



## **Outer East Area Committee Business Plan 2011/12**

Garforth & Swillington  
Kippax & Methley  
Cross Gates & Whinmoor  
Temple Newsam

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## **Section 1**

### **Executive Summary**

The business plan brings together a range of documents relating to the work of the Area Committee. It provides details of the roles and responsibilities of the Area Committee, information on how the well being budget is spent and information about how we engage with the communities in outer east Leeds.

This business plan provides a summary of the Area Committee's priorities for 2011/12 and how our resources are used to deliver priority work and outcomes beneficial to the communities we serve. An action plan sets out how the priorities will be achieved.

The documentation also includes area profiles, area committee dates and community forum dates.

Finally the plan sets out our commitment to equal opportunities and community cohesion. The council achieved an 'Excellent Standard' for equalities in May 2011, and the Area Committee has a role to play in supporting the council maintain this standard.

## Section 2

### Chairs Foreword

Welcome to the Outer East Area Committee Business Plan which covers the period 2011/12.

This plan sets out the work being undertaken by the Outer East Area Committee and decisions on this plan are made by the ward councillors representing the four outer east wards.

One of the key roles of the Area Committee is to ensure that local communities are involved in shaping services to meet their needs and be able to play a part in influencing what the council and its partners do. Ward members are local representatives and have a key role as community champions in ensuring this happens. The Area Committee has elected champions to represent it for environmental services, community safety, children's services, health and well being, and jobs and skills.

Area Committee meetings are held at least six times per year and the public are encouraged to attend and participate through the 'Open Forum' section at the beginning of the meeting.

2011/12 Outer East Area Committee dates:

5 July 2011	3pm	Civic Hall
13 September 2011	3pm	Civic Hall
18 October 2011	3pm	Civic Hall
13 December 2011	3pm	Civic Hall
14 February 2012	3pm	Civic Hall
20 March 2012	3pm	Civic Hall

In July 2011, the Area Committee agreed to develop an annual Business Plan as a means to set out our priorities and outcomes for improving the outer east area. The plan will be revised every year to ensure the priorities and outcomes are still relevant.

The primary focus of the Area Committee continues to be improving local services in outer east Leeds and works in partnerships with council services and key agencies, including the Police, Health Service, Aire Valley Homes, East North East Homes, Parish Councils and the Voluntary and Community sector to achieve local aspirations. The Area Committee will also demonstrate our contribution to the success of Leeds and the plan reflects the themes and aims of Leeds Initiative and links local and city wide outcomes.



Cllr Keith Parker  
Outer East Area Committee Chair

## Section 3

### Functions of the Area Committee

The 2011/12 Function Schedule, included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3c), outline both Delegated Functions and Priority Advisory Roles of the Area Committee and was presented and agreed at the 5 July 2011 Area Committee meeting. A copy is available on request.

#### Delegated Functions

- Area well-being budgets
- Community centres
- Neighbourhood management co-ordination
- CCTV
- Street cleansing and environmental enforcement services

#### Priority Advisory Functions (influencing, developmental and consultative responsibilities)

- Community engagement
- Community greenspace
- PCSOs, Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Multi agency crime and grime operations
- Highways maintenance
- Local children and young people plans
- Health and wellbeing (Including Adult Social Care)
- Area based regeneration schemes
- Conservation area reviews

#### Well Being Budget

*To take decisions about, and monitor activity relating to the use of the annual capital and revenue allocation to each committee.*

- a) The Well Being Budget is used to support the priorities identified by elected members in consultation with residents and partners. It is administered by the Area Management Team on behalf of the Area Committee.
- b) The Area Committee receives update reports at Area Committee meeting with updated budget positions and feedback on project work.

#### Community Centres

*In relation to each community centre identified by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods as within the Committee's area, to:*

- *oversee controllable revenue budgets, operational arrangements and the use of the centres;*
- *agree and implement a schedule of charges and discounts for directly managed centres;*

- *make asset management and investment proposals to ensure the portfolio is sustainable and meets local needs.*
- a) Under the current Functions Schedule there are ten community centres delegated to this Area Committee:
    - Allerton Bywater Welfare Hall
    - Allerton Bywater Youth & Adult Centre
    - Kippax Community Centre (leased)
    - Kippax Youth Club
    - Methley Village Centre
    - Micklefield Youth & Adult Centre
    - Garforth Miners Welfare Hall (leased)
    - Firthfields Community Centre (leased)
    - St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre
    - Fieldhead Community Centre
  - b) There is an ongoing review corporately in relation to community centres looking at the current delegation and market rental assessments.
  - c) Outer East has a Community Centres Sub Committee which is chaired by Cllr Suzi Armitage, with representatives from Corporate Property Maintenance and Environment and Neighbourhoods.
  - d) The sub committee monitors maintenance improvements to the centres, pricing and lettings and maximising usage and income from the centres for re-investment. Sub group minutes are reported to Area Committee.

### **Neighbourhood Management**

*To agree priority neighbourhoods (through the approval of the Area Delivery Plan); and to agree and monitor Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for the Committee's area.*

- a) The Area Committee approved East Osmondthorpe as its Priority Neighbourhood in 2009. The area had been identified as having three Super Output Areas in the bottom 3% deprivation and as such had acquired Safer Stronger Communities Funding to support additional efforts to tackle deprivation in this area.
- b) A steering group was established and action plan agreed. All actions agreed have now been completed and the steering group has not met for some time. The situation has now been reviewed and it has been decided to formulate time limited groups that will action particular issues relating in particular to the environment, community safety measures, activities for young people and council owned assets.

### **CCTV**

*To maintain an overview of the service in the Committee's area and receive regular information about it.*

- a) The Area Committee received an annual report in July to provide an update in relation to CCTV, in addition regular reports are provided to members via email.

## **Environmental Services**

*To develop and approve annual Service Level Agreements to achieve as a minimum, the service standards set by Executive Board. Via the Service Level Agreement, to determine the principles of deployment of the available resources by:*

- the identification of priorities for service delivery annually (both geographical and in terms of types of services delivered)
- the agreement of the most appropriate approaches to be taken to achieve local environmental cleanliness and quality

*To be responsible for monitoring and reviewing the delegated activities in relation to the service outcomes specified in the SLA.*

*To be responsible for negotiating amendments to the SLA with service providers to accommodate unforeseen events or patterns of service failure, during the course of the SLA.*

- a) The Area Committee has the Outer East Environmental sub group with member representative from each ward to meet on an Area Committee schedule basis to oversee the development and implementation of the SLA. Feedback from these meetings will form part of the regular reporting to the Area Committee to performance manage the delegation.
- b) Reports and performance information will be provided to every Area Committee meeting to enable members to review the implementation and delivery of the SLA.

## **Community Engagement**

*Each Committee will agree a local community engagement plan based on an agreed template to ensure consistency across the city. Information on how Area Committees have delivered on their community engagement plans, will be included in an annual report to the Executive Board, which outlines achievements from the previous year to deliver the Area Delivery Plans, and future priorities.*

- a) As part of this Business Plan, the Area Committee will set out a minimum level of engagement which will be delivered by the Area Management Team on behalf of the Area Committee during the year.
- b) Outer East Area Committee will continue to deliver community forums across the four wards as well as engagement events such as Older Persons Event Week.

## **Forward Plan**

A forward plan will be produced annually, outlining the reports scheduled for the Area Committee in that municipal year.

## Section 4

### Well Being Budget

Each Area Committee has been delegated a Well Being Budget which it is responsible for administering. The aim of this budget is to support the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area by using the funding to support projects that contribute towards the delivery of local priorities set out in this Business Plan. Area Management work in partnership with agencies and service providers to ensure an efficient and effective use of the funding, and where possible, request match funding to be secured to ensure leverage is achieved.

Outlined in the table below is a record of how the 2010/11 revenue budget was allocated to support priorities in the Outer East.

<b>WELL-BEING REVENUE SPENDING PLAN 2011/12</b>		<b>Budget (£)</b>
<b>Budget Allocation for 2011/12</b>		<b>185,220</b>
<b>Carry over from 2010/11</b>		<b>34,600</b>
<b>Total budget available</b>		<b>219,820</b>
<b>Budget commitments</b>		
• CCTV costs	33,000	<b>33,000</b>
<b>Small Grants scheme</b>		
• To continue existing scheme of grants of £500 max to help community groups	10,000	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Environmental work</b>		<b>62,700</b>
• Probation scheme 12 months	15,000	
• Gardening scheme for 2012	20,000	
• Cost of CESO	27,700	
<b>Tasking Teams - £10,000 per team</b>		<b>40,000</b>
<b>Community engagement and involvement</b>		<b>40,000</b>
<b>Additional activities to support young people</b>		<b>36,000</b>
<b>Total spend:</b>		<b>221,700</b>
Over programmed by:		1,880

**NB.** In order to prevent closure or reduction in hours of community facilities in Halton Moor and Garforth, Area Committee approved £20,000 for Garforth and £10,000 for Halton Moor to be taken from these respective wards allocations for tasking, community engagement and activities for young people.



## Section 5

### Ward Profiles

#### Garforth & Swillington Ward

##### Ward Members:

***Councillor Tom Murray (Labour)***

Appointments – Scrutiny Board (Regeneration)



***Councillor Mark Dobson (Labour)***

Appointments – Executive Member for Environmental Services



***Councillor Andrea McKenna (Labour)***

Appointments – Scrutiny Board (Children & Families)



##### **The ward as a place**

Garforth & Swillington ward is located in the outer south east of the city. It incorporates the large town of Garforth and the villages of Swillington, Great Preston and Little Preston. It starts approximately seven miles from the city centre and is semi-rural. This part of the city has a coal mining history but no mines remain, the last one's closing in the nearby villages of Micklefield and Allerton Bywater in the mid-1980s.

The main housing tenure in Garforth is private owner occupation. There are a number of small council estates scattered across the town and these are managed by Aire Valley Homes. Demand for council housing is very high and turnover of

property is very low. Although there were mines in Garforth these closed down in the 1930s/40s and there are no obvious signs of it being an ex-mining town. In terms of housing, Garforth is divided between East and West Garforth: East Garforth is the newer end of the town with the vast majority of housing being built post 1960 whilst West Garforth includes a relatively small number of new build, Victorian period through terraced property, pre-war council housing and post war traditional semi-detached housing.

In Swillington there is a larger stock of council housing which is mainly pre-war but again demand is high and turnover low. Passing through Swillington en route to Allerton Bywater (Kippax & Methley ward) you go through the small villages of Great Preston and Little Preston which are mainly owner occupied property with small council estates that are managed by Aire Valley Homes.

The whole ward has all the hallmarks of a thriving community with good housing, high demand housing, clean environment, active communities, good schools and relatively low unemployment.

There are Parish Councils in Great & Little Preston and Swillington. Although there is no Parish Council in Garforth it does have a very active 'in bloom' group as does Swillington and Great & Little Preston.

### **Socio-economic / demographic description of the ward**

Ward population is approx 20,600 people living in approx 8,400 households. Of this number approx 80% of the properties are in Council Tax Band A, B or C.

There are 13 Super Output Areas (SOAs) in the ward. There are no SOAs ranked in the bottom 10% in any of the domains. However there is one SOA (E01011396 – West Garforth around Main St) in the bottom 20% in two domains, barriers to housing and living environment; and one SOA (E01011390 - Swillington) in the bottom 20% in the education/skills/training domain.

The information concerning the ward has been broken down into the three distinct communities of East Garforth, West Garforth and Swillington/Preston.

#### ***East Garforth***

- Contains 11,600 people living in 4,500 households
- The ethnicity breakdown is 98.83% White and 97.38% White British
- 74% of properties are in council tax bands A-C
- In 2009 93.6% of children sitting GCSEs gained five or more at grades A-C
- There is a total of 496 households (10.9%) receiving some form of benefit

#### ***West Garforth***

- Contains 4,073 people living in 1,774 households
- The ethnicity breakdown is 98.72% White and 97.20% White British
- Just over 80% of properties are in council tax bands A-C
- In 2009 92.5% of children sitting GCSEs gained five or more at grades A-C
- There is a total of 361 households (20.35%) receiving some form of benefit

### **Swillington / Great & Little Preston**

- Contains 4,862 people living in 2,011 households
- The ethnicity breakdown is 98.6% White and 97.91% White British
- Just over 85% of properties are in council tax bands A-C
- In 2009 72.4% of children sitting GCSEs gained five or more at A-C
- There is a total of 437 households (21.73%) receiving some form of benefit

### **Schools**

- Garforth Academy (recently changed from Garforth Community College)
- East Garforth Primary School
- Great Preston C of E Primary School
- Green Lane Primary School
- Ninelands Lane Primary School
- St Benedict's RC Primary School
- Strawberry Fields Primary School
- Swillington Primary School

### **Main council facilities (including parks, visitor attractions etc)**

- Garforth One Stop Centre & Library (refurbished and re-opened in Feb 2009 after £1 million investment mainly from Lottery)
- Swillington Library (this is included in closure programme)
- Garforth Miners Welfare Hall (community centre leased to Garforth Community Assoc)
- Firthfields Community Centre (leased to Firthfields Community Assoc, Garforth)
- Glebelands Park (Garforth)
- Barley Hill Park, playground and bowling green (Garforth)
- East Garforth playing fields
- Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre

### **Main non-council facilities**

- Garforth Town FC Football stadium
- Two train stations – Garforth and East Garforth
- Swillington Sports & Social Clubs (land owned by Swillington Parish Council)
- Garforth Cricket Club and East Garforth Cricket Club
- Swillington Community Centre (owned by Parish Council)
- Studio La Pointe – school of dance, performing arts
- Great Preston Church Hall (run by Parish Council)
- Great Preston Cricket Club (owned by CISWO)
- East Garforth Business Park
- Thorpe Park Business Park (partially in the ward). When fully developed will be the third largest in Europe.
- Garforth Medical Centre
- Garforth Police Station

### **Development / regeneration plans**

- Thorpe Park Business Park – This business park is approximately one-third developed and once it is completed will be the third biggest business park in

Europe. The park straddles three council wards, Garforth & Swillington, Temple Newsam and Cross Gates & Whinmoor. There are varying figures that have been suggested on jobs created here but whatever the exact figure is will be in the thousands

- East Garforth land for development – this large area of land in East Garforth has planning permission for businesses, warehouses, offices and retail. It is anticipated that between 2,000 and 3,000 job opportunities will be available
- Sports pitches at Thorpe Park – part of the Section 106 agreement for the Thorpe Park development is the creation of a country park and provision of sports pitches. There are problems at the moment associated with a road being needed to get to the site of the proposed pitches
- Garforth Main Street received funding under the Council's Town & District Centre (T&DC) regeneration programme in 2009. Keeping a vibrant Main Street is a key priority for ward members

### **Key successes**

- T&DC improvements in Garforth Main St. The improvements to Main Street tied into the refurbishment of Garforth Library with a £1 million injection of funding. T&DC improvements also saw work carried out to another key building (The Miners Welfare Hall) as well as heritage street lights being installed, new street furniture, new railings etc
- Development of 'in bloom' groups covering the whole ward. A number of very active groups were successful in the annual 'in bloom' competition
- School Partnership Trust – this recently developed with all primary schools in the area bar one joining the partnership with Garforth Community College, which recently became Garforth Academy. The academy is the largest in the city and is one of the best achieving schools. St Benedict's RC Primary School is not a member of the partnership but is linked closely to the partnership
- Garforth Arts Festival – this is organised by Garforth Academy and has been running for five years. In that time it has become a major event in the Garforth calendar. It comprises of two weeks of drama, music, arts etc with all partnership schools and it ends with a 'playground party' that has nationally and internationally recognised artists performing

### **Key local issues / challenges**

- The development of the sports pitches and Country Park at Thorpe Park. The economic downturn and selling of the site to new owners as well as problems about site location and access has made this project slip at least 18 months with still no start date on site. It is a regular item at Area Committee
- Generally a low crime area but there is problems with under age drinking on Garforth Main Street and the associated ASB
- Keeping Garforth Main Street vibrant – it's difficult because Colton retail park is approx 1.5 miles away, Crossgates Shopping Centre is approximately five miles away and Castleford is three miles away
- Flooding – parts of Garforth are some of the worst affected areas in the city for flooding, particularly Ninelands Lane and Barleyhill Road
- The sports pitches are also susceptible to heavy rain. They have a clay sub soil which makes them difficult to drain and new drainage systems to all the pitches will be very expensive

## **Kippax & Methley Ward**

### **Ward Members:**

#### ***Councillor Keith Wakefield (Labour)***

Appointments – Leader of the Council



#### ***Councillor Keith Parker (Labour)***

Appointments – Chair of Outer East Area Committee, Plans Panel East



#### ***Councillor James Lewis (Labour)***

Appointments – Development Plan Panel, General Purposes Committee, Member Management Committee



### **The ward as a place**

Kippax & Methley Ward is located in the outer south east of the city. As well as the villages of Kippax and Methley it also includes the villages of Allerton Bywater, Micklefield, Ledston, Ledston Luck, Ledsham and Mickletown. It's approximately seven miles from the city centre and is semi-rural. This part of the city has a coal mining history but no mines remain, the last one's closing in Micklefield and Allerton Bywater in the mid-1980s.

The main housing tenure in is private owner occupation. There are a number of council estates in Kippax, Micklefield, Allerton Bywater and Methley which are

managed by Aire Valley Homes. Demand for council housing is very high and turnover of property is very low. The only exception is Garden Village in Micklefield, which is a pre-war estate of approx 100 properties where demand is lower than in the rest of the ward and where there have been issues of crime and anti-social behaviour. Although there were mines in Kippax, Allerton Bywater, Micklefield Ledston and Methley these are all now closed. Many of the older residents were employed in the mining industry right up to their closure in the 1980s.

The whole ward has all the hallmarks of a thriving community with good housing, high demand housing, clean environment, active communities, good schools and relatively low unemployment.

There are Parish Councils in Kippax, Micklefield, Ledston and Lesham and 'in bloom' groups in all of the villages.

### **Socio-economic / demographic description of the ward**

Ward population is approx 20,200 people living in 8,600 households. Of this 39% of the properties are in Council Tax Band A, 26% in Band B, 20% in Band C and rest in Bands D to H.

There are 14 Super Output areas (SOAs) in the ward and all are mid-range SOAs other than E01011298 (Micklefield) which is ranked in the bottom 10% in the 'Barriers to Housing & Services' domain.

The information concerning the ward has been broken down into the three distinct communities of Kippax East / Ledston / Micklefield, Kippax and Allerton Bywater / Methley / Mickletown.

#### ***Kippax East / Ledston / Ledsham / Micklefield***

- Contains 5,800 people living in 2,600 households
- The ethnicity breakdown is over 99% White
- 75% of properties are owner occupied; 17% is Local Authority
- 42% in council tax bands A, 15% in band B and 32% in band C
- Areas of interest include Fairburn Ings Nature Reserve and Lotherton Hall (just outside the area)
- In 2009 over 90% of children sitting GCSEs gained five or more at grades A-C

#### ***Kippax***

- Contains 7,500 people living in 3,000 household
- The ethnicity breakdown is 98.72% White 97.20% White British
- Just over 90% of properties are in council tax bands A-C
- In 2009 just under 90% of children sitting GCSEs gained five or more at grades A-C
- 78% of households are owner occupied; 15% are Local Authority

#### ***Allerton Bywater / Methley / Mickletown***

- Contains 7,300 people living in 3,000 households
- The ethnicity breakdown is 98.6% White and 97.9% White British
- Just over 82% of properties are in council tax bands A-C
- In 2009 86% of children sitting GCSEs gained five or more at A-C

- 75% of properties are owner occupied; 18.5% are Local Authority

### **Schools**

- Brigshaw High School & Language College (which is located on the boundary between Kippax and Allerton Bywater)
- Allerton Bywater Primary School
- Kippax Ash Tree Primary School
- Kippax Greenfield Primary School
- Kippax North Junior & Infants Primary School
- Lady Elizabeth Hastings C of E Primary School (Ledston)
- Methley Primary School
- Micklefield C of E Primary School

### **Main council facilities (including parks, visitor attractions etc)**

- Kippax Leisure Centre and swimming pool
- Community Centres in Kippax, Allerton Bywater, Micklefield and Methley
- LCC Sports pitches in Kippax, Methley and Allerton Bywater
- Allotments in Kippax and Methley
- Kippax Housing Office
- St Aidens Nature Reserve
- Fairburn Ings Nature Reserve
- Allerton Bywater skate park and bowling ground
- Lotherton Hall (just outside the ward)
- Kippax Children's Centre

### **Main non-council facilities**

- Micklefield railway station
- Kippax Medical Centre
- Allerton Bywater Medical Centre
- Allerton Bywater Cricket Ground
- Kippax Cricket Ground
- Savile Park Cricket Ground
- Micklefield Recreation Ground (Parish Council)
- Micklefield skate park (Parish council)

### **Development / regeneration plans**

- Thorpe Park Business Park – This business park is approximately one-third developed and once it is completed will be the third biggest business park in Europe. The park straddles three council wards, Garforth & Swillington, Temple Newsam and Cross Gates & Whinmoor. There are varying figures that have been suggested on jobs created here but whatever the exact figure is will be in the thousands. Although this is not in Kippax & Methley ward it is a major project for the area
- Sports pitches at Thorpe Park – part of the Section 106 agreement for the Thorpe Park Development is the creation of a country park and provision of sports pitches. There are problems at the moment associated with a road being

needed to get to the site of the proposed pitches. This is also a major project for the whole outer east area

- Kippax High Street received funding under the Council's Town & District Centre (T&DC) regeneration programme in 2008 to help keep a vibrant shopping area in the village
- Allerton Bywater Millennium Village – this is being developed on the ex-colliery site. It is in five phases: The final two phases have not started due to the economy
- Regeneration activity in Micklefield after being awarded £250,000 from Yorkshire Forward saw environmental improvements, improvements to Peckfields Business Park, a new skate park, new football stand, improved community centre etc

### **Key successes**

- T&DC improvements in Kippax High Street. There was around £250,000 invested into the High Street as part of T&DC improvements. A community garden was provided as well as highways improvements, new street furniture etc
- Development of 'in bloom' groups covering the whole ward. A number of very active groups were successful in the annual 'in bloom' competition
- Improvements and new facilities in Micklefield that started when Micklefield acquired £250,000 from Yorkshire Forward. This funding was a catalyst to a regeneration partnership forming that has acquired other funding to provide a skate park and other facilities people in the village
- Provision of new football and rugby pitches in Methley funded by Area Committee – there is a grand opening on Saturday 12 March 2011

### **Key local issues / challenges**

- The development of the sports pitches and Country Park at Thorpe Park. The economic downturn and the selling of the site to new owners as well as problems about site location and access has made this project slip at least two years with still no start date on site. It is a regular item at Area Committee
- Generally a low crime area but there is problems with under age drinking on Kippax High Street and the associated ASB
- Keeping Kippax High Street vibrant – it's difficult because Colton Retail Park is approx 1.5 miles away and Castleford is two miles away.



## Cross Gates & Whinmoor

### Ward Councillors:

Cllr Peter Gruen  
Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods & Housing  
Labour Group – Leader Support



Cllr Suzi Armitage  
Member of Licensing Committee  
Member of Scrutiny Board (Health & Well Being & Adult Social Care)



Cllr Pauleen Grahame  
Secretary to Labour Group  
Chair of Scrutiny Board (Resources & Council Services)  
Corporate Governance & Audit Committee



### Communities in the ward

- Cross Gates / Manston
- Whinmoor / Wellington Hill / Red Halls
- Swarcliffe / Stanks

### The ward as a place

The ward is predominantly private housing with the exception of the Swarcliffe council estate. This is a post-war estate has undergone a multi-million pound PFI

investment programme. It has 2,900 households of which 86% are in council tax band A. The estate is generally in high demand but it does have three super output areas in the bottom 20% of the index of multiple deprivation.

The whole of the ward is urban and includes the area of Whinmoor and the Redhalls to the north east (boundary with Harewood Ward). The south east section of the ward includes Cross Gates and Manston which has the large Crossgates Shopping Centre and Cross Gates Railway Station.

The ward has the ex-Barnbow Royal Armaments Factory that is still reputedly the largest building in the city (covers the largest square meterage of space). The factory is now closed but at one time employed huge numbers of people from east Leeds. It is still considered to be a major landmark of Cross Gates.

### **Socio-economic / demographic description of the ward**

Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward has a population of just over 23,000 people in 9,900 households that are predominantly white British (97%) with an average to high quality of life.

There are 15 Super Output Areas (SOAs) in the ward. There are two SOAs ranked in the bottom 10% of the index of multiple deprivation (both in Swarcliffe) and two SOAs in the bottom 20% of the index of multiple deprivation (both in Whinmoor).

The ward can be split into three distinct communities:

#### ***Cross Gates / Manston***

This is the area of the ward south of Barwick Road. There are 8,800 people living in 4,000 households. 88% are owner occupiers with 50% of residents living in tax band A.

#### ***Whinmoor / Wellington Hill / Red Hall***

Most northern section of the ward bordering Outer Ring Road / Harewood Ward. There are 7,800 people living in 3,200 households. Mainly owner occupiers but there is 25% local authority housing with 47% tax band A and 15% B, C and D.

#### ***Swarcliffe / Stanks***

Bounded by the Ring Road (West), York Road (North) and Barwick Road (South). There are 6,200 people living in 2,900 households. 55% of the housing is local authority with 86.5% in tax band A.

### **Schools**

- John Smeaton Community College
- St Theresa's Catholic Primary School
- St Pauls C of E Primary School
- Grimesdyke Primary School
- Manston Primary School
- Austhorpe Primary School
- Fieldhead Carr Primary School
- White Laith Primary School
- Manston St James C of E Primary School

### **Main council facilities (including parks, visitor attractions etc)**

- Manston Park
- Fieldhead Carr Community Centre
- St Gregory's Youth and Adult Centre
- John Smeaton Sports Centre
- Skelton Woods nature area and sports pitches

### **Main non-council facilities**

- Cross Gates Cricket Club
- Thorpe Park Business Park (partially in the ward). When fully developed will be the third largest in Europe
- Cross Gates Railway Station
- Cross Gates Shopping Centre

### **Development / regeneration plans**

- Swarcliffe estate is currently undergoing a multi million pound PFI improvement programme
- Cross Gates shopping district recently underwent improvements funded by the Council's Town & District Centre budget (this was to Austhorpe and Station Road not to the indoor Shopping Centre). Improvements included heritage street lighting, CCTV, new street furniture and a landmark feature at the Cross Gates roundabout
- Thorpe Park Business Park. This will be the second largest business park in the city. It straddles three LCC wards (Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Temple Newsam, Garforth & Swillington).

### **Key successes**

- Recent improvements to Cross Gates shopping district
- Provision of new and improved sports pitches in Swarcliffe, Skelton Woods and Fieldhead Carr
- Recent summer programme of activities funded by Area Committee attracted over 100 young people to sports activities, confidence building activities and accredited programmes
- Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme gardening and decorating scheme for the elderly (funded by Area Committee) provides a service for over 400 elderly residents. It also takes on one apprentice each year with an accredited qualification at the end of it.

### **Key issues / challenges**

- Continued improvement in the performance of its high school, John Smeaton Community College. It has already made major improvements in educational attainment levels over recent years
- The Swarcliffe PFI programme has come in for a lot of criticism in recent years over the quality of some of the work and an allegation that there was insufficient consultation with residents on certain schemes. A PFI sub-group, chaired by local councillors, now regularly meets with the contractor and Housing's Strategic Landlord group.

- Thorpe Park – huge business park that will provide a park and sports pitches as part of the S106 agreement. This has had delays for over two years regarding funding and location of the site. It is with planning but a key issue for Area Committee. To add to this a link road to Manston is also part of the agreement. Scheduled to start in 2009 the economic downturn has prevented this happening
- Grafton Villas long footpath - Members want it closing due to ASB. The scheme is currently awaiting confirmation of a gating order.

## Temple Newsam Ward

### Ward Members:

#### ***Councillor Mick Lyons OBE (Labour)***

Appointments – Plans Panel East, Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy & Culture)



#### ***Councillor Bill Hyde (Conservative)***

Appointments – Corporate Governance & Audit Committee, Scrutiny Board (Health & Well Being & Adult Social Care)



#### ***Councillor Katherine Mitchell (Labour)***

Appointments – Scrutiny Board (Regeneration), Development Plan Panel



### **The ward as a place**

Temple Newsam ward is located in east Leeds. It starts where Selby Road meets York Road and continues up Selby Road through Halton, Whitkirk and Colton. The bottom end of the ward near York Road incorporates the pre-war council estates of Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe (although only half of Osmondthorpe is in Temple Newsam ward). These are the most deprived estates in the Outer East Area Committee area with all the factors associated with deprivation such as unemployment, low educational attainment, crime etc. The top end of the ward includes the more affluent areas of Halton, Whitkirk and Colton. These areas have all

the hallmarks of affluent and vibrant communities with the majority of houses being in owner occupation, unemployment levels are low and crime is much lower than in the bottom end of the ward.

### **Socio-economic / demographic description of the ward**

Ward population is approx 21,600 people living in 8,800 households. Of this 31% of the properties are in Council Tax Band A, 16% in Band B, 31% in Band C and rest in Bands D to H.

The ward is approx 97% white.

The majority of the ward experiences relatively low levels of deprivation. However, the SOAs covering Halton Moor and the Wykebeck area of Osmondthorpe are amongst the most deprived in the city ranking in the most deprived 10% nationally. In the index of multiple deprivations there are two SOAs in the bottom 3% and four in the bottom 10%.

The ward is broken down into three distinct neighbourhoods:

#### ***Halton / Whitkirk***

- Contains 7,700 people living in 3,300 households
- The age breakdown shows a much higher than average proportion of older people
- 87% of households are owner occupied
- 58% of housing is semi detached and 14% detached
- 23% of properties are in council tax band B, 48% band C and 15% in band D
- Areas of interest include Temple Newsam park and house and Skelton Woods

#### ***Halton Moor / Wykebecks***

- Contains 6,100 people living in 2,600 household
- The age breakdown shows a higher than average proportion of children and young people.
- 49% of households rent from the local authority and a further 17% from registered social landlords
- Just over 83% of properties are in council tax band A.

#### ***Colton / Austhorpe***

- Contains 6,300 people living in 2,500 households
- 93% of households are owner occupied
- Detached housing accounts for 37% of the stock and semi detached 36%
- 37% of properties are in council tax band C, 24% in band D and 16% in band E
- The area includes Thorpe Park which, when completed, will be the third biggest commercial/business park in Europe

## **Schools**

- Temple Moor High School & Language College
- Corpus Christi Catholic College
- Austhorpe Primary School
- Colton Primary School
- Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School
- Meadowfield Primary School
- Temple Newsam & Halton Primary School
- Whitkirk Primary School

## **Main council facilities (including parks, visitor attractions etc)**

- Temple Newsam Park and House
- Temple Newsam Golf Club
- Grove Road Park
- Elm and Oak Wood
- Skelton Woods
- Halton Library
- Osmondthorpe One Stop Centre
- Halton Moor Community House
- East Leeds Leisure Centre & One Stop Centre (now closed)
- Halton Moor Community Centre
- Several allotments

## **Main non-council facilities**

- Two cricket grounds
- Whitkirk cemetery
- Halton Village shopping centre
- Colton shopping centre
- The Colton Institute (Community Centre)
- Thorpe Park (business park)

## **Development / regeneration plans**

- Thorpe Park Business Park – This business park is approximately one-third developed and once it is completed will be the third biggest business park in Europe. The park straddles three council wards, Garforth & Swillington, Temple Newsam and Cross Gates & Whinmoor. There are varying figures that have been suggested on jobs created here but whatever the exact figure is will be in the thousands. Most of the business park is located in Temple Newsam ward.
- Sports pitches at Thorpe Park – part of the Section 106 agreement for the Thorpe Park Development is the creation of a country park and provision of sports pitches. There are problems at the moment associated with a road being needed to get to the site of the proposed pitches. This is also a major project for the whole Outer East area.
- Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe are included in what was known as EASEL regeneration programme (now known as East Leeds Regeneration).

### **Key successes**

- T&DC improvements in Halton Village. There was around £200,000 invested into the high street as part of T&DC improvements. Improvements to the library, CCTV and new street furniture were included in the programme of works
- Demand for housing in Halton Moor has increased to where it matches demand in most other areas covered by East North East Homes. Despite having around £24 million spent on the estate during the 1990s under the Estate Action programme it had been one of the least popular estates in the city
- The Halton Forum is one of the best attended residents forum in the area with a wide membership from across Halton, Colton and Whitkirk

### **Key local issues / challenges**

- The development of the sports pitches and country Park at Thorpe Park. The economic downturn and the selling of the site to new owners as well as problems about site location and access has made this project slip at least two years with still no start date on site. It is a regular item at Area Committee
- The closure of East Leeds Leisure Centre and One Stop Centre. Although the community centre part of the building will stay open until September the closure of the main centre has been a very unpopular decision and left empty the only real community facility on the Halton Moor estate
- Flooding – the Wyke Beck floods into the Dunhill estate. The government awarded a grant of £250,000 for all houses to have protective shields



## Section 6

### Priorities and Actions for 2011/12

#### Integrated Locality Working Priorities:

- Develop effective and efficient services which best meet the needs of the people and the places we live
- Increase peoples sense of influence in decisions affecting their lives and communities through open, fair and accountable neighbourhood driven processes.

#### Methodology:

The new locality working approach is outlined in the design principles agreed by Executive Board.

Objective	How will we do it?	Who will deliver this?	By When?	Outcomes
<b>Residents in Outer East have access to opportunities to become involved in sport and culture</b>	Deliver Community Centres delegation with revised lettings charges and fees.	Community Centres Project Team	Anticipated completion by end of 2012	Better use of community assets by local people and maximising income.
	Support community based events such as galas, Christmas lights switch, arts festivals etc	Voluntary & community organisations	Throughout 2011/12	Increase in local people involved in community activity and improving community cohesion.
	Provide small grants for local community groups to provide sporting and cultural activities	Locality Team	Throughout 2011/12	Increase in local people involved in community activity and improving community cohesion.
	Support improvement of existing sports pitches and provision of new pitches such as Thorpe Park	Leisure	Date not known	Providing new and better facilities
	Provide assistance to groups to acquire external funding for projects eg Caird Bardon	Locality Team	Ongoing	Increased capacity of community groups
	Improving local facilities from available funding sources	Locality Team	From April 2011	Providing new and better facilities

	Provide funding to ensure Garforth Leisure Centre remains open during 2011/12 before being transferred to the SPT.	Leisure	April 2011 – March 2012	People have healthier lifestyles.
	Provide summer sports programmes for young people.	Locality Team/ Yorkshire County Cricket	August 2011	More children involved in sport and healthier lifestyles.
<b>Support work that helps town and district centres remain commercially active and vibrant.</b>	Provide funding towards Christmas lights and switch-on events.	Locality Team Events Team	Dec 2012	Increased footfall in town centres
	Support 'in bloom' and environmental groups	Leisure Services Locality Team	Ongoing	Increase in local people involved in community activity and improving community cohesion. Aesthetical improvements to the environment.
	Provide support in establishing traders associations and getting traders involved in community forums and with Parish Councils	Locality Team	Ongoing	Increased footfall in trading areas. Improved vitality and viability of trading areas. Reduce turnover/reduction in empty units
	Area Committee funding to ensure town and district centres are safe places to visit, this includes LeedsWatch CCTV and various community safety schemes identified through 'tasking'.	Locality Team	Ongoing	Reduced crime and safer town centres for people to visit.
	Using SLA from environmental delegation to ensure town and district centres are prioritised for cleaning and clean-ups follow the events schedule.	Environmental Services	Ongoing	Cleaner town and district centres
	Ensure adequate grit bins are in place for severe weather conditions	Highways	Oct-March each year	Safer highways and footpaths for shoppers / traders / visitors.
<b>Provide a range of positive activities</b>	Provide £20k of funding to the Youth Service to deliver positive	LCC Youth Service/	July 2011 through to	Increased number of young people engaged in positive activities.

<b>for young people across the Outer East .</b>	activities during school holidays including confidence building, arts & crafts, leisure.	Brigshaw High School extended services	Easter 2012.	Reduction in isolated young people.
	Fund two weeks of cricket coaching for youngsters aged 8 to 15 years during summer holidays. Coaching by Yorkshire CCC.	Yorkshire CCC	August 2011	More children involved in sport and healthier lifestyles.
	Provide funding to ensure programme of youth work delivered from Halton Moor Community Centre from April – October 2011.	Youth Service	Summer 2011	Young people engaged in positive activities. Reduction in isolated young people. Keeping community facility open in a community suffering high levels of deprivation.
	Work with school clusters to ensure iconic events in the city such as the Olympic torch relay are a success.	School cluster	Summer 2012	Young people engaged in positive activities. Promoting Leeds as a city of culture.
	Supported the Garforth Arts Festival which provides a range of artistic opportunities for young people living in Garforth, Kippax and outer villages.	Garforth Academy	July 2011 and July 2012	Increased number of young people engaged in positive activities. Reduction in isolated young people. Increased community cohesion. Increased promotion of arts in the villages.
<b>Neighbourhoods in Outer East are clean and attractive.</b>	Deliver Environmental Services delegation and ensure continued improvements through robust monitoring.	Locality Team	Ongoing	Cleaner streets. Better use of resources. Integrated workforce working better with the local community through engagement and use of local intelligence.
	Fund additional Community Environment Support Officer in Swarcliffe.	Environmental Action Team	From April 2011	Cleaner streets and general environment.

	Tackle top 10 asset related issues relating to derelict/problem buildings	Derelict Property Project Team	September 2011	Faster and co-ordinated response in addressing issues relating to derelict and nuisance properties.
	Provide £40k of funding to Tasking Teams to address issues relating to community safety and the environment	Locality Team	April 2011	Safer communities and cleaner/greener environments.
	Fund a dedicated Community Payback Probation Team to work in Outer East.	Probation Services	April 2011	Cleaner/greener environments. Support provided to community initiatives
<b>Help support a strong network of community groups that are able to contribute to improving the environment of their neighbourhoods.</b>	Provide skips for community clean-ups	Locality Team	March 2012	Cleaner/greener environment. Increase in community activity.
	Support 'in bloom' groups with funding and equipment.	Locality Team	April 2011	Cleaner/greener environment. Increase in community activity.
	Small grants budget used to support community groups	Locality Team	April 2011	Support of up to 20 community projects.
<b>Residents in Outer East are safe and feel safe</b>	Neighbourhood Tasking Teams meet on six weekly basis to identify and address issues relating to crime and environmental issues	Locality Teams	April 2011	Safer communities. Cleaner/greener environment
	Gating off of problematic ginnels and alleyways such as Grafton Villas and White Laith shops	Safer Leeds	Summer 2012	Safer communities. Cleaner greener environment
	Establishment of cold calling zones in areas where vulnerable residents live	Safer Leeds	November 2011	Safer communities. Cleaner greener environment

	Provide trembler alarms and timer switches for vulnerable residents	Locality Team	Throughout 2011	Safer communities
	Renewal of street signage/parking restrictions/highways improvements in Cross Gates and Halton	Highways	Summer 2011	Safer communities
	Fund off road motorbikes in North East Policing Division	West Yorkshire Police	Summer 2011	Safer communities Cleaner greener environment
<b>Communities are empowered and engaged. People get on well together</b>	Hold 24 Community Forums per year to engage local residents on local issues and priorities	Locality Teams	April 2011	Increased number of residents engaged and contributing towards local decision making.
	Provide £10,000 revenue well being funding for a Small Grant Scheme to support local community groups to deliver local activities and improve their neighbourhood.	Locality Team	April 2011	Support of up to 20 community projects.
	Provide a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Halton Moor & East Osmondthorpe	Locality Team	October 2011	Improvements to the environment in the area and safer streets.
	Engage with Parish Councils through community forums and other local engagement forums	Locality Team	April 2011	Parish Councils engaged in current work including Neighbourhood Planning.
<b>Residents in Outer East are active and healthy.</b>	Hold an annual Older Persons events week	Locality Team	September 2011	Reduce isolation of elderly residents and contribute towards elderly people living independently.
<b>Vulnerable Members of the community are able to live independently at home for longer.</b>	Provide a gardening service for elderly and disabled.	Swarcliffe Good Neighbours	March 2012	Reduce isolation of elderly residents and contribute towards elderly people living independently.

## Section 7

### Priority Neighbourhoods

In 2007 Area Committee acknowledged Halton Moor and East Osmondthorpe as its two priority neighbourhoods that fell within the Outer East boundary. The areas had three Super Output Areas (SOAs) in the bottom 3% nationally and its remaining SOAs in the bottom 10%. As a consequence both Halton Moor and East Osmondthorpe acquired Safer Stronger Communities Funding (SSCF) with project work in those locations delivered by Re'new. A priority neighbourhoods steering group was established and a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan was agreed in 2009 and the priorities within the plan delivered in 2009. SSCF ceased in April 2009.

With reduced resources and no additional funding the Area Management Team has worked with partner agencies to deliver project work and service improvement within current resources.

In **environmental services** a number of issues have arisen:

1. Problems associated with raised planters erected under the Estate Action programme of the 1990s. A bid will be made to ENE Homes Area Panel to fund the removal and making good of the three most problematic raised planters
2. Hot spot areas for dumping and cable stripping have been identified and the Community Environment Officer, ENE Homes Environment Officer and Neighbourhood Policing Team have been alerted.
3. Several areas in Osmondthorpe have been highlighted for litter picking.
4. Poor quality of grass cutting to Leeds Federated Housing land has been raised with that partner agency.

**Assets** in the area are a significant issue with the East Leeds Leisure Centre & Halton Moor One Stop Centre being the main community asset on that estate that was closed in April 2011. Area Committee and the Area Management Team continue to work with partners to find alternative use for the building. The Area Committee secured funding to keep open the community centre that forms part of this facility, in 2011.

**Community Safety** work is delivered through the Neighbourhood Tasking Team which continues to meet six weekly at Killingbeck Police Station. Halton Moor has had issues with Hate Crime and tackling this problem continues to be a priority of the group.

## **Section 8**

### **Partnership and Integrated Working**

The work of the Area Leadership Teams will be regularly reported to Area Committee with progress on integrated working, especially in relation to the environmental delegation.

The Area Committee has a number of partnerships, sub-groups and 'tasking teams' that support the integrated working agenda. The Partnerships and sub-groups have Elected Members as Champions.

#### **Partnerships**

- Health & Well Being – Cllr James Lewis
- Divisional Community Safety Partnership – Cllr Katherine Mitchell
- Children's Partnership – Cllr Tom Murray (the future of this partnership is being reviewed)

#### **Sub-groups**

- Environmental sub-group – Cllr Katherine Mitchell
- Community Centres sub-group – Cllr Suzi Armitage

#### **Neighbourhood Tasking Meetings**

- Garforth / Kippax & villages
- Cross Gates & Whinmoor
- Temple Newsam

All tasking groups meet six-weekly.

## Section 9

### Community Engagement

Supporting and engaging the community is one of the Area Committees key responsibilities. The approach and extent of community engagement needs to be proportionate to the benefits which could be achieved and with a consideration of the loss of time allocated to alternative activities.

Outer East Area Committee has two main methods of face to face engagement: community forums and older person's event week. On top of this there are a number of ad-hoc events held such as learning markets and inter-generational events which are often delivered through partnerships.

The schedule of community forums and older persons week 2011/12 is detailed below.

#### Cross Gates Forum

Date	Venue	Time
27 July 2011	Cross Gates Good Neighbours	6pm
19 Oct 2011	Cross Gates Good Neighbours	6pm
11 January 2012	Cross Gates Good Neighbours	6pm
4 April 2012	Cross Gates Good Neighbours	6pm

#### Swarcliffe & Stanks Forum

Date	Venue	Time
20 July 2011	St Gregory's Y&A Centre	6pm
4 October 2011	St Gregory's Y&A Centre	6pm
1 February 2012	St Gregory's Y&A Centre	6pm
18 April 2012	St Gregory's Y&A Centre	6pm

#### North Whinmoor Forum

Date	Venue	Time
12 July 2011	Fieldhead Community Centre	6pm
11 October 2011	Fieldhead Community Centre	6pm
17 January 2012	Fieldhead Community Centre	6pm
27 March 2012	Fieldhead Community Centre	6pm

#### Halton Moor & East Osmondthorpe Forum

Date	Venue	Time
12 July 2011	Halton Moor OSC	6pm
11 Oct 2011	Halton Moor Community Centre	6pm
17 Jan 2012	Halton Moor Community Centre	6pm
10 April 2012	Halton Moor Community Centre	6pm



### Halton Forum

Date	Venue	Time
14 July 2011	Christ Church, Halton	6pm
13 October 2011	Christ Church, Halton	6pm
19 Jan 2012	Christ Church, Halton	6pm
3 April 2012	Christ Church, Halton	6pm

### Kippax & Methley Forum

Date	Venue	Time
21 September 2011	Brigshaw High School	6pm
27 March 2012	Brigshaw High School	6pm

### Garforth & Swillington Forum

Date	Venue	Time
4 October 2011	Garforth Academy	6pm
24 January 2011	Garforth Academy	6pm
23 April 2012	Garforth Academy	6pm

Older person's event week was held w/c 26 September at the following venues:

- Monday – Great Preston Village Hall
- Tuesday – St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre, Swarcliffe
- Wednesday – Kippax Ex-Service and Social Club
- Thursday – Christ Church, Halton
- Friday – Garforth Liberal Club

### Other engagement

Outlined below are engagement activities for 2011/12 that provide an opportunity for residents to be consulted on particular issues or bring local issues to the attention of Councillors regarding council services:

- At Area Committee meetings and particularly through the 'Open Forum' section where members of the public are invited to raise matters
- At local Community forums and partnership meetings
- Via Facebook pages for our forums
- Through our webpage currently on [www.leeds.gov.uk/south](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/south)
- By email – [nhd.southareacomm@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:nhd.southareacomm@leeds.gov.uk)
- Engagement activities at community events
- Support to specific groups which aids engagement
- Support to specific residents and neighbourhoods through the process of Neighbourhood Improvement Plans
- Provision of small grants offers an engagement opportunity to support local groups to build their capacity and skills base
- Leeds Residents Survey, bi-annual survey of residents across Leeds and is one of the most wide ranging and comprehensive means by which the council consults with residents
- Parish Councils

- Conservation audits
- Talking point – online consultation portal details of council consultations planned, being delivered and completed
- Citizens Panel (new larger panel of 6,000 residents planned for 2012)

Area Management recognise that residents have difference lifestyles and different preference for how they want to interact with the council. A variety of methodologies are available from the approaches and tools developed and trialled within the team.

## **Section 10**

### **Commitment to Equalities and Cohesion**

Building on and simplifying the existing legal framework the Equalities Act 2010 requires public bodies to have the following:

- Due regard to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act:
- Advance equality of opportunity, and:
- Foster good relations across all protected characteristics.

The ambition for Leeds is to be the best city in the UK. By adopting the Equalities Review definition of an equal society we place people at the heart of all that we do and value the contribution diversity has in all aspects of our lives. We recognise that there are still areas of inequality. To help tackle these our approach to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration focuses on:

- The effects organisational barriers can have on a diverse population, and
- Practical ways of removing or reducing those barriers.

Leeds City Council has a strong commitment to equality and cohesion. Community cohesion is a key priority for the Area Committee and their work within local communities is aimed at developing harmonious communities where people can come together in a spirit of cooperation to improve their area.

Leeds City Council has an Equality Framework and achieved an 'Excellent' standard in May 2011. Area Management are responsible for ensuring that equality standards are embedded in all Area Committee work.

South East Area Management Team is responsible for ensuring that equality standards are embedded in all Area Committee work.

Well Being Funding Agreements are signed by all agencies and community groups to receive funding and outline that to receive funding they also implement and adhere to their own equality statements.

## **Section 11**

### **Monitoring Arrangements and Promotion of Area Committee Achievements**

- The table outlining the Area Committee priorities and actions for 2011/12 outlines Area Committee achievements
- The Area Committee will support the Council and its partner agencies in improving service delivery based on Outcome Based Accountability principles
- Area Management Team produces weekly good news stories for the Deputy Chief Executive
- Groups and Services receiving well being funding acknowledge Outer East Area Committee and have access to a LCC logo for publicity material