

**Report of The Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement)**

Report to Inner West Area Committee

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Subject: Area Chairs Forum Minutes**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**Summary of main issues**

1. This report formally notifies members of the decision made by full council that Area Chairs Forum minutes should be considered by Area Committees as a regular agenda item at future Area Committee meetings.
2. The report also includes background information regarding the Area Chairs Forum meetings.

**Recommendations**

3. The Inner West Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and to consider the minutes from the Area Chairs Forum meetings at this and future Area Committee Meetings.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to formally notify Members that the minutes of Area Chairs Forum meetings will be brought to Area Committee meetings as a regular agenda item, and to give a brief overview of the Area Chairs Forum meetings.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 Area Chairs Forum meetings take place on a bi-monthly basis and are chaired by the Deputy Leader of Council and Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration.
- 2.2 Meetings are attended by the ten Chairs of the Area Committees, the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy & Improvement), the three Area Leaders and the Neighbourhood Services Co-ordinator in Leeds Initiative.
- 2.3 Agenda items focus on issues relating to services delegated to Area Committees, future delegations of services, locality working and any other issues that can be influenced by, or have an impact on, Area Committees.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 Following recommendations by the General Purposes Committee, full council approved on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 that minutes of the Area Chairs Forum meetings should be considered by Area Committees, and that this should be a regular agenda item for Area Committee meetings.
- 3.2 Area Chairs Forum minutes will only be available to be considered by Area Committees once they have been agreed as an accurate record by the subsequent Area Chairs Forum meeting.
- 3.3 The scheduled Area Chairs Forum meeting dates for 2011 / 12 are:
  - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 10:00am – 12:00pm
  - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 10:00am – 12:00pm
  - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011, 9:00am – 11:00am
  - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 10:00am – 12:00pm
  - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012, 10:00am – 12:00pm
- 3.4 Attempts will be made to include Area Chairs Forum minutes in papers issued prior to Area Committee meetings, however due to some tight deadlines between meetings, it may be necessary to table the minutes at certain Area Committee meetings.

## **4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Inner West Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and to consider the minutes from the Area Chairs Forum meetings at this and future Area Committee Meetings.

## **5 Background documents**

5.1 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011

5.2 Council Constitution