

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

**Outer North West Area Committee**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

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

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p>Adel &amp; Wharfedale Guiseley &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**

- 1.1 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 7<sup>th</sup> February. Key points from the meeting were:
- 2.2 The proposed Streetscene delegation was discussed at length. The discussion included the following points:
- Concerns were raised regarding the delegation proposals and how it will work in practice.
  - The sub group did not agree with the inclusion of the dog warden service and graffiti, but were keen to see the inclusion of ginnels and possibly grounds maintenance at a future date.
  - There are concerns about the budget allocation and it being based on 'need'.
  - Members feel the outer north west receives a less than adequate Streetscene Service at present and asked what sanctions there will be within the SLA.
  - The sub group requested baseline information on the level of service provided at present.
  - Cllr Anderson suggested that fortnightly meetings are arranged to discuss and progress the delegation.
- 2.2 An officer from Streetscene attended the meeting to update Members on changes to manual cleaning rotas. Members were not aware that any changes had been made to these rotas and had previously asked to be involved in discussions. It was agreed that an officer from Streetscene will meet with Members individually to go through the new rotas.
- 2.3 The brown bin collection was suspended over the winter period but has now been reinstated. An annual 3 month suspension of the brown bin collection service has been suggested to help with budget pressures.
- 2.4 The next meeting of the sub group is to be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This meeting will be reported on at the next Area Committee.

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

- 4.1 There has been no meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee meeting.

## **5.0 Community Safety Sub Group**

- 5.1 The sub group met on 25<sup>th</sup> January and received updates on a number of Area Committee funded projects including: test purchasing; Police off Road bikes; Speed Indication Device and the Capture Car project. West Yorkshire Police provided a presentation on the work and successes of the capture technology currently in use and about funding required to progress the project further.
- 5.2 The Anti Social Behaviour Unit, CASAC and West Yorkshire Police provided an update on the priorities in the outer north west and the current work being undertaken in the area.

## **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 meeting.

## **7.0 Community Centre Sub Group**

7.1 There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee held on 16th February. The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the recent problems experienced by a number of people trying to book a room at Yeadon Town Hall. Key points from the meeting were:

7.2 The Civic Buildings Manager acknowledged that there had been a number of problems and delays recently with room bookings. These were mainly due to the implementation of the new Pricing & Lettings Policy. Regular meetings were being held between Lettings and the Neighbourhood Service Team to try and resolve these issues. The backlog of booking applications has now been cleared and therefore new applications are being processed more efficiently.

7.3 Lettings officers are hoping to arrange a meeting with groups who use Yeadon Town Hall to explain the booking procedure. Members welcomed this however raised concerns when advised that lettings officers were unable to attend meetings held in the evening, although the Buildings Manager would be able to attend.

7.4 The Yeadon Town Hall User Group next meets on the 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Officers from Area Management, the Neighbourhood Service Team and Corporate Property Services will be in attendance at the meeting.

## **8.0 Guiseley and Rawdon Forum**

8.1 There has been one meeting of the forum since the last Area Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The forum heard presentations from a number of services.

8.2 West Yorkshire Police presented a summary of crime issues in the area over the last month and asked the forum to suggest new PACT priorities.

8.3 Tim Taylor, Health & Well-being Manager gave a presentation on the new changes within the health system and answered questions from the forum.

8.4 Dave Ingham, Chairman of WARD explained the purpose of this newly formed group which highlights the concerns of local people in relation to new and proposed developments in the area. Clive Woods from Aireborough Civic Society gave an update on a recent appeal and discussed some of the issues surrounding planning matters in the area.

8.5 The next meeting is arranged for the 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## **9.0 Yeadon Forum**

9.1 There has been no meeting of the resident's forum since the last Area Committee however there has been an initial meeting of a forum for Yeadon businesses and traders.

9.2 The purpose of the meeting was to explore with traders and local businesses ways at improving and promoting Yeadon High Street as a shopping destination.

9.3 Concerns were expressed from attendees of the meeting about the number of car parking spaces available in the town. Officers from Highways attended to inform the meeting about the car parking strategy that was being developed and the consultation event to be held later in the month where views and suggestions on car parking in the town can be put forward

- 9.4 The meeting discussed a number of issues in relation to the appearance of the town centre and suggestions were made as to what improvements could be put in place.
- 9.5 The town centre manager for Pudsey attended and informed the meeting about the events and initiatives that had taken place in Pudsey through the Town Centre management programme, as an example of what can be achieved when businesses work together with the Council.
- 9.6 The meeting ended by deciding that they did want to continue meeting as a traders forum for the benefit of the town. A businessman from the town agreed to Chair future meetings and provide the administrative support.

## **10.0 Recommendations**

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

List of background documents: None