

**Report of South East Area Leader**

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

**Date: Wednesday 11th January 2012**

**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.

## **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 The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were agreed at the Area Chairs Forum on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and are attached for Members information. **(Appendix 1)**
- 3.2 At the 11<sup>th</sup> November Area Chairs Forum meeting, members asked that a series of papers on the proposed welfare reforms would go to each Area Committee. Attached for information are the relevant papers. **(Appendix 2)**

## **4.0 Updates by theme: Children & Families**

- 4.1 Joseph Priestley College Update  
Sally Blunt (Deputy Principle at Leeds City College), will be attending the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 meeting to provide a fuller update on the merger.

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

- 5.1.1 Prostitution in Holbeck update
- 5.1.2 At the September Area Committee, members raised concern about the perceived increase of on-street prostitution in Holbeck. The NPT Inspector advised the meeting that officers are carrying out Operation Dairy – an ongoing piece of work to identify those involved and take enforcement action against them. This includes the use of Home Office cautions, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs).
- 5.1.3 There is a recognition from all agencies that enforcement action alone will be insufficient to address the problem. Since the last Area Committee meeting, a group of officers from Leeds City Council, the Police and the voluntary sector have started discussions to develop a case conference approach to support Operation Dairy. The case conference approach will review the background and circumstances of women who are involved in prostitution and co-ordinate the support that is available to them. This will include referral to specialist agencies where appropriate alongside ensuring they are able to access

mainstream services. This support will be offered alongside the enforcement measures with the aim to encourage women to exit prostitution by whatever means has greatest effect on that individual.

- 5.1.4 Colleagues from Inner West have been included in developing this approach as it has been recognised that previous operations done by Holbeck NPT and Inner West NPT have lead to displacement of the issues from Holbeck to New Wortley and back again.
- 5.1.5 This case conference approach is being lead in south to address the issues in Holbeck primarily. However, this locally focussed group would benefit from being part of a city wide approach. Cllr Gruen (Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration) has been briefed on the issue and has requested that further work is undertaken to understand the links to other areas. The case conference group will meet again in January 2012 and progress will be reported back to the Area Committee in due course.

## **5.2 Environmental Delegation**

- 5.2.1 The Inner South Environmental Sub-group met on 16<sup>th</sup> December to discuss the role of the group and the associated SLA. The minutes will be provided at the February Area Committee. Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> October meeting are attached **Appendix 3**. A full update on the implementation of the SLA is tabled as a separate item on this agenda
- 5.2.2 At the November Area Committee an update was requested by members on the ongoing issues associated with 116 Stratford Terrace. The current position is as follows:
- 5.2.3 Following a Section 92 enforcement notice for waste in gardens the owner of 116 Stratford Terrace contacted us in mid November and removed the vast majority of the waste from around the outside of the property. Following this our enforcement officer spoke to the landlord and advised him that he needed to improve the safety and condition of the property or we would take further enforcement action and possible works in default. There is now scaffolding around the property and works should be beginning to secure it and deal with the pigeon infestation. We are monitoring progress closely and, if we are not satisfied that things are progressing, we will take enforcement action in the New Year.

## **6.0 Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing**

- 6.1 The South East Health and Wellbeing partnership met on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Minutes from the meetings are available at **Appendix 4**.

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

### Holbeck phases 1, 2 and 3

- 7.1.1 The Council are awaiting an announcement from Chevin Housing Association about their bid to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) for funding to develop 39 new, quality affordable homes on this cleared site which is expected imminently. Until the Housing Association have signed a contract with the HCA for funding to deliver their 2011/15

redevelopment programme no announcement can be made as to the success or failure of this bid.

#### Holbeck Phase 4

7.1.2 Aire Valley Homes Leeds has confirmed that their main contractor, Morrisons has started on site with the properties being let by Christmas

7.1.3 There has been a slight delay in the binyards work at the Crosby's starting onsite, but will begin in the coming weeks. The aim is still to be finished on site by the end of the financial year.

#### 8.2 Beverleys

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

#### 8.3 Garnets

8.3.1 These work will follow on from those on the Crosby's and will be completed on site by the end of the financial year.

#### 8.4 Middleton Sites 1,2 & 3 (Thorpe Road)

8.4.1 Proposals to develop 129 new homes to be constructed on the above sites (plus 2 smaller infill sites) in Middleton have been brought forward by Sanctuary Housing Association as part of their affordable housing programme. Proposals for a mixture of 2, 3 and 4 bed homes have been supported in principle by Middleton Regeneration Board and will be subject to an application for full planning permission in the new year. Sanctuary will be undertaking local consultation prior to submission of the planning application. Timescales for construction have yet to be confirmed.

### **9.0 Locality Integrated working**

#### 9.1 Cottingley

9.1.1 An Area Profile has been drawn up for Cottingley and the PNW has met up with residents and identified priorities for the TARA. These include training for committee members, working together as a committee, preparing for the upcoming AGM, developing an action plan and applying for funding and delivering projects. Communication between committee members and the organisation of the running of the TARA requires still much support.

9.1.2 Committee members have since registered the group with Aire Valleys Homes enabling the TARA to apply for their annual support grant. Training booklets on committee roles have been issued and the residents have been asked to book onto courses with Leeds Federation Housing.

- 9.1.3 Unfortunately committee members were unable to attend the Health For All “Springboard to Independence” event. The event aimed to establish a community network for knowledge and information sharing and support new groups with applying for funding, working with others and developing projects.
- 9.1.4 The PNW met with committee members and Stacey Johns from NHS Leeds and residents were provided with training course information and given advice on running committee meetings. Ideas for future projects and ownership of the TARA newsletter was discussed with residents.
- 9.1.5 Residents ran stalls at the Cottingley Christmas Fair raising funds for various community groups in the area.
- 9.1.6 The PNW is now a member of the Health and Wellbeing Group and the Cottingley Multi Agency Project.
- 9.1.7 The six months multi agency project continues as does the weekly walkabouts to identify environmental issues for action by the relevant agency. The maintenance of footpaths and waste management and re-cycling facilities on the estate are under discussion.
- 9.2 Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board
- 9.2.1 The most recent meeting of the core group took place on 30<sup>th</sup> September, minutes of this meeting are attached. **(Appendix 5)** The improvement board’s last meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, the minutes of this meeting are attached. **(Appendix 6)**
- 9.3 Middleton Regeneration Board  
To fall in line with the recent changes to the Beeston Hill & Holbeck regeneration board moving to the Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet NIB, Middleton Regeneration Board is in the process of moving its geographical boundary to include Belle Isle. This change will result in the board covering the whole of Middleton Park Ward and focus on improvements to the area as a whole. Further updates will be provided to Area Committee after the 10<sup>th</sup> January meeting of the board.
- 9.4 Connecting communities  
Through the application process fifteen projects were submitted for consideration. These projects were identified by a range of groups both fully established and some set up to specifically deliver the outcome in this scheme. After careful deliberation by the Connecting Communities Steering group seven of the proposed projects were passed to the Stronger Communities Board for approval.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Delivery Agent</b>	<b>Funding Approved</b>
Whitehouse farm allotments project.	Whitehouse farm allotments project.	£ 1,000
Belle Isle Women's wellbeing group	Belle Isle Women's wellbeing group	£ 974
Lift Off Printing	South Leeds Youth HUB	£ 675
Down Memory Lane	Trinity network	£ 1,000
Guitar in the Community	Guitar in the Community	£ 990
The Good, The Bad and The Beautiful	Life-force productions	£ 996
Drama through Forum Theatre	Drama through Forum Theatre	£ 1,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 6635</b>

#### 9.5 Middleton Park Strategic Advisory Group

The most recent meeting of the Middleton Park SAG was 23<sup>rd</sup> November, minutes will be presented to the February meeting.

#### 9.6 Hunslet Library update

Works are currently underway on the roof improvements, this will make it water tight and facilitate the future works. These initial elements of the scheme have been funded through Corporate Property Management (CPM) with the next phase of the works to the roof being funded by Inner South Area Committee Wellbeing. It is envisaged that the next phase will commence in a couple of weeks once the roof is confirmed as being water tight.

A meeting is planned between Libraries and CPM in early January to finalise the forward plan of works, Members will be updated through Ward based briefings and at a future Area Committee.

### **10.0 Corporate Considerations**

#### **10.1 Consultation and Engagement**

10.1.1 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.

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

10.2.1 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.

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

### **10.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

10.3.1 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

### **10.4 Resources and Value for Money**

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

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

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

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

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

### **10.6 Risk Management**

10.6.1 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.

### **11.0 Conclusions**

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

### **12.0 Recommendations**

12.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate

### **13.0 Background documents**

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

13.2 Area Committee Summary of Key Work Report, 8th November 2011