

**Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds**

**Report to South Leeds (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: Tuesday 8th November 2011**

**Subject: A Summary Of Key Work**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Beeston & Holbeck City & Hunslet Middleton Park
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 and corporate governance considerations**

1. This report details a range of activities taking place within the Inner South Leeds Area, some of which are dealt with in greater detail elsewhere on the agenda.

**Recommendations**

2. The Area Committee is asked to:
- a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.
  - b) Confirm representatives from City & Hunslet and Middleton Park Wards to the Middleton Park SAG

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, brief details of the range of activities with which the Area Management Team are engaged based on the Area Delivery Plan priorities, that are not addressed in greater detail elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

## **2.0 Background Information**

- 2.1 Members will recall at the June 2011 Area Committee, a revised title and format for this report was introduced based on proposed changes to the Leeds Initiative partnership and planning framework for the city and in an effort to be more focused on current priorities.

## **3.0 Area Chairs Forum**

- 3.1 Following recommendations by the General Purposes Committee, the Full Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 approved that the minutes of the Area Chairs Forum meetings be a regular item for consideration at future Area Committee meetings. The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 will be agreed at the next Area Chairs Forum on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and be presented to the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Area Committee for Members information.

## **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 minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> November meeting were presented at the January 2011 Area Committee meeting.

## **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 March meeting.
- 5.1.2 A full report on Children's Services Performance Reporting was presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 meeting.

## **6.0 Updates by theme: Safer Stronger Communities Board**

### **6.1 Environmental Sub Group**

#### **6.1.1 Environmental Delegation**

Progress with the delegation of environmental services to the Area Committees is progressing, with all three Service Levels Agreements for the South and Outer East Locality Area approved at the last round of Area Committees. Environment Sub-Groups have been convened under the new arrangements, minutes from the Outer South Environmental Sub Group held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October are attached for information at **Appendix 1**.

6.1.2 Redesigned mechanical cleansing routes were implemented from 5th September and so far feedback from staff and Elected Members has been, with a few exceptions, positive. As planned the additional capacity days have given the service extra capacity to deal with reported issues more quickly and this should be reflected in our response times in future. When issues about the cleansing schedules have been raised we have resolved them quickly. For example, where the issue of the lack of litter picking in Middleton Park Ward was raised, a service proposal was presented to the Inner Environment Sub-Group to allocate resources to that area; this was agreed and is now operational.

6.1.3 Partnership working is also progressing following the establishment of an Integrated Environmental Services Group by the Area Leader, with positive discussions involving Aire Valley Homes and Parks and Countryside taking place. The principle of using our combined on-the-ground resources across structural boundaries is now yielding practical results

6.1.4 The programme of work to deliver on the commitments framed in the SLA is developing. This includes work to audit and validate litter bin information, to develop our approach to clearing ginnels and widening the range of agencies that can use enforcement powers, especially in relation to dog fouling. The Locality Team will report back on progress to the January Area Committee.

6.1.5 A protocol between Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police is in development which will provide guidance for Neighbourhood Policing Teams, PCSOs and Council Officers to jointly deliver better outcomes in respect of environmental issues and enforcement in localities across the city. This protocol will be presented to Safer Leeds Executive on 3rd November. A report on the protocol will be presented to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

### **6.2 Community Safety**

6.2.1 As reported in the Community Safety Report to the Area Committee in September, new crime and grime arrangements are now being implemented. In summary, Tasking meetings and the Divisional Community Safety Partnership have now ceased to exist. Front line officers are being directed to address local issues as part of day to day working. At a strategic level, new ways of working are being developed to address service improvement across the area. It is expected that this will be achieved through a

series of meetings and developing new understandings and working relationships at that level. The meetings will aim to bring together partners who have responsibilities at a senior level across the locality. This will allow better connected leadership and facilitate cultural change within respective organisations. The meetings will be on a six weekly cycle initially, there will be two meetings for the Inner South. One will cover City & Hunslet and Beeston & Holbeck Wards and the second covering Middleton Park Ward. They will be jointly chaired by the Locality Manager for Environmental Services and the West Yorkshire Police Chief Inspector Neighbourhoods. The first round of meetings will take place in November 2011. A report on the progress of these new arrangements will be presented to Members at a future meeting of the Area Committee.

6.3 Grounds Maintenance update – Provided by Giles Jeffs – Grounds Maintenance Team:

6.3.1 Since the last update to Area Committees during Sept / Oct 2010 cycle, the Grounds Maintenance team have;

- Written the Contract Documentation and presented the Tender to the market.
- Gone through a competitive process we have awarded the Grounds maintenance contract based on 50% quality evaluation & 50% price evaluation
- Awarded the contract to Continental Landscapes.
- New Contract to commence 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012
- Currently mobilising for the new arrangements and de-mobilising the Glendale & ATM contracts concurrently.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> January there will be 5 Client Departments including
  - Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation
  - Aire Valley Homes, Leeds
  - West North West Homes Leeds
  - East North East Homes Leeds
  - Highways Services
- From 1<sup>st</sup> January – for those Town & Parish Councils that wish to contribute to monitoring of the contract in their own areas are encouraged to do so.

6.3.2 Key differences between current arrangements (Glendale contract & ATM contract) and the new arrangements – from 1<sup>st</sup> January ( Continental Landscapes ) are as follows:

<b>Current (old arrangements ie Glendale / ATM)</b>	<b>Continental Contract ( from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012)</b>
Amenity grass, cut and fly, 13 times per annum, cut height 50mm	Amenity grass, cut and fly, 13 times per annum, cut height 25mm
Motorway Junctions, cut & fly, 8 times per annum, cut height 100mm	Primary Network Class 1, cut & fly, 6 times per annum, cut height 100mm (including traffic management)
	Primary Network Class 2, cut & fly, 3 times per annum, cut height 100mm (including traffic management)
Amenity Grass (Enhanced– some sheltered homes), cut & fly, upto 32	<b>*Removed from contract*</b> All areas to be cut as Amenity grass as above.

times per annum, cut height 25mm	
Rough grass (Linear) , cut and fly, 3 times per annum, cut height 100mm	Rough grass (Linear) , cut and fly, 3 times per annum, cut height 100mm
Rough grass (Urban) , cut and fly, upto 3 times per annum, cut height 100mm	Rough grass (Urban) , cut and fly, 3 times per annum, cut height 100mm
Sightline grass (rural roads) , cut and fly, upto 3 times per annum, cut height 100mm	Sightline grass (rural roads) , cut and fly, 3 times per annum, cut height 100mm
Shrub beds, prune; Once per annum	Rose beds & Shrub beds; prune, weed and delitter, fork over, edge off, and apply herbicide ; all twice per annum.
Shrub beds, weed & delitter, fork over, edge off; 4 times per annum	
Shrub Beds , apply residual herbicide, once per annum	
Rose beds prune ; twice per annum	
Rose beds, weed and delitter; each month	
Privet Hedges, prune up to 3 times per annum	All hedges prune 3 times per annum
All other hedges prune twice per annum	

## 7.0 Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing

### 7.1 Multi Agency referral Scheme (MARS)

7.1.1 A full evaluation report of the Belle Isle Pilot scheme will be presented to the 11<sup>th</sup> January Area Committee meeting as part of the Health & Wellbeing report.

7.1.2 The MARS approach is being investigated with the potential of rolling it out City wide but in the interim it is being used on the following local projects:

- Beeston Hill, as part of the Infant Mortality project.
- Garforth & Kippax, as part of the long term conditions project

7.2 The South East Health and Well being partnership met on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Minutes from the meetings are available at **Appendix 2**

## **8.0 Updates by theme: Housing & Regeneration**

### **8.1 Holbeck phases 1, 2 and 3**

8.1.2 The Chevin Housing Association bid to provide 39 new, quality affordable homes will hopefully be decided in November so a further update will be provided at the January Area Committee.

### **8.2 Holbeck Phase 4**

8.2.1 Aire Valley Homes Leeds has approved funds from their capital budget to bring these properties back in to use. Morrisons (AVHL maintenance contractor) will start on site 8<sup>th</sup> November.

8.2.2 Works will start on the binyards at the Crosby's on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Future works are being quoted for at this time with the aim being to finish on site by the end of the financial year.

### **8.3 Beverleys**

8.3.1 Chevin Housing Association's contractors are on site developing 55 affordable homes. Works are still expected to be completed by summer 2012.

### **8.4 Garnets**

8.4.1 Phase 2 of the demolition works is ongoing with two tenants still being supported in to new properties.

## **9.0 Locality Integrated working**

### **9.1 Cottingley**

9.1.1 At the 21<sup>st</sup> September Area Committee Members approved the sharing of the Outer South Area Committee – Priority Neighbourhood worker to cover the Cottingley Estate two days per week. The Worker (Nicky Greening) started working in the area on 1<sup>st</sup> October. A full update on the progress of the project with the residents on the estate will be provided at the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 meeting

9.1.2 Over 40 representatives from a range of services and agencies, Ward Councillors and residents cleaned up Cottingley as part of a day of Action. This starts a six months multi-agency project to tackle the crime and grime issues of most concern to residents. Weekly walkabouts will identify issues in detail and residents have been invited to join in. Residents will be regularly involved in the project at the monthly meetings of the tenants and residents association.

9.1.3 The recycling project being developed on the Cottingley estate by Streetscene services is looking at methods to improve the services provided on the estate. This work is running in parallel to the multi-agency environmental works. So far the project has engaged with residents and surveyed the estate to highlight the current problem areas.

The scheme will be drafted on the back of local consultation and full plans will be tabled at this meeting in due course.

#### 9.1.4 Update on the wellbeing project

9.1.5 The wellbeing funded project, 'Make a difference', has delivered a series of activities over the summer ranging from the Cottingley Gala, the creation of a new Dad's group and the running of a series of healthy activities with the community. Further updates will be provided once the project has completed in March.

#### 9.2 Connecting communities

The launch event for the project took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. Over 70 people attended, and engaged with a number of partner agencies, and brought forward some ideas on projects to benefit Belle Isle. Following this event Re'new / BITMO / Health For All facilitated a site visit to help inform interested groups on other projects happening in the south of the city. The closing date for projects was 31<sup>st</sup> October. Further updates on the progress of the project will be provided to the Area Committee in due course.

#### 9.3 Middleton Park Strategic Advisory Group

The first meeting of the strategic advisory group occurred on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. This meeting discussed the future role of the group and how it links in to the ongoing site works. The next meeting of the groups will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> November (Minutes of the meeting at **Appendix 3**). Members of Middleton Park and City & Hunslet are reminded that they agreed at the September Area Committee for a representative of each ward be on the group.

### **10.0 Joseph Priestley College**

10.1 An update on the merger of Joseph Priestley College with Leeds City College is attached at **Appendix 4** for Members information.

### **11.0 Corporate Considerations**

#### **11.1 Consultation and Engagement**

11.1.1 All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for a contribution from the Well being budget is secured at Area Committee.

#### **11.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

11.2.1 Community groups submitting a project proposal requesting funding from the Well being budget have an equal opportunities policy and as part of the application process, complete a section outlining which equality groups the project will work with and how equality and cohesion issues have been considered.

11.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

#### **11.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

11.3.1 The projects outlined in this report contribute to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies:

- Vision For Leeds
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Health and Well being City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

#### **11.4 Resources and Value for Money**

11.4.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

#### **11.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

11.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are eligible for Call In.

11.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

11.5.3 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

#### **11.6 Risk Management**

11.6.1 This report provides an update on work in the Outer South and therefore no risks are identifiable. Any projects funded through Well being budget complete a section identifying risks and solutions as part of the application process.

#### **12.0 Conclusions**

12.1 The report provides up to date information on key work areas of the Area Committee.

#### **13.0 Recommendations**

13.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate
- b) nominate a representative from City & Hunslet and Middleton Park Wards to the Middleton Park SAG

#### **14.0 Background documents**

14.1 Minutes of the Full Council meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011

14.2 Area Committee Summary of Key Work Report, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011

14.3 Well Being Report – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011