

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance)

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 7th November 2011

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley & Yeadon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report provides Members with information on a range of Area Committee business including key messages from forums and sub groups and project and service activity.
2. The Area Committee is asked to approve the key messages from forums and sub groups. Members are asked to note the progress made in relation to project and service activity.

Recommendations

3. Members are requested to note the contents of this report and to comment on any of the matters raised.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of the area update report is to bring together a range of information relating to Area Committee business into a single report to help limit the number of items being presented to each Area Committee meeting.

2. Background information

- 2.1 The Area Committee currently has five groups looking at service provision within the delegated functions of Community Safety, Children & Young People, Environmental Services, Health & Well-being and Business & Transport. The full minutes of the last meeting of each sub group held since the last Area Committee, are attached.
- 2.2 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. The full minutes of the last meeting of the Guiseley & Rawdon sub group are attached.

3 Main issues

3.1 Environmental Services Sub Group

- 3.1.1 There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee held on the 26th September. The following issues were discussed:
- 3.1.2 Jason Singh the Locality Manager provided an update on the Environmental Services delegation and reported back to the group on previous requests made by Members.
- 3.1.3 The sub group felt very strongly that a workable agreement with Parks & Countryside and the ALMO was required in order for the environmental delegation to succeed. JS informed the group that talks are currently taking place with partners and they hope to have something in place by the end of the year. The sub group requested an update on the agreement with partners by November 2011.
- 3.1.4 David Comrie from WNW Homes attended to provide an update on the ALMO. WNW Homes are meeting performance targets with regards to graffiti. In addition there has been a great improvement in monthly inspections by estate caretakers.
- 3.1.5 There was discussion regarding Morrison's who hold the repair contract for the ALMO. There will be an update on this issue for the next sub-group meeting.

3.2 Health & Well-being Sub Group

- 3.2.1 The Health & Well-being sub group has not met since the last Area Committee. Following a request made at the last meeting a tour of Wharfedale Hospital has been arranged for Wednesday 9th November.

3.3 Community Safety Sub Group

3.3.1 The Community Safety sub group has not met since the last Area Committee. The next meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 6th December.

3.4 Children & Young People's Sub Group

3.4.1 The sub group has not met since the last Area Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for 2nd November.

3.5 Business and Transport Sub Group

3.5.1 The sub group has not met since the last Area Committee. A joint meeting with the Inner North West transport sub group is being arranged to investigate transport and Highways issues relating to the A65 and A660 corridors.

3.6 Policy Sub Group

3.6.1 At the September Area Committee it was resolved that the following members will represent their ward on the policy sub group.

Councillor G Latty (Chair)

Councillor Anderson - Adel & Wharfedale Ward.

Councillor Collins - Horsforth Ward

Councillor Campbell - Otley & Yeadon Ward.

3.7 Guiseley & Rawdon Forum

3.7.1 There has been one meeting of the forum since the last Area Committee held on 21st September. The forum heard presentations from a number of services.

3.7.2 West Yorkshire Police presented a summary of crime issues in the area over the last month. Scrap metal theft is still an issue in the area and residents were reminded to report any suspicious vehicles to the Police.

3.7.3 Claire Copley from the Environmental Locality team updated the group on the Environmental services Service Level Agreement and residents were asked to help identify priorities for the service.

3.7.4 The next meeting is arranged for the 9th November.

3.8 Yeadon Forum

3.8.1 Yeadon forum has met once since the last Area Committee on the 21st September.

3.8.2 West Yorkshire Police presented a summary of crime issues in the area and reported that there had been an increase in burglaries in the area which has led to increased patrols in operation in the area leading to several arrests.

3.8.3 Tom Randall presented a summary of the draft Yeadon parking strategy report and received comments from members of the forum.

3.8.4 Jane Pattison gave an update on the new Citizens Panel for Leeds.

3.8.5 The date of the next forum is arranged for 14th March 2012.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Community Forums are held in the Guiseley & Rawdon ward and Yeadon. In addition, ward members are consulted on projects and initiatives within their ward.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 This section is not applicable to this project.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The Area Committee Functions and Priority Advisory Functions were approved by the Executive Board in June 2009. This approval was rolled forward to 2010/11 and is also being rolled forward to 2011/12 with amendments to the environmental delegation.

4.3.2 The Area Functions are included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3c).

4.3.3 Area Management's work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Well-being City Priorities Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 Programmes of work outlined in this report are resourced in the main by Area Management staff and their partners which in turn, provide value for money.

4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's roles, funding is in the main supplied by other Leeds City Council department's mainstream budgets, and external partner agencies e.g. the Police and NHS Leeds, which is in turn reflected in the fact that the Area Committee's role here is to influence, develop and consult. However, on occasion, well-being funding has resourced some projects related to its roles e.g. area based regeneration schemes and conservation reviews.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 This is the report of the Area Leader for West North West Leeds who has delegated responsibility to action decisions in accordance with Area

Management's work programme in accordance with part 3 of the Council's Constitution in relation to Area Committee Functions.

4.5.2 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.

4.5.3 This report is subject to Call-In as it is the Area Committees functions which are delegated Executive functions.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 In conclusion, the Area Update report is in line with the functions and role of the Area Committee which are:

- Improve the quality and value for money of Council service delivery.
- Improve the quality of democracy and find new ways to facilitate citizen participation in local government through the development of links between ward members and their communities.
- To co-ordinate policy and service delivery between the local service providers.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Outer North West Area Committee Members are requested to:

- Note the contents of the report and comment on any aspect of the matters raised.

7 Background documents

7.1 None.