

Report of the South East Area Leader

South Leeds (Inner) Area Committee

Date: Tuesday 21st June 2011

Subject: A Summary of Key Work

Electoral Wards Affected:
 Beeston & Holbeck
 City & Hunslet
 Middleton Park

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

At the last Area Committee Members were advised of the possible revision to the format of this report. In an effort to be more focused on current priorities the report has been renamed a summary of key work.

The report will detail work carried out by the Area Management Team on key priorities in the Inner South Leeds Area since the last Area Committee, not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

1.0 Purpose of this report

1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, details of work which the Area Management Team are engaged based on current priorities and that are not addressed in elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request more detailed reports to future meetings.

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 2010 Area Committee.

2.2 Leeds Initiative is currently consulting on changes to their partnership framework and the planning framework for the City. By the September Area Committee meeting it is expected that there will be new themes for city wide priorities. These will be reflected

in the structure of partnership groups. In the meantime the report format has been amended to reflect these coming changes.

3.0 Thematic Champions and Area Partnerships

- 3.1 Work in developing the new city planning framework includes agreeing a new Vision for Leeds 2011-30, City Priority Plans 2011-15, and Council Business Plan 2011-15.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the City Priority Plans will aim to identify the key outcomes and priorities to be delivered by the council and its partners over the next 4 years, replacing the Leeds Strategic Plan and previous thematic plans.
- 3.3 The following is a list of the partnership groups in the South East Wedge:
- South East Divisional Community Safety Partnership
 - South Health & Well-Being Partnership
 - Children Leeds South Partnership
 - South Leeds Enterprise, Employment and Training Partnership (SLEET)
- 3.4 Previously, the Area Committee has nominated a Member representative to participate in the work of these partnerships and act as the 'Champion' the link between the partnership and the Area Committee. This nominating role is now covered as part of the Appointment to Outside Bodies as outlined in the separate report to this meeting.

4.0 Updates by theme: Sustainable Economy & Culture

4.1 South Leeds Employment, Enterprise and Training Partnership (SLEET)

- 4.1.1 To further strengthen links between the SLEET group and the Inner South Area Committee, the minutes from the meeting are circulated to the Area Committee. The most recent minutes were presented at the last meeting.

4.2 Investment Partnership South Leeds (IPSL)

- 4.2.1 The Investment Strategy is currently being amended prior to the launch event on the 25th June (invites have been sent to all members in South Leeds).
- 4.2.2 The event on the 25th June will include a presentation of the process to date and the key elements of the Investment Strategy including the priorities identified. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of a panel of representatives including public, private and community representatives.
- 4.2.3 The next step is to create an action plan from the Investment Strategy.

4.3 Community Centres Sub Committee

- 4.3.1 The Inner South Community Centres Sub Committee last met on 4th October 2010 and the following was reported "Further to previous Area Committee meetings, a meeting of the Inner South Community Centre Sub Committee was held with one Elected Member attending. There was a discussion about various practical issues in relation to some community centres". The minutes of that meeting are attached for information at **Appendix 1**. The next meeting will be timetabled to take place following this Area Committee.

4.3.2 Outlined below is a list of last years Area Committee representatives on the Community Centres Sub Committee.

Beeston & Holbeck	Cllr Angela Gabriel
City & Hunslet	Cllr Patrick Davey
Middleton Park	Cllr Geoff Driver

4.3.3 Members are asked to confirm; their annual nominations to the sub committee, the chair of the group, and approve the Terms of Reference outlined in **Appendix 2**.

5.0 Updates by theme: Children & Families

5.1 Children Leeds South Leadership Team

5.1.1 To further strengthen links between the Children Leeds South Leadership Team and the Inner South Area Committee, the minutes from the meeting are circulated to the Area Committee. The most recent minutes were presented at the last meeting.

6.0 Updates by theme: Safer Stronger Communities

6.1 South East Environment Action Team (EAT)

6.1.1 The Team received 1132 requests for service between 16/3/11 and 31/5/11 in Inner South:

Issue	No. of issues
Domestic Waste	451
Commercial Waste	309
Noise Nuisance	216
Littering cases	84
Highways Issues	51
Empty/nuisance properties	21

6.1.2 36% of these cases were identified proactively by officers whilst out on patrol, allowing the team to resolve environmental issues before they impact further on the community and result in complaints.

6.1.3 96% of customer complaints were responded to within the service target of 5 working days.

6.1.4 Within this period 139 legal notices were issued. 79 of these were fixed penalty notices issued for littering and dog fouling. A further 21 cases have been reported to legal Services for prosecution in the coming months.

6.1.5 Successful prosecutions were taken for:

- Resident of Padstow Avenue – Noise Nuisance, fine of £350 with £507 costs
- Resident of Woodlea Mews – Leaving wheelie bin on footpath despite several warnings, fine £175 with £442 costs.
- Dropping cigarette litter in city centre – fine of £350 and £429 costs

- 6.1.6 Officers from the Environmental Action Team took part in the Manor Farms day of action. Their intervention resulted in 14 untidy gardens being cleared. This will be followed up by weekly patrols of the estate to identify and resolve local environmental issues.
- 6.1.7 The owner of the derelict garage site on Dewsbury Road/Envoy Street has been contacted and is now in the process of clearing and renovating the site. This area has been a long standing eyesore and its improvement welcomed.
- 6.1.8 Officers are working with the NPT to target persons weighing in scrap metal at local waste dealers. People who visit the sites to sell scrap will be asked to produce relevant documentation and receipts. Enforcement action will be taken against unauthorised traders.

7.0 Updates by theme: Safer Stronger Communities Board

7.1 Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP)

- 7.1.1 The Operation of the DCSP is being reviewed in light of developments in locality working across the city and wedge. The Tasking meetings, Hate Crime MARAC and Burglary group will continue as usual. Elected Members and in particular the Community Safety Champion will be consulted as future arrangements are developed. A full review of Community Safety activity for 2010/11 will be presented to the Committee at its September meeting and this will include an update on DCSP arrangements.

7.2 Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team

- 7.2.1 In January 2010, Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police and partners agreed to undertake a comprehensive review of partner agency protocols and processes to improve responses and tackle ASB effectively. A dedicated, full time, multi skilled process review team was drawn from LCC, Leeds ALMOs, and West Yorkshire Police to conduct the review.
- 7.2.2 Following the review, the new Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team was launched on the 4th April 2011. The multi-agency team is split into three areas, South, East, and West, and each is managed by an ASB Manager and Team Supervisor.
- 7.2.3 The South Team comprises of a range of agencies including Aire Valley Homes, BITMO, ASBU/Offender Management, West Yorkshire Police, Fire and Rescue Service and Victim Support. The South team is based in a central location at Landmark Court, in the Beeston area of Leeds, and comprises:
- 9 ASB Case Officers – made up of ALMO/BITMO/former ASBU staff
 - 2 full time and 2 part time Police Link Officers
 - 1 Officer from the Arson Task Force
 - 1 Victim Support Officer
 - 1 part time Admin Officer
- 7.2.4 All ASB Cases will now be managed from 'cradle to grave' within the team by an assigned ASB Case Officer. The ASB Officers will cover areas based on Leeds City Council Wards. The new Anti Social Behaviour Team will enable a multi agency, problem solving approach to investigate and resolve problems of ASB at the earliest

opportunity. The will continue to work closely with area teams to tackle ASB, and improve estates and community safety across all tenure types. Members of the public can contact the team by using the Contact Centre Number – 0113 2224402

7.3 Burglary

7.3.1 Burglary remains a high priority for the city. However, Members are advised that the Inner South has seen reductions in burglary during the last year. The following table illustrates the number of burglaries in each ward and the ranking out of 33 wards in the city.

Ward	Number of burglaries	Rank out of 33 wards
Beeston and Holbeck	223	19th
City and Hunslet	190	20th
Middleton Park	185	22nd

7.4 Operation Champion

7.4.1 In light of the proposed delegation of some Environmental Services to the Area Committee, an assessment on the role of Operation Champion and similar initiatives and their relation to the delegation is under consideration.

7.5 Off road bikes

7.5.1 At the March Area Committee funding was provided from all three wards (total £2,964, £988 per ward) to fund the continuation of the Off-road bikes provision. The recent changes in how the traffic response teams are located within the Police authority have had an effect on the delivery of this project. The Off-road bikes teams have been moved to be a central authority resource rather than divisional asset. This change means that there is less control and no locally designated officers. At the last Area Committee funds were approved for this project to enhance the local resource, to this end negotiations have taken place to reallocate staff etc to the division. Discussions with staff have taken place and approvals are close to being confirmed with a full resolution in place by June 2011.

7.6 Inner South Alcohol Project

7.6.1 The Inner South Alcohol Project has developed its draft action plan to tackle a range of alcohol and community safety issues in Inner South Leeds. The plan covers 7 main areas, below is a summary of the key points though it should be noted that all the areas are being further developed:

7.6.2 Reducing high intensive users of hospital services – to include a case conference approach to dealing with people who present at A&E more than 3 times in a year with alcohol related injuries.

7.6.3 Community engagement and awareness – supporting local communities to challenge/support problem drinking, report under age sales and make representations to licensing panel when applications for licences are received.

- 7.6.4 Addressing related ASB issues – building on a pilot that has begun in the Inner South area to inform parents when young people are found drinking and to offer support from agencies in dealing with the issue.
- 7.6.5 Support to address related domestic violence – Identifying ways to ensure that domestic violence victims/perpetrators are able to access support to reduce harmful drinking.
- 7.6.6 Licensing and policy – Exploring ways to limit the amount of licensed premises in an area through a Cumulative Impact Policy or imposing licensing conditions. This will include a workshop for Members, agencies and communities on how to make good representations to the Licensing Panel.
- 7.6.7 Business activity – Working with businesses to show corporate responsibility in supporting the health of their workforce. Also includes looking for business support to finance local initiatives for example increasing services for drinkers.
- 7.6.8 Tackling impacts on children & young people – looking at ways that messages about alcohol can be conveyed to young people.
- 7.6.9 The group will meet again in July to finalise the action plan and to review progress made.

7.7 Environmental Coordination Sub Group

7.7.1 The Environmental Coordination Sub Group met on 6th June 2011. The main points of discussion were:

- Progress on the delegation of environmental services to the Inner South Area Committee
- Role of volunteers in keeping areas clean
- Binyards in the Harlechs and Woodviews areas
- Problem of litter near shopping parades
- Issues with litterbins
- Various hotspot areas where action needs to be taken
- Issues with ginnels and action to be taken
- Progress on partnership projects – the Cardinals, Manor Farm and Cottingley

7.7.2 Listed below are last years Area Committee representatives on the Environmental Coordination Sub Group.

Beeston & Holbeck	Cllr Adam Ogilvie
City & Hunslet	Cllr Mohammed Iqbal
Middleton Park	Cllr Geoff Driver

7.7.3 The Chair of the Environmental Coordination Sub Group will be the Inner South Environmental Champion for 2011/12. This could possibly develop into a significant role in supporting the delegation of environmental services across the South East. Work will include monitoring the service level agreement (SLA) and working with the new locality manager and the Environmental Champions for Outer South and Outer East areas.

7.7.4 Members are asked to confirm; their annual nominations to the sub group, the chair of the group, and approve the Terms of Reference outlined in **Appendix 3**.

7.8 Manor Farms

7.8.1 Following on from the success of the scheme on the Cardinals estate a similar methodology has been utilised on the Manor Farms estate (Middleton Park Ward). Work was initiated with a successful 'Super Saturday' clean-up, bringing together a range of services and the local community. The day cleared eight skips of rubbish from the estate along with a series of small scale improvements such as ginnel clearance and painting of hand rails etc. This positive partnership working arrangement will continue with a series of walkabouts in the next 6 months to monitor the estate and meetings will be arranged with service providers around the worklessness concerns on the estate also.

7.9 Middleton

7.9.1 The following is a summary received from re'new of their work in Middleton as part of the Middleton Regeneration Partnership.

7.9.2 Middleton Community Group - re'new have supported the local group to develop its first ever community newsletter, which will be posted to each household and uploaded to the community website and other sites for information.

7.9.3 Middleton Day – re'new have been working with 3 local volunteers from the community and the local community groups to help shape the first Middleton Gala for 2011. A wide variety of performances and information stands will be available for all the community to enjoy. Lots of local agencies like Middleton Railway, FOMP and Middleton Equestrian centre have been working closely to help develop what is hoped to be a great family day out.

7.9.4 6 local people have been booked on to a neighbourhood food safety course, to enable them to participate and manage the community BBQ at the Gala. This is a recognized qualification and will enable them to do similar work in the future. It is hoped that by attending the training together will increase community confidence and improve community cohesion in this area. Further neighbourhood learning programmes are being developed for the rest of the year.

7.9.5 Re'new worked with the Friday Night Project, a group of 8-10 young people to design the publicity for Middleton Day.

7.9.6 Neighbourhood Index (NI) – re'new have worked closely with LCC to produce a neighbourhood summary and comparison between the two MSOAs in the Ward. This information will be used to help inform the development of a series of neighbourhood plans for the area.

7.9.7 Neighbourhood Planning – re'new have started the process of developing a series of neighbourhood plans for the area. Discussions are taking place with key lead agencies about specific domains, i.e. Health, community safety, to begin pull together further local intelligence to be considered alongside the NI data. Once the areas are identified, it is envisaged that local people will be invited to help shape the neighbourhood plan(s). The priorities plan will need refreshing over the coming months to reflect this activity.

- 7.9.8 Middleton Regeneration Board – re’new have secured a new member to the Board from LCC’s regeneration service. This is an important connection to the work that we are trying to deliver in 2011-12.
- 7.9.9 Library Service – re’new are working closely with the Library service to determine the best service provision possible for Middleton. Work to develop a community awareness programme is currently being formulated to help increase community understanding of what the Library service offers. This work will compliment the neighbourhood planning work and contribute to addressing success rates at foundation stage as well as increasing numeracy and literacy skills within the community. The Library service will be visiting all community groups, schools, youth projects, partnership meetings etc, to help raise awareness locally.
- 7.9.10 Middleton Community Network – recruitment is still low standing at some 37 members. A further recruitment drive is planned to take place at the Gala. Work to develop the network is being considered to include community groups and not just individual community members. These members have been contact with a view to meeting up and developing a community project of their own.

7.10 Belle Isle

- 7.10.1 Re’new have worked closely with LCC, BITMO and Health for All to develop a detailed delivery plan for the recently awarded Connecting Communities funding, which is to increase community engagement, develop new and existing community groups and increase community confidence in Belle Isle. A community fund of £10k is to be used to work with communities to develop sustainable community led projects. Due to unforeseen contractual issues, there has been a delay in starting this contract. Activity is hoped to commence in June 2011.

7.11 Belle Isle Partnership

- 7.11.1 Improving services in Belle Isle - To date re’new has worked with local ward members, LCC and BITMO to help formulate a Partnership in the area. Several meetings have taken place at which we have identified who the key agencies are that we will work with to help shape our priorities plan. 2 Wider partnership meetings have taken place at which details of what services, when and where are being delivered in the area has been shared. This will help identify gaps in services and inform the future of our work.

8.0 Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing

8.1 Multi Agency referral Scheme (MARS)

- 8.1.1 The MARS scheme trial is to be undertaken in Belle Isle to assess benefits of having a common referral checklist and to further enhance integrated locality working with a wide range of professionals supporting residents to access preventative services to improve their health and wellbeing. The trial will run from 23rd May through to end of July for a period of eight weeks. Findings will be presented back to the locality working programme board who are the sponsors for the initiative.

9.0 Updates by theme: Housing & Regeneration

9.1 Beeston Hill & Holbeck Regeneration - Single Regional Housing Pot Funded Acquisition and Demolition Programme Progress Update

9.2 Holbeck phases 1, 2 and 3

- 9.2.1 Purchase of the final privately owned property was completed in March, 2011. Preparations are underway for the demolition of the remaining block of 8 properties. It is anticipated that the site will be cleared by July/August, 2011.
- 9.2.2 Chevin Housing Association has confirmed their intention to provide 39 new, quality affordable homes on the site as part of their development programme for 2012/13, subject to the availability of funding and planning approval. .
- 9.2.3 The Council has agreed to provide a temporary area of greenspace on the cleared site. Soil has been brought onto the site and wildflower seed has been sown recently. The area has been landscaped to raise the meadow area above the footpath routes to try and stop cars driving across the site and also to clearly mark out the footpaths.
- 9.2.4 The scheme will be funded from savings to the programme arising from the withdrawal of funding from the Holbeck phase 4 scheme.

9.3 Holbeck Phase 4

- 9.3.1 As previously noted, the Council has now withdrawn from this scheme. Estimates of costs are being prepared with a view to improving the empty properties to the Decent Homes Standard so that they may be brought back into use under the management of Aire Valley Homes. Proposals to undertake the work are subject to formal approval.
- 9.3.2 Proposals to make improvements to a number of bin yards in the former target area are also subject to formal approval.

9.4 Beverleys

- 9.4.1 Chevin Housing Association has recently received formal approval from the Government Office for road closures on the site. This has enabled the commencement of remediation works to the site which are currently ongoing. It is expected that the development of 55 affordable homes will be completed by summer 2012.

9.5 Garnets

- 9.5.1 Demolition of the first 20 properties has been completed. It is anticipated that a further 56 properties will be demolished over the coming months. However, this cannot take place until alternative accommodation can be identified for 5 remaining residents. Officers are working closely with Aire Valley Homes and Leeds Federated Housing Association to progress this.
- 9.5.2 The Council's Executive Board has recently approved proposals to undertake a property swap with Leeds Federated Housing Association who currently own 15 properties which are due to be demolished. This means that LFHA will take ownership of a number of properties within the Garnets area which have been acquired by the Council for demolition and bring them back into use.

9.5.3 Officers have been working closely with The Garnets Community Group to ensure that they are engaged with the work ongoing to regenerate the area. A member of the community has now volunteered to take the role of Chair of the Group and officers have supported her in the preparation of a newsletter which is due to be distributed to homes in the area shortly. Options will be presented in the newsletter for temporary greenspace provision on the cleared site. Residents will be asked to indicate their preference but are advised that funding to provide a wildflower meadow similar to that in Holbeck is not currently available and costs would need to be met by the group raising funds locally or seeking other donations.

10.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

10.1 No specific issues are identified.

11.0 Legal and Resource Implications

11.1 No specific issues are identified

12.0 Recommendations

12.1 The Inner South Area Committee is requested to:

- (a) note the contents of this report
- (b) confirm nominations of Ward Councillors to the Community Centres Sub Committee
- (c) nominate the Chair of the Community Centres Sub Committee
- (d) consider and agree the terms of reference for the Community Centres Sub Committee
- (e) confirm nominations of Ward Councillors to the Environmental Coordination Sub Group
- (f) nominate the Chair of the Environmental Coordination Sub Group
- (g) confirm the Chair of the Environmental Coordination Sub Group as the Environmental Champion.
- (h) consider and agree the terms of reference for the Environmental Coordination Sub Group

Background Reports

- Inner South Area Committee actions and achievements report 24 March 2011
- Executive Board Report, Proposed Changes to the Leeds Initiative Partnership and the City Planning Framework 15th December 2010