

Report of Area Leader West North West

Report to Outer West Area Committee

Date: 20th March 2012

Subject: Area Progress Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Farnley and Wortley, Calverley and Farsley, Pudsey	<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 informs the Area Committee of progress against the Area Management work programme for Outer West Leeds and local contributions to Council priorities.
2. All Ward Members who make up the Area Committee are consulted on projects and initiatives within their ward. In addition, each Leeds Strategic Plan theme has a Member champion assigned to progress work in the relevant area.

Recommendations

3. Outer West Area Committee members are invited to note that the contents of the report and to comment on any aspect of the matters raised.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of progress against the Area Management work programme for Outer West Leeds and local contributions to Council priorities.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Area Committee has received regular reports on progress against the Outer West Area Delivery Plan (ADP). The ADP was due to run until March 2011 and so is not now a current document. However, the actions contained within the ADP are still relevant to the Outer West work programme, as many are continuing into 2011/12. This report therefore, provides and update against relevant actions and partner agencies' progress on local improvements.
- 2.2 The Area Committee is asked to note that the Outer West Area Management Team has been working on a Business Plan for 2011-15, which is now presented to the Area Committee for final approval. The plan follows on from meetings with Members to ensure that their wishes have been represented in the plan (see appendix 1).

3 Main issues

- 3.1 **Enterprise and Economy** – Work was due to start on Phase 2 of the Farsley Town and District Centre Scheme with the demolition of the public toilets and landscaping of the surrounding area (into a small community garden) in February. Unfortunately, work has been delayed whilst an ecological survey of the area was carried out, in accordance with planning legislation, in order to ensure that no bats were roosting in the toilets which would be disturbed by works. The survey is now complete, and work is due to begin on this part of the scheme in March 2012.
- 3.2 Unfortunately, the remainder of the scheme which will see works to re-surface the footpath known as the “ginnel,” has been put on hold, due to unforeseen circumstances; namely the damaging of the “ginnel” and adjacent wall due to a runaway vehicle. This unfortunate event, occurred a week before work was due to start on site, and has generated a large amount of work as efforts have been made with Building Control, and Legal to establish who is responsible for repairing the boundary wall. Area Management are pleased to confirm that the owner of the wall has been found and protracted efforts have been made to ensure that the wall is repaired as soon as possible. With this in mind, via the Council's Legal Department, the owner has been offered a loan (subject to certain terms of assurance) from the Council to carry out repairs, to be carried out alongside works to the “ginnel”. The offer has been made as a time limited offer, as Area Management and local Councillors are keen to see this scheme come to fruition. It is hoped that if the owner of the wall agrees to terms set out, work can commence on the “ginnel” in April/May 2012.
- 3.3 The Area Committee is aware that the Town Centre Manager (TCM) for Pudsey is leaving his post in its current form at the end of March 2012. Discussions have been held with Leeds Ahead, who currently employ the TCM, as to whether certain aspects of the post (particularly around events and business liaison) can be continued when the TCM begins his new role with them in April. Area Committee

members will be kept closely informed of progress on this issue outside of the Area Committee.

3.4 The Town Centre Manager has since the last Area Committee update in December been:

- Looking into the logistics behind how small towns can introduce “pop up” shops, these are seasonal or short term retail outlets who need retail space for a limited time e.g fireworks;
- Progressing the Town Centre map and notice board;
- Developing a new design and marketing campaign for the town called “Go local”, which is a re-branding of the “Shop Local” campaign.

Environment –

3.5 The Outer West Environmental Sub Group continues to meet to monitor the Service Level Agreement and identify relevant environmental issues. The most recent meeting in February, discussed the Council’s new Grounds Maintenance Contract (Continental), and agreed to invite them back to a later meeting to discuss how the contract is progressing on a day-to-day basis.

3.6 The Sub Group was also informed at its meeting that the pilot in the Tongs estate (Farnley Wortley ward) between West North West Homes (ALMO) and Environmental Services to put into practice the rationalisation of maintenance of areas of land in Outer West Leeds, has been slightly delayed. This delay is due to icy conditions and the forecast of snow, which have prevented phase one of this work, the “deep clean” to take place.

3.7 The Sub group’s next meeting will be held in April, when the second Service Level Agreement for the delegated function of Environmental Services will be discussed.

Harmonious Communities –

3.7 The last Outer West Area Committee in January agreed to fund several community safety projects. Two of note in terms of progress are the Phoenix Park traffic signs at Tyersal and the implementation of a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Camera on Farfield Avenue Farsley.

3.8 The former was to fund in conjunction with Bradford Metropolitan Council the erection of signs on a large grassed area to the rear of the Phoenix Park Trading estate in Tyersal in order to stop off road vehicles causing noise nuisance for local residents and to ensure the safety of local residents who walk in the area. These signs are due to be erected before Easter.

3.9 The provision of CCTV on Farfield Avenue to act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour around the local shopping parade, is subject to part funding by West North West Homes Leeds (ALMO). Area Management is hopeful that this funding will be

approved at the first meeting of the Outer West ALMO Panel in the new financial year.

- 3.10 Area Management (in response to a request made at the September/December Area Committees as a result of reported anti-social behaviour) are pleased to inform the Area Committee that the possibility of utilising the existing Metro Closed Circuit Television Camera in Pudsey Bus Station to oversee Pudsey Park is edging closer. Parks and Countryside (P&C) submitted plans to fell three trees (which the Area Committee and P&C will replace with the planting of new trees) to Planning in January. A decision should be made on this application in March, at which time if successful, post felling, LeedsWatch will be asked to rotate the existing CCTV camera in the Bus Station. Parks and Countryside agreed to jointly fund this project in conjunction with the Area Committee, following the Committee's request.

Health and Wellbeing –

- 3.11 Integrated health and social care teams

GP practices, health workers, social care staff, patients and communities are working together to provide early, targeted support to help older people and people with long term conditions stay healthy for as long as possible. The aim is for Leeds to have integrated health and social care teams by April 2013. Pudsey is the first area in West North West Leeds to implement the changes. It aims to result in a better experience for people who use health and social care services, and their families and carers; a better experience for staff; to address inequalities and to provide better value for money.

- 3.12 Pudsey wellbeing centre

The wellbeing centre is planned to open Summer 2012. It will be a needs led, community centre that will focus on the wider determinants of health and wellbeing, long term conditions and self care. There is currently a community adult eye clinic in the building. There are plans for a community coffee shop that will provide a place for social groups.

- 3.13 Memory session clinic in Pudsey library

This is a monthly, informal drop-in service for people with memory problems, people with dementia, their carers, or anyone who would like more information, which will be running for 6 months in the first instance. The drop-in service provides a friendly environment to meet other people and share experiences. The sessions provide an opportunity to take part in activities or talk to professionals about any information and support needs people may have.

Thriving Places –

- 3.14 A Community Safety report is attached elsewhere on this agenda and the Community Safety Co-ordinator for West Leeds and Inspector Cawkwell will provide an update to the Area Committee.

- 3.15 Area Management is working to try and secure the successful implementation of “Community First”, a Cabinet office initiative, which sees the offer of funding for communities (with high levels of deprivation and lack of social capital), who can work together as part of a wider Community Panel, who will submit bids to the Community Development Foundation for consideration. Farnley/Wortley and Pudsey wards have been identified as wards to benefit from this initiative, and the panels will have local Member representation. Contact has been made by Area Management with Armley Juniors, a local third sector youth organisation to see if they can form a Panel for the Farnley Wortley ward, and a decision will be taken by interested parties in early March at their Annual General Meeting to see if this can be taken forward. After several unsuccessful attempts by Area Management, finally an organisation has been identified in the form of Healthy Living Network (in conjunction with the Committee’s Co-optee Rev. Paul Ayres) to form the Pudsey Panel. Further updates will be brought to the Area Committee on the Panel’s progress in due course.
- 3.16 Discussions have been held with Property Maintenance. Pudsey Leisure Centre and local Ward Councillors to try and progress the relocation of Pudsey toilets to the front of the Leisure Centre. Area Management is currently awaiting costs from Property Maintenance to see whether the project can be carried out within available funds from Ward Based Initiative funding and Area Committee approved capital previously set aside for this scheme.
- 3.17 A copy of West North West Homes Leeds Outer West Area Panel minutes from the December meeting are attached at Appendix 1.

4 Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1 In addition, Ward Members are consulted on projects and initiatives within their ward which link to the Area Management work programme via regular ongoing “Two Way Feedback” meetings, held with Area Management, and ad hoc meetings/telephone conversations as and when required.

Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2 This section is not applicable to this report

Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3 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 only to environmental delegations.
- 4.4 The Area Functions are included in the Council’s Constitution (Part 3, section 3C).
- 4.5 Area Management’s work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

Resources and Value for Money

- 4.6 Programmes of work outlined in this report are resourced in the main by Area Management staff and where relevant their partners which in turn provides value for money.
- 4.7 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets and the Community Centres Budget.
- 4.8 In order to meet the Area Committee's roles, funding is in the main supplied by other Leeds City Council Departments main stream budgets, and external partner agencies e.g. the Police and Primary Care Trust, which is in turn reflected in the fact that the Area Committee's role here is only to influence, develop and consult. However, on occasion, wellbeing funding has resourced some projects related to its roles, e.g. community engagement, area based regeneration schemes and conservation area reviews.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.9 This report 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.
- 4.10 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.
- 4.11 This report is subject to Call-In as it is the Area Committees functions are delegated Executive ones.

Risk Management

- 4.12 A risk assessment will be carried out by Property Maintenance as part of their plans for demolition of the public toilets and works to the ginnel in Farsley.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 In conclusion, the Area Progress 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.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Outer West Area Committee members are invited to:

- note the contents of the report and to comment on any aspect of the matters raised.
- Note the ALMO Area Panel minutes attached at Appendix 1;
- Approve the content of the Outer West Business Plan 2011-15 at Appendix 2.

Background documents¹

- Outer West Area Committee papers September/December 2010.

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