.0 Guiseley and Rawdon Forum

- 7.1 There has been one meeting of the forum since the last Area Committee on 8th December 2010. The forum heard presentations from the following services:

- 7.2 Police – summary of crime in the area and agreeing new PACT priorities. These were agreed as addressing parking issues outside Benfield Ford and students not crossing the roads safely when leaving school.
- 7.3 Guiseley School Technology College – an update on the school and the work they do in the local community.
- 7.4 Infostore – discussed the services available through the older people Leeds website (www.olderpeopleleeds.com) and what training is available to get older people on line.
- 7.5 The next meeting is to be held on 9th February 2011, 7pm at Greenacre Hall, Rawdon.

8.0 Yeadon Forum

- 8.1 There has been no meeting of the forum since the last Area Committee.

9.0 Recommendations

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

List of background documents: None