

**Outer South Area Committee Business Plan
2012/15**

**Morley North
Morley South
Ardsley & Robin Hood
Rothwell**

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1. Executive Summary

This 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 the wellbeing budget, and information about the communities it serves.

An Action Plan sets out how the priorities for the Outer South Area Committee will be achieved.

There are a number of priority neighbourhoods within Outer South Leeds, and a strategy has been agreed to ensure that local residents have the opportunity to get involved in shaping service delivery for their community.

Each of the priority neighbourhoods has an action plan to address the priorities agreed by the council, its partners and local residents. This business plan sets out the framework for improving our priority neighbourhoods.

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 in maintaining this standard.

2. Foreword by Outer South Area Committee Chair

Welcome to our Outer South Area Committee Business Plan which covers the period 2012/15. Decisions on this plan are made by the Ward Councillors of the Outer South Area Committee:

- Ardsley and Robin Hood Ward (3 Elected Members)
- Morley North Ward (3 Elected Members)
- Morley South Ward (3 Elected Members)
- Rothwell Ward (3 Elected Members)

Ward Councillors are local representatives and have a key role as community leaders. This Area Committee had decided not to co-opt members, should this be reviewed during 2011/12, the co-opted members would not have voting rights as legally only Elected Members or Council officers (with delegated powers) can make decisions about how the Council's budget is spent.

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

In September 2011, your Area Committee agreed to develop a Business Plan as a means to set out our priorities and outcomes for improving the Outer South 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 South Leeds and work in partnership with Council services and key agencies, including the Police, Health Services, Aire Valley Homes and the Voluntary and Community sector to achieve local aspirations. The Area Committee must also demonstrate our contribution to the success of Leeds as a city and the plan reflects the themes and aims of the Leeds Initiative and links local and city wide outcomes.

Cllr Robert Finnigan
Outer South Area Committee Chair

3. Area Committee Roles and Responsibilities

There are ten Area Committees covering the City of Leeds. Area committees are made up of local councillors. This business plan sets out the priorities and focus of work for the Outer South Area Committee. The plan will be revised and refreshed each year to ensure that the priorities are still relevant.

Their purpose is to improve the delivery and co-ordination of local Council services and improve the quality of local decision making. The priorities for the Area Committee are based on local consultation and engagement with partners.

The Council has given specific responsibilities to the Area Committees known as Area Functions. These include:

- Area Well Being budgets – a budget to be spent on local priorities
- Community centres
- CCTV
- Neighbourhood management co-ordination
- Street Cleansing & Environmental Enforcement Services

3.1 Membership of the Area Committee:

Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward	Cllr Jack Dunn Cllr Lisa Mulherin Cllr Karen Renshaw
Morley North Ward	Cllr Robert Finnigan (Chair) Cllr Bob Gettings Cllr Tom Ledley
Morley South Ward	Cllr Neil Dawson Cllr Judith Elliott Cllr Shirley Varley
Rothwell Ward	Cllr Karen Bruce Cllr Stewart Golton Cllr Don Wilson

The area committee meets six times per year:

Date	Venue
Monday 2 nd July 2012	Rothwell One Stop Centre, Marsh Street
Monday 3 rd September 2012	Thorpe Primary School Dolphin Lane
Monday 15 th October 2012	Drighlington Meeting Hall, Moorland Road
Monday 3 rd December 2012	Morley Town Hall, Queen Street, Morley
Monday, 11 th February 2013	Rothwell One Stop Centre, Marsh Street
Monday, 25 th March 2013	Morley Town Hall, Queen Street, Morley

Function Schedules

The Area Committee have functions delegated to them by the Executive Board and these are set out in the Area Committee Functions Schedule. Decisions taken by the Area Committees in relation to Executive Functions are subject to call in. The 2012/13 Function Schedule is included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, Section 3c).

3.2 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 Support Team on behalf of the Area Committee.
- b) The Area Committee receives update reports to each Area Committee meeting with updated budget positions.

3.3 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 11 community centres delegated to this Area Committee:

Blackburn Hall	St Gabriel's
Gildersome Youth Centre	Tingley Youth and Community Centre
Lewisham Park	West Ardsley Community Centre
Morley Town Hall (4 rooms)	East Ardsley Community Centre
Rose Lund Centre	Stanhope
Windmill Youth Centre	

- b) There is an ongoing review corporately in relation to community centres looking at the current delegation and market rental assessments.
- c) Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee, chaired by an Elected Member and with representatives from key services and Ward Members, to oversee an action plan which highlights work to be undertaken to further enhance and develop each centre (including increasing usage).
- d) The action plan monitors improvements to the centres and reports will be provided to the Area Committee to report on progress, which will include information from Corporate Property Management on budget and maintenance and the corporate review of the Market Rental Assessments.

3.4 Neighbourhood Management:

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

- a) The Area Committee have approved funding to continue to support the appointment of a Priority Neighbourhood Worker (PNW) to support the delivery of Neighbourhood Improvement Plans and Supported Areas across the Outer South.
- b) Neighbourhood Improvement Plans will be approved on an annual basis and will set out actions to target the priorities identified within each priority neighbourhood.
- c) There are currently two Priority Neighbourhoods for the Outer South that are nearing a successful conclusion these are Ingles/ Asquiths, (Morley) and Springbank/Moorlands (Gildersome) projects.
- d) Through Supported Area status, Tenants and Residents Associations in previous NIP areas to receive support from the PNW.
- e) Reports will be provided twice a year to highlight achievements and provide performance management information.

3.5 CCTV

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

- a) The Area Committee will receive an annual report in June to provide an update in relation to CCTV, in addition regular reports will be provided to Members via email.

3.6 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 South Environmental Sub Group with Member representation from each ward to meet on a regular 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.

3.7 Community Engagement:

The Area Committee will agree a local community engagement framework.

This framework will guide the Area Committee in its engagement with the local community and enable it to assess its performance against the priorities identified in the Business Plan and future priorities.

- a) The Area Committee will utilise existing local engagement frameworks, such as Aire Valley Homes, BITMO, various voluntary sector partners to monitor, assess and act on local intelligence to better react to needs.

3.8 Ward Member Briefings

- a) Ward Member meetings will be held for each ward three times during the year with the purpose to identify ward projects and monitor progress of these projects. The meetings will be arranged and facilitated by the Area Support Team with an action plan provided for each.
- b) Where Members have specific issues, partners will be invited to attend meetings to discuss and agree actions to address.
- c) A regular cycle of invited guests will be agreed with Members to provide update reports and progress as and when appropriate.

3.9 Area Committee Forward Plan

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

Priority Advisory Functions (influencing, developmental and consultative responsibilities)

These are the services where the Area Committees have an enhanced role in influencing service delivery.

Role	Summary
Community Engagement	<p><i>The Area Committee will agree a local community Engagement framework. This framework will guide the Area Committee in its engagement with the local community and enable it to assess its performance against the priorities identified in the Business Plan and Future priorities.</i></p> <p>See Section 9 for more information</p>
Community Green space	<p>This covers 73 community parks vested with the Parks and Countryside Service. These include a wide variety of recreation facilities, sports pitches, play areas, formal and informal horticultural features.</p> <p>Area Committees will influence the development and use of community parks and be consulted about proposals for the development and use of them, for example proposals for refurbishment and installation of new play equipment.</p> <p>The Area Committee receives an annual report on the Parks and Countryside Service.</p>
PCSOs, Neighbourhood	This covers the deployment of PCSOs, the work of

Policing Teams and Multi Agency Crime and Grime Operations	<p>Neighbourhood Policing Teams (which are now aligned to ward and Area Committee boundaries) and multi agency crime and grime initiatives to tackle local priorities and hot spots. The arrangements enable staff to work more closely together on the ground and improve consultation with and reporting arrangements to the Area Committees.</p> <p>The Area Committee receives regular reports from the Community safety Coordinator in partnership with the Police and other key agencies.</p>
Highways Maintenance	<p>Area Committees will be asked to comment on annual and forward programme of planned maintenance of local roads, on traffic management proposals affecting local roads and minor maintenance schemes to keep highway safe.</p>
Local Children and Young People Plans	<p>Area Committees will continue to influence the strategic direction of actions within the area delivery plan in relation to the 5 Every Child Matters outcomes and local need.</p> <p>The committees will have a local democratic oversight, demonstrated by endorsing the plan and local priorities identified within it. Committees will have a monitoring function, ensuring the 5 Every Child Matters outcomes and the improved integration of children’s services are embedded as part of the delivery objectives of the Children Leeds Area Partnership expressed through the Community Charter, Neighbourhood Improvement Plans and extended service cluster plans.</p> <p>Progress is reported to the Area Committee through an annual report from Children’s Services and reports on the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.</p> <p>The Outer South Area Committee Children & Young People’s Working group allows for a strategic overview of the current services in the area and provides a more joined up approach to delivering effect services.</p>
Health and Well Being. (including Adult Social Care)	<p>As part of their responsibility to promote local well being, Area Committees have an important role in helping to improve health and tackling health inequalities by ensuring coordinated and focused activity across Council services and with key partners such as NHS Leeds at the local level. Adult Services and NHS Leeds are organising their resources to work more effectively at a local level helping Area Committees through regular reporting arrangements to influence local priorities and action, and monitor the health and well-being targets linked to the Leeds Strategic Plan. The Area Committee receives an annual report from the ENE Health and Wellbeing Partnership.</p>
Area Based	<p>Also consistent with the promotion of well-being, Area</p>

<p>Regeneration Schemes and Town and District Centre Projects</p>	<p>Committees will have a role in relation to influencing, assisting and endorsing key aspect of area based regeneration schemes and town and district centre projects. They will be supported in this by officers in the Regeneration Service.</p>
<p>Conservation Area Reviews</p>	<p>This function covers a programme of reviews in 17 designated conservation areas commencing 2008/09 – to 2010/11. In each case to assess its special character, to propose any changes to its boundary and to make proposals for its management. Area Committees agreed reviews in these areas and ward members have been directly involved in consultation work.</p>
<p>Advertising on Lampposts</p>	<p>Function is suspended until April 2012</p> <p>The Council had agreed a 15 year contract for the installation of advertising on lamp posts in 2008. A 20% share of the income generated from this contract was due to come back to Area Committees to support local priorities. However, in February 2009 the company awarded the contract went in to administration. During the liquidation process, the hoardings on lamp posts were sold to a new company, City-ads Leeds, who will operate a much reduced service on an interim basis until a more permanent arrangement is put in place.</p> <p>A new company to deliver this contract was due to be selected through a competitive tender process, with the contract commencing around December 2011. The delay in tendering for the renewal of the contract is to enable the advertising market to recover from the economic downturn and thereby yield the Council (and Area Committees) with the best possible financial return.</p> <p>City-ads are a fledgling business, aspiring to build their advertising portfolio against an extremely difficult economic backdrop for the industry. An income share arrangement has been agreed but the returns are not expected to be significant. Initial indications are that the Council will receive around £300 per quarter, rising to around £1,000 per quarter as the business grows over the next 12months.</p> <p>It was therefore agreed that this function is suspended until April 2012 when a new contractor has been agreed, as the administrative costs of dividing the limited income that will be received to each of the 10 committees, is highly likely to outweigh the actual return that each committee will receive.</p>

4. Well Being Budget

The Wellbeing budget is used to support the priorities identified within the Business plan. A spending plan for 2012/13 was agreed at the March 2012 area committee. It is administered by the Area Support Team on behalf of the area committee. New spending proposals are discussed at the Ward Member Briefings, and decisions on spending are made by the area committee.

The Area Support Team 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.

Wellbeing funding is used to provide something new or significantly enhance and add value to an existing project. It cannot be used to fund the everyday running costs of a community organisation, pay for costs relating to projects with religious or political aims or pay for any projects/part of projects that have already taken place.

Organisations applying for wellbeing funding must be able to demonstrate that they:

- Have appropriate constituted management arrangements and finance controls in place
- Have relevant policies to comply with legislation and best practice e.g. equal opportunities, child protection
- Demonstrate they have the experience and/or ability to undertake the project
- Are clear on how you will measure the success of the project
- Are not able to fund all of the costs for the project themselves or from other grants

Tables 1 and 2 show how the revenue and capital budgets were spent in 2011/12 and table 3 sets out the spending plan for 2012/13.

Table 1		2011/12
INCOME	Revenue Well being Budget	£183,790.00
	Roll Forward	£30,459.05
	Funding made available through conversion of PB projects to Capital	£1,587.74
	Re-allocation of Town Centre Manager Pension provision not taken up	
	TOTAL	£215,836.79
RING FENCED AMOUNTS		
ADP Theme Project		2011/12
Sustainable Economy and Culture		£58,960.00
	Small Grants Scheme *	£7,000.00
	Communications Budget e.g. printing, meetings	£2,000.00
	Morley Literature Festival 2012	£10,000.00
	Rothwell 600	£8,000.00
	Town Centre Management	£21,070.00
	Christmas trees and decorations	£10,890.00
Safer And Stronger Communities		£86,211.82
	Operation Champion *	£400.00
	Activity identified through the Divisional Community Safety Partnership and Neighbourhood Tasking such as reducing crime/fear of crime, tackling ASB crime prevention measures	£8,000.00
	Support for Community Safety Off Road Bikes	£2,964.00
	Victims Support – Victims Fund	£1,000.00
	Priority Neighbourhood Worker *	£25,396.32
	Neighbourhood Improvement Plans * 2x £3,000 = £6,000 Asquith/Ingles. Springbank / Mooreland's	£6,000.00
	Site Based Gardeners	£34,951.50
	Community Skips *	£2,500.00
	Environmental Sub Group – SLA development	£5,000.00
Health and Well Being		£36,750.00
	Garden Maintenance Scheme (Year 3 of 3)	£33,000.00
	John O'Gaunts Mothers Pride Tea Time Club	£3,750.00
Children and Families		£20,000.00
	Activities for Children and Young People	£20,000.00
	Balance Remaining	£13,914.97
TOTAL		£215,836.79

A capital budget of £683,008 has been allocated between 2004-2010 with no new allocations for 2011/12 and 2012/13. The spend broken down by Ward is as follows:

Table 2	Ardley and Robin Hood	Morley North	Morley South	Rothwell
Total Allocation 2004-12	£170,752.00	£170,752.00	£170,752.00	£170,752.00
Allocation to date	£169,873.20	£164,612.11	£166,862.20	£164,051.93
New Balance	£878.80	£6,139.89	£3,889.80	£6,700.07

Outlined in the table below is a plan of how the 2012/13 revenue budget could be allocated.

Table 3		2012/13
INCOME	Revenue Well being Budget	£183,790.00
	Roll Forward	£13,914.37
	Funding made available through conversion of Participatory Budget projects to Capital	
	Re-allocation of Town Centre Manager Pension provision not taken up	£1,899.34
	TOTAL	£199,603.71
ADP Theme	Project	2012/13
Sustainable Economy and Culture		£35,000.00
	Small Grants Scheme *	£5,000.00
	Communications Budget e.g. printing, meetings	£1,000.00
	Morley Literature Festival 2012	£10,000.00
	Rothwell 600	£8,000.00
	Town Centre Management	
	Christmas trees and decorations	£11,000.00
Safer And Stronger Communities		£70,703.79
	Operation Champion *	
	Activity identified through the Divisional Community Safety Partnership and Neighbourhood Tasking such as reducing crime/fear of crime, tackling ASB crime prevention measures	£6,400.00
	Support for Community Safety Off Road Bikes	£2,964.00
	Victims Support – Victims Fund	£1,000.00
	Priority Neighbourhood Worker *	£20,402.38
	Neighbourhood Improvement Plans * 2x £3,000 = £6,000 Asquith/Ingles. Springbank / Moorlands	
	Site Based Gardeners	£34,937.41
	Community Skips *	£2,000.00
	Environmental Sub Group – SLA development	£3,000.00
Health and Well Being		£33,000.00
	Garden Maintenance Scheme (Year 3 of 3)	£33,000.00
	John O'Gaunts Mothers Pride Tea Time Club	
Children and Families		£28,224.15
	Activities for Children and Young People	£20,000.00
	No Cold Callers	£2,400.00
	Crime and Grime Issues	£4,000.00
Ring fenced for Ardsley and Robin Hood		£1,824.15
	Balance Remaining	£30,851.62
TOTAL		£199,603.71

During 2012/13, Area Support Team will record capital and revenue leverage figures achieved from well being funding projects.

5. Ward Profiles

ARDSLEY ROBIN HOOD WARD

Where: South East Area
Which Area Committee: Outer South
Name of Area Committee Chair: Cllr Robert Finnigan (Morley North Ward)

Ward Members

<p>Councillor Jack Dunn (Labour) Deputy Executive Board Member for Environmental Services Council Appointments: Licensing Committee Appointments to Outside Bodies: Aire Valley Homes Area Panel, Allotments Working Party, Yorkshire (Transitional) Flood and Coastal Committee.</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: Outer South Cleaner Neighbourhoods Sub Group,</p>	
<p>Councillor Lisa Mulherin (Labour) Deputy Executive Board Member for Leisure Council Appointments: Scrutiny Board (Health and Well being and Adult Social Care), Appointments to Outside Bodies: Welcome to Yorkshire, Leeds Grand Theatre Enterprises Limited, and Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Limited.</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee.</p>	
<p>Councillor Karen Renshaw (Labour) Deputy Executive Board Member for Children's Services Council Appointments: Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care), Scrutiny Board (Children and Families), Appointments to Outside Bodies: Aire Valley Homes Area Panel</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: Representative on South Leeds Employment, Enterprise and Training Partnership.</p>	

The ward as a place

- Tingley
- East Ardsley
- West Ardsley
- Lofthouse
- Robin Hood
- Thorpe on the Hill
- Winthorpes

Key Neighbourhoods

- Eastleighs/Fairleighs (Tingley)
- Thorpe on the Hill
- Lofthouse estate (Lofthouse)

Ardley and Robin Hood is a largely rural ward with seven distinct villages spread across the area. The ward is bounded by Dewsbury Road to the West and M1 to the East. The M62 dissects the Ward and contains the junction 42/29 of the M1/M62.

Residents strongly identify with their local town or village; this manifests itself in a strong civic pride and community spirit. However, this strong local identity can generate feelings of isolation and a lack of influence on decisions affecting their communities. Tingley, Thorpe and Red Barn Residents Associations are three well developed community groups in the area.

Socio-economic/demographic description of the Ward:

Ward population is approximately 19,692. Ardsley and Robin Hood are predominantly white British with an average to high quality of life, which masks a number of 'pockets of deprivation across the area. These neighbourhoods are characterised by lower skills levels, health problems, poor education attainment and community safety issues.

The Outer South Area Committee has identified two priority neighbourhoods based on Indices of Deprivation. Area Committee support is targeted through a time limited Neighbourhoods improvement Plan delivered by a multi agency group, tackling issues and providing support to residents to develop their skill as community leaders, alongside Councillors.

Eastleighs/Fairleighs

Eastleighs and Fairleighs is a large estate in Tingley with a population of approximately 2580, 30% of these are 19 years old or under and 21% are over 60. The 1045 properties are a mixture of private, owner occupied and council housing. Indices of Deprivation show that Oakwells and Fairfax falls nationally into the lowest 20% for Crime and the top 10% for the Living Environment and Education and Skills Domains.

The success of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan in 2007 was the establishment of Tingley Tenants and Residents Association. The Area Committee Priority Neighbourhood Worker continues to support this group who are a strong voice for the local community.

Thorpe on the Hill

Thorpe on the Hill is a small village in the centre of the ward. The Neighbourhood Improvement Plan completed in 2010 focused on an area to the south of the M62, with a population of approximately 2669. The 1377 properties were a mixture of private, owner occupied and council housing, with only 16 managed by Aire Valley Homes and 40 managed by Yorkshire Housing. Ward Members and representatives of Yorkshire Housing identified that although the Super Output Area did not highlight Thorpe within the top 20% of deprivation nationally, there was evidence of pockets in the area worthy of additional support from agencies.

The highly active Thorpe Tenants and Residents Association were important members of the NIP steering group, supporting the consultation exercise and the delivery of agreed actions to address the identified need. The biggest achievement of the NIP was the refurbishment of Stanhope Community Centre and the delivery of May Madness, a month long programme of free events and activities for local residents to promote the centre and generate interest for new regular activities.

Schools:

- East Ardsley Primary School
- Blackgates Primary School
- Westerton Primary School
- Robin Hood Primary School
- Thorpe Primary School
- Hill Top Infants School

Main council facilities (including parks, visitor attractions etc)

- Ardsley and Tingley Library
- Lofthouse Library
- Ardsley and Tingley Children's Centre (Blackgates Primary School)
- Lofthouse Children's Centre
- Smithy Lane Recreational Ground (Tingley)
- Thorpe Recreational Ground
- Play area at Winthorpes
- East Ardsley Community Centre
- St Gabriel's
- Tingley Youth and Community Centre
- West Ardsley Community Centre

Development / regeneration plans:

- Thorpe Neighbourhood Improvement Plan June 2010
- Supported Area Support – Tingley Tenants and Residents Association
- Outer South Area Committee Area Delivery Plan
- Outer South Area Committee Community Engagement Plan
- Thorpe Recreational Ground due for completion in August 2010

Key successes

- AMT leading partnerships through Neighbourhood Improvement Plans to establish and support a residents association in priority area; Eastleighs/Fairleighs, this is now the Tingley Tenants and Residents Association (TARA).
- Smithy Lane Rec: new play facilities completed which has seen the local residents participate actively in the consultation and development plans.
- Thorpe Recreational Ground: new play facilities due for completion which has seen a strong role from local residents in the development of the facility.
- Participatory Budgeting initiative delivered by AMT in Lofthouse in June 2009.
- March 2010 the Outer South Volunteer Support Fair was held at Tingley Youth and Community Centre. Over 100 people attended.

Key issues / challenges

- Residents strongly identify with their local town or village; this manifests itself in a strong civic pride and community spirit. However, this strong local identity can generate feelings of isolation and a lack of influence on decisions affecting their communities.
- Localism Act – A raft of proposals contained here will affect the Ward. including Community First panels




Key Local Organisations

- Morley Elderly Action; commissioned by Area Committee to deliver Outer South Garden Maintenance Service to vulnerable clients. Also provide support services to elderly residents.
- Tingley Tenants and Residents Association; strong community voice for this priority neighbourhood and organise community events and outings.
- Thorpe Tenants and Residents Association; strong community voice who organise community events and manage Stanhope Community Centre (owned by AVH Community Centre)

MORLEY NORTH WARD

Where: South East
Which Area Committee: Outer South
Name of Area Committee Chair: Cllr Robert Finnigan (Morley North Ward)

Ward Members:

<p><i>Councillor Robert Finnigan (Morley Borough Independents)</i> Leader of the Morley Borough Independent Group Council Appointments inc: Executive Board, General Purpose Committee, Joint Plans Panel, Plans Panel East Appointments to outside bodies etc: ALMO (AVH), LGA General Assembly, Morley Town Centre Management Board, Roseville Advisory Board, South Leeds Investment Partnership</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: Morley Town Centre Management Board, Chair of Outer South Cleaner Neighbourhoods Sub Group and Environmental Champion.</p>	
<p><i>Councillor Bob Gettings MBE JP (Morley Borough Independents)</i> Council Appointments inc: Licensing Committee, Scrutiny Board (Children and Families), Standards Committee Appointments to outside bodies etc: Leeds Grand Theatre and Opera House Limited, Morley Literature Festival Committee</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: Morley Literature Festival Committee, Outer South Community Centres Sub Group.</p>	
<p><i>Councillor Tom Leadley (Morley Borough Independents)</i> Council Appointments inc: Development Plan Panel, Joint Plans Panel, Member Management Committee, Plans Panel (West), Appointments to outside bodies etc: Leeds Housing Forum</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: None</p>	

The ward as a place:

- Drighlington
- Gildersome
- Churwell
- Morley Bottoms

Key Neighbourhoods

- Oakwells and Fairfax (Drighlington)
- Springbank and Moorlands (Gildersome)
- Asquith and Ingles (Morley)

Morley North is made up of three geographical areas; with Drighlington to the far West, Gildersome in the centre and Churwell and Morley Bottoms to the East. The ward has a rural aspect to the North and is bounded to the South West by the A650 and the White Rose Shopping Centre to the East. The M621 dissects the ward to the North West of Churwell and meets with the M62, A62 and A650 at Gildersome

roundabout to make it an important transport link to the South Leeds corridor. Morley Railway station is located at the southern boundary of the ward.

There is a strong local identity for residents of Drighlington, Gildersome and Churwell; this manifests itself in a strong civic pride and community spirit. However, this strong local identity can generate feelings of isolation and a lack of influence on decisions affecting their communities made by Leeds City Council. Drighlington and Gildersome both have Parish Councils and Churwell has a well developed and strong community voice through Morley Town Council and the Churwell Action Group.

Socio-economic/demographic description of the Ward:

Morley North is predominantly white British with an average to high quality of life, which masks a number of 'pockets' of deprivation across the area. These 'pockets' are neighbourhoods such as Oakwells and Fairfax, Drighlington, the Ingles in Morley, and Springbank and Moorlands in Gildersome. These neighbourhoods are characterised by lower skills levels, health problems and poor education attainment.

Ward population is 21,230 people living in approximately 9,400 households. The ward can be broken down into three areas:

Churwell and Morley Bottoms

Churwell is centred on 'Churwell Hill' which is made up of two roads; Elland Road and Victoria Road. Churwell Action Group meet regularly and campaign to promote and protect the amenities and the environment in Churwell. Churwell Community Association are about to move premises to the newly refurbished Stanhope Community Centre. The association will then lease the building from Leeds City Council.

Gildersome

Gildersome is a well serviced village with two primary schools, a library, post office and children's centre. There are several venues for community use including Gildersome Meeting Hall, Conservative Club and Greenside Methodist Church. The Parish Council play an active role in supporting a range of activities to improve the community for the residents of Gildersome. There are over 30 community groups operating in Gildersome which is evidence of the strong community spirit there.

Drighlington

Drighlington is a small village community located at the junction of the A650 and the A58 some 4 miles from Bradford and 6 miles from Leeds. The Junction 27 of the M62 is on the outskirts of the village giving access to the motorway network and trunk road links to all parts of the country. There are some 2500 households, a primary school, three churches, a small supermarket, 3 fish & chip shops, other hot food take-aways and restaurants, several pubs, a post office, a community hall, hairdressers and various other local shops. The Parish Council play an active role in supporting activities to improve the environment for the residents of Drighlington.

Within these main three main areas, the Outer South Area Committee has identified three priority neighbourhoods based on Indices of Deprivation. Area Committee support is targeted through a time limited Neighbourhood Improvement Plan delivered by a multi agency group, tackling issues, and providing support to residents to develop their skills as community leaders, alongside their Councillors.

Oakwells and Fairfax Estate, Drighlington

Oakwells and Fairfax's is a small estate in the East of Drighlington of approximately 318 properties, predominantly owned and managed by Aire Valley Homes. The 2007 Indices of Multiple Deprivation show that Oakwells and Fairfax falls into the top 10% deprived nationally for crime and living environment and the top 20% deprived for education and skills.

Ingles, Morley

Ingles are a small estate to the North of Morley Bottoms. The 2007 Indices of Multiple Deprivation show that the Ingles falls into the top 10% deprived nationally for income affecting older people and living environment and the top 20% deprived for education and skills.

Springbank and Moorlands, Gildersome

Springbank and Moorlands is a small estate located in the North of Gildersome. The 2007 Indices of Multiple Deprivation show that the estate falls into the top 20% deprived nationally for education and skills and living environment.

Schools

- Drighlington Primary School
- Gildersome Primary School
- Birchfield Primary School
- Churwell Primary School
- Asquith Primary School
- Morley Victoria Primary School
- Bruntcliffe High School

Main council facilities (including parks, visitor attractions etc)

- Drighlington Library
- Gildersome Library
- Gildersome and Drighlington Children's Centre (based in Gildersome)
- Morley North Children's Centre (based at Asquith Primary School)
- Stanhope Community Centre, Churwell
- Churwell Community Centre (surplus to requirements and plans to be sold at auction in mid May to pay for the refit completed on Stanhope Community Centre)
- Gildersome Youth Centre
- Drighlington Meeting Hall
- Multi Use Games Area, Drighlington
- Play area, Gildersome

Main non-council facilities:

- White Rose Shopping Centre operated by Land Securities.
- Woodlands Hotel
- The Manor Golf Club, Drighlington
- Drighlington Cricket Club
- Drighlington Rugby League Football Club
- Gildersome Sports Club

Development/regeneration plans

- Morley Bottoms – Town and District Regeneration Scheme. Improvement works on Chapel Hill completed in 2010. This included removal of an advertising

hoarding, installation of a new lay by and landscaping. The Affordable Housing Team now overseeing final stage of works – new affordable housing development of 22 units to be completed in September 2011.

- Area Committee Neighbourhood Improvement Plan delivered in Oakwell and Fairfax 2009 – 2010.
- 2011/12 two Neighbourhood Improvement Plan programmed in Ingles (Morley) and Springbank (Gildersome)
- Morley Conservation Audit completed through Area Committee Well being funding.
- Steps removed at end of Walton Drive and a ramp, handrail and triangular mortar installed to improve access and deter ASB.

Key successes

- Participatory budgeting initiatives have been held in Drighlington (Big Spender 2008) and Gildersome (Gildersome Go for Gold 2010). Both projects saw local residents decide how funding was spent to improve their neighbourhoods. They participated in identifying local needs and setting priorities for the funding. At Decision Day, local residents then voted on a range of projects to meet these needs.

At Drighlington Big Spender Decision Day 10th May 2008. 7 projects received funding:

Project	Organisation	Amount
Flooring for building	Morley 10th Scouts	£2,584
Trips and Transport	Drighlington Pensioners Association and Drighlington Senior Citizens	£3,000
Outdoor improvements	Morley 10th Scouts	£4,053.75
Provision of Bikes	Neighbourhood Policing Teams	£2,400
Quiet Garden	Drighlington Parish Council	£4,500
Activities for Young People	Youth Service	£2,200
IT Club and Summer Activities Club	Drighlington ARLFC	£11,262.25
TOTAL		£30,000

At Gildersome Go for Gold Decision Day on 5th March 2011, 6 projects received funding:

PROJECT	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Building For The Future	Gildersome Sports Club	£3,000
Scout Multi Media Project	Gildersome Scout Group	£2,930
Cooking For The Community	St Peter's Church	£2,963,20
Gildersome Gilding Centenary	Gildersome Rainbows, Brownies and Guides	£3,000
The Stroke Foundation Summer Day Out	The Stroke Foundation	£750
Adventurer's Homework Club	St Peter's Church	£2,356.80
TOTAL		£15,000

- Morley Bottoms, a significant Town and District Regeneration Scheme completed on Chapel Hill.
- The Area Committee continues to support street scene developments in Morley Town Centre, by committed well being funding to a 'Pedestrian Trail' project along Queen Street. This saw street lights replaced with ornate lighting columns, a spot light on the war memorial and improvements to the street furniture. This connected the main shopping area on Commercial Street with Chapel Hill.
- Morley Town Centre Management Board established with representatives from the Area Committee, Morley Town Council, Morley Chamber of Trade and Area Management. The Board strengthens relationships between these organisations and oversees a town centre management programme. These partnerships saw the delivery of the first Morley Business Awards in 2010.
- Morley Literature Festival was established in 2006. 2009 saw a satellite event organised by Gildersome Parish Council, with the author Dulcie Lewis in Gildersome Conservative Club. An event in Gildersome is now a standard part of the annual festival.
- As a result of a number of projects; Morley Literature Festival, Participatory Budgeting initiatives and well being funded project, stronger links have developed with both Drighlington and Gildersome Parish Councils.
- A Neighbourhood Improvement Plan has been delivered in Oakwells and Fairfax estate in Drighlington. As a result, a tenants and residents association was established, additional youth service provision was provided, and improvements to the local environment were delivered.

Key local issues/challenges

- Community infrastructure in Oakwells and Fairfax remains in a fragile state.
- Empty Shop Fund available for shops in Morley. Limited take up despite strong efforts from AMT and the Town Council.
- Standard of street cleanliness in Morley Town Centre an issue. Area Committee and Town Council purchased a Glutton between them and concerns over frequency of use.
- Developments and improvements needed at Town End, Morley
- Localism Act – A raft of proposals contained here will affect the Ward. The full effect of which is not yet established

Key Local Organisations




- Morley Town Council
- Drighlington Parish Council
- Gildersome Parish Council
- Gildersome Action Group; strong community voice who deliver projects such as environmental clean ups and tree planting. The group are currently pursuing the Children's Playground Project where the group are looking at funding towards purchasing play equipment for children less than 5 years. The flower tubs in the village are tended by volunteers in the Gildersome Action Group.
- Churwell Action Group; strong community voice and commissioned by Area Committee to deliver a CCTV scheme at Churwell Park.

- Morley Elderly Action; commissioned by Area Committee to deliver Outer South Garden Maintenance Service to vulnerable clients. Provide support services to elderly residents.
- Oakwells and Fairfax Tenants and Residents Association – fragile community group from a priority neighbourhood. Small number of residents being supported to build their skills and capacity to take an active role in their community.

MORLEY SOUTH WARD

Where: South East
Which Area Committee: Outer South
Area Committee Chair: Cllr Robert Finnigan (Morley North Ward)

Ward Members:

<p>Councillor Neil Dawson (Labour) Council Appointments inc: Member Management Committee, Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services) Appointments to outside bodies etc: None</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: Community Safety Champion,</p>	
<p>Councillor Judith Elliott (Morley Borough Independents) Council Appointments inc: Corporate Governance and Audit Committee, Appointments to outside bodies etc: Children’s Advisory Panel, Craft Centre and Design Gallery,</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: Outer South Community Centres Sub Group, Morley Literature Festival Committee & Morley Town Centre Management Board</p>	
<p>Councillor Shirley Varley (Morley Borough Independents) Council Appointments inc: Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care), Scrutiny Board (Health and Well being and Adult Social Care), Appointments to outside bodies etc: Fostering Panel- CIVIC</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: Morley Literature Festival, Committee, Health and Well being Champion, Outer South Cleaner Neighbourhoods Sub Group.</p>	

The ward as a place:

- Morley

Key Neighbourhoods

- Harrops estate
- Newlands and Denshaws

The M62 dissects Morley South ward in half. To the south is a predominantly rural landscape with the village of Woodkirk nestled to the South East. North of the M62, and the focal point of Morley South ward is the town of Morley. This town centre is a major feature of the Outer South area. There is a strong local identity for residents of Morley; this manifests itself in a strong civic pride and community spirit. However, this strong local identity can generate feelings of isolation and a lack of influence on decisions affecting their communities made by Leeds City Council. There is a well developed and strong community voice through Morley Town Council and Morley Chamber of Trade.

Socio-economic/demographic description of the Ward:

The ward population is approximately 20,502 living in 9,400 households. Morley South is predominantly white British with an average to high quality of life, which masks a number of 'pockets' of deprivation across the area. These 'pockets' are neighbourhoods such as Harrops, and Newlands and Denshaws estate. These neighbourhoods are characterised by lower skills levels, health problems and poor education attainment and community safety issues.

Morley

Morley is a vibrant market town with the Grade II listed Town Hall at the heart of the town centre on Queen Street. Morley is a well service town with a railway station, post office, leisure centre, parks, a library, several schools and community venues.

Within Morley, the Outer South Area Committee has identified two priority neighbourhoods based on Indices of Deprivation. Area Committee support is targeted through a time limited Neighbourhood Improvement Plan led by a Priority Neighbourhood Worker and delivered by a multi agency group, tackling issues, and providing support to residents to develop their skills as community leaders, alongside their Councillors.

Newlands and Denshaws

Newlands and Denshaws is an estate in the East of Morley of approximately 1375 properties, predominantly owned and managed by Aire Valley Homes. The population of 3017 is predominantly white British and between 30-59 yrs old. The 2007 Indices of Multiple Deprivation show that Newlands and Denshaws falls into the top10% deprived nationally for living environment and the top 20% deprived for education and skills.

Harrops and Bridge Street

Harrops and Bridge Street is a small estate located in the South of Morley. The 2007 Indices of Multiple Deprivation show that the estate falls into the falls into the top10% deprived nationally for living environment and the top 20% deprived for education and skills.

Schools

- Woodkirk High School
- Bruntcliffe High School
- Morley High School
- Morley Newlands Primary School
- St Francis Roman Catholic Primary School
- Seven Hills Primary School
- Fountain Primary School

Main council facilities (including parks, visitor attractions etc)

- Morley Library
- Morley South Children's Centre (Seven Hills Primary School)
- Lewisham Park (Community Centre)
- Morley Town Hall
- Morley One Stop Centre (based at Town Hall)
- Morley Leisure Centre

- Magpie Lane Play Space
- Hembrigg Park
- Scatcherd Park
- Dartmouth Park
- Lewisham Park

Main non-council facilities:

- White Rose Shopping Centre operated by Land Securities.
- Howley Hall Golf Club
- Morley Rugby Football Club
- Morley Cricket Club

Development/regeneration plans

- Morley Bottoms – Town and District Regeneration Scheme. Improvement works on Chapel Hill completed in 2010. This included removal of an advertising hoarding, installation of a new lay by and landscaping. The Affordable Housing Team now overseeing final stage of works – new affordable housing development of 22 units to be completed in September 2011.
- Area Committee Neighbourhood Improvement Plan delivered in Newlands and Denshaws 2006 – 2007.
- Area Committee Neighbourhood Improvement Plan delivered in Harrops and Bridge Street 2010-2011
- Morley Conservation Audit completed & funded through Area Committee Well being funding.

Key successes

- Morley Bottoms, a significant Town and District Regeneration Scheme completed on Chapel Hill.
- The Area Committee continues to support street scene developments in Morley Town Centre, by committing well being funding to a 'Pedestrian Trail' project along Queen Street. This saw street lights replaced with ornate lighting columns, a spot light on the war memorial and improvements to the street furniture. This connected the main shopping area on Commercial Street with Chapel Hill.
- Morley Town Centre Management Board established with representatives from the Area Committee, Morley Town Council, Morley Chamber of Trade and Area Management. The Board strengthens relationships between these organisations and oversees a town centre management programme. These partnerships saw the delivery of the first Morley Business Awards in 2010.
- In 2006 Morley Literature Festival was established. This is now a significant event both for the town and the region. The event brings over 2000 people to participate various headline events held in Morley Town Hall, a Literary Luncheon at the Village Hotel and a range of events held in libraries, local community venues and schools.
- As a result of a number of projects; Morley Literature Festival, Empty Shop Fund Initiative and the Town Centre Management project, stronger links have developed with Morley Town Council.

Key local issues/challenges

- Community infrastructure in Harrops estate remains very fragile.
- Empty Shop Fund available for shops in Morley. Limited take up despite strong efforts from AMT and the Town Council.
- Standard of street cleanliness in Morley Town Centre an issue. Area Committee and Town Council purchased a Glutton between them and concerns over frequency of use.
- Developments and improvements needed at Town End, Morley, Results of feasibility study due
- Localism Act – A raft of proposals contained here will affect the Ward. Including Community First panels




Key Local Organisations

- Morley Town Council
- Morley Elderly Action; commissioned by Area Committee to deliver Outer South Garden Maintenance Service to vulnerable clients. Provide support services to elderly residents.
 - Morley Chamber of Trade
 - Tingley Bar Tenants and Residents Association; fragile community group being supported to develop skills and capacity to improve their local neighbourhood.
 - Newlands and Denshaws Tenants and Residents Association; strong community voice who organise community events and activities. Local key holders for green space on estate for children and young people to use.
 - Morley In Bloom

ROTHWELL WARD

Where: South East Area
Which Area Committee: Outer South
Name of Area Committee Chair: Cllr Robert Finnigan (Morley North Ward)

Ward Members:

<p>Councillor Stewart Golton (Liberal Democrat) Leader of the Liberal Democrats Council Appointments inc: Executive Board, General Purposes Committee. Appointments to outside bodies etc: Affordable Housing Strategic Partnership, Aire Valley Homes, Association of West Yorkshire Authorities, Leeds Initiative Assembly, Leeds Initiative Executive, Leeds Initiative – Going up a League Board, Leeds Initiative Narrowing the Gap Board, LGA General Assembly, South Leeds Investment Partnership, West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee.</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: Outer South Cleaner Neighbourhoods Sub Group, Corporate Carers Group.</p>	
<p>Councillor Don Wilson (Liberal Democrat) Council Appointments inc: Joint Plans Panel, Licensing Committee, Plans Panel (East), Appointments to outside bodies etc: Friends of Leeds City Museum, Roseville Advisory Board.</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: Outer South Community Centres Sub Group,</p>	
<p>Councillor Karen Bruce (Labour) Council Appointments inc: Licensing Committee, Scrutiny Board (Health and Well being and Adult Social Care). Appointments to outside bodies etc: None.</p> <p>Area Committee Roles: None.</p>	

The ward as a place:

- Rothwell
- Oulton
- Carlton
- Woodlesford
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Key Neighbourhoods

- Wood Lane (Rothwell)
- John O'Gaunts (Rothwell)

Rothwell ward is bounded by the River Aire to the North and the M62 to the South. A major feature of the ward is Rothwell town centre whose business community benefit from the excellent transport links along the South Leeds Corridor; the nearest train station is Woodlesford. In addition to the town of Rothwell, the settlements of Woodlesford and Oulton are located to the east and Carlton to the south west of the ward. The south is largely a rural area and the ward hosts the three LCC parks, Springhead Park, Rothwell Country Park and Woodlesford Recreation Ground. There is a strong local identity which manifests itself in a strong civic pride and community spirit.

Socio-economic/demographic description of the Ward:

The Ward population is 23,465 living in 8,862 households. Rothwell demographics show the area is predominantly white British with an average to high quality of life, which masks 'pockets' of deprivation across the area. Among these are the John O'Gaunts and Wood Lane estates, which are characterised by lower skills levels, health problems, poor education attainment and community safety issues.

John O'Gaunts is a small estate in the north of Rothwell of 209 properties, predominantly owned and managed by Aire Valley Homes. There is a higher than average number of young people of the estate. 2007 Indices of Multiple Deprivation show that John O'Gaunts falls into the most deprived 20% nationally for education, skills and training and the most deprived 10% for crime.

The SOA covering the Wood Lane estate is the most deprived in the Outer South and is ranked the most deprived 20% nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation. The estate is located in the west of Rothwell and is made up of 630 properties which are predominantly owned and managed by Aire Valley Homes. The estate is in the most deprived 10% nationally for education, skills and training and the most deprived 20% for income deprivation, employment deprivation and health deprivation. The population is 95% White British and there is a higher than average for Leeds, proportion of young people on the estate.

Both neighbourhoods have benefited from a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan; a time limited, Area Committee initiative, which consults with residents and Members to inform an action plan to be delivered and monitored by a multi-agency steering group. Wood Lane has also benefited from a Participatory Budgeting project (small local budget made available for local people to decide on local projects).

Schools

- Rodillian High School
- Royds High School
- Carlton Primary School
- Rothwell Primary School
- Rothwell CE Primary School
- Woodlesford Primary School
- Rothwell Haigh Road Primary School
- Oulton Primary School
- Rothwell Victoria Juniors
- St Mary's RC

Main council facilities (including parks, visitor attractions etc)

- Rothwell Library
- Rothwell Children's Centre (Victoria Junior School)
- Rothwell Children's Centre at Rose Lund
- Rothwell Children's Centre at Rose Farm
- Windmill Youth Centre
- Blackburn Hall
- Rothwell One Stop Centre
- Rothwell Sports Centre
- Rothwell Country Park
- Woodlesford Recreation Ground

- Springhead Park
- Rose Lund Centre
- Shayfield Recreation Ground, Carlton

Main non-council facilities:

- Oulton Hall & Golf Course
- Joseph Priestley College Campus (Rothwell)

Development/regeneration plans

- Area Committee Neighbourhood Improvement Plans in Wood Lane and John O’Gaunts
- Town and District Centres Funding – improved Marsh Street Car Park 2008/09
- Morrison’s private sector development
- Four year, Area Committee, Town Centre Management Project (2006-2010) to revitalise Rothwell Town Centre.
- Rothwell Families Project – LCC’s Area Support Team and Health For All (voluntary sector) secured £100,000 from Coalfields Regeneration Trust to deliver 18 month project in Wood Lane and John O’Gaunts to target training and skills and health deprivation.
- Improvements to Rose Lund Centre.
- Wood Lane ‘You Choose’ (Area Committee and Aire Valley Homes funded Participatory Budgeting Initiative).
- Rothwell and Oulton Conservation Audits and Oulton and Woodlesford Design Statement.

Key successes

Enhanced community pride and involvement from residents in John O’Gaunts to improve their neighbourhood has significantly increased over the last 5 years. The estate has a highly active Tenants and Residents Association who organise community events and trips out. Following Children Services funding being withdrawn from the area, local volunteers established the Teatime Club to deliver the service themselves. Residents undertook necessary training and now provide a weekly teatime club which offers affordable, healthy meals. Over 40 people per week are involved either as volunteers or as attendees. The group is open to everyone and sees local residents from 6 months old to over 80’s, enjoying meals together.

Wood Lane ‘You Choose’ (Participatory Budget) saw local residents decide how £15,000 was spent to improve their neighbourhoods. They participated in identifying local needs and setting priorities for the funding and then voted on a range of projects to meet these needs. 6 projects received funding:

- Support for Carers
- Junior Warden Scheme
- NPT Police Bikes
- Activities for Young People
- New Benches
- Establish a Wood Lane Tea Time Club

Events play an important role in supporting both the strong sense of community pride in Rothwell and also skills development amongst volunteers. Area Committee

supported Rothwell 600 in 2009, a range of events organised by the community to celebrate the anniversary of receiving the Royal Charter.

Well being funding in 2010 has supported key community events including; Rothwell Competitive Music Festival, Rothwell Carnival, May Day Celebrations, Beer Festival, Horticultural Show and the Christmas Fayre.

Key local issues/challenges

- Community infrastructure in John O'Gaunts and Wood Lane remains in a fragile state.
- Events are led by a small number of individuals. Potential for volunteer fatigue.
- Fledgling Traders Association established.
- Area Committee Well being Funding supports the Priority Neighbourhood Worker post, Neighbourhood Improvement Plans and events, which all contribute to significant community development work in Rothwell.
- Localism Act – A raft of proposals contained here will affect the Ward. The full effect of which is not yet established

Key Local Organisations

- Rothwell Live @ Home; Provide support services to elderly residents.
- Rothwell Tenants and Residents Association; based on Wood Lane estate.
- Have acted as community representatives on a number of initiatives including improvement works at Manor Road Shops, Wood Lane 'You Choose' participatory budgeting and Rothwell Families Project.
- John O'Gaunts Tenants and Residents Association; strong community group who organise events and activities.
- Oulton and Woodlesford Civic Society; commissioned by Area Committee to manage and complete Oulton and Woodlesford Design Statement, a local planning document.
- Rothwell Traders Association.
- John O'Gaunts Teatime Club.
- Wood Lane Teatime C

6. Priorities and Actions for 2012/13:

The table below outlines the Area Committee priorities and actions for 2012/13. This is what the Area Committee will do based on the new Locality Integrated Working Design Principles and follows outcome based accountability methodology. The Area Committee priorities will be reviewed annually.

What do we propose to do?	How will we do it?	Proposed Outcome
Residents in Outer South have access to opportunities to become involved in sport and culture	Fund community based events. E.g. Morley Literature Festival, Rothwell 600, small grants scheme, Christmas tree & Lights project, P&C Site Based Gardeners	More local residents are engaged in community events and services being offered.
Make better use of our community buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the community centres that we manage through the Outer South Community Centre's sub-group • Support the ongoing Community centres review that aims to provide best use of community facilities (the review includes community centres but also other Council facilities) • Provide a Small Grant Scheme to support local community groups to deliver local activities and improve their neighbourhood. 	Local groups benefit the local community through the allocation of small grants
All children and young people have access to out of school activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration of the Outer South Children & Young People's Working group. • Support the commissioning of providers to deliver a broad range of out of school activities 	A more joined up approach provide better services for young people.

<p>Neighbourhoods in Outer South are clean and attractive.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration of the Environmental Sub-Group • Support the delivery & monitoring of the Environmental Services delegation. • We deliver the Area Committee community skips scheme and the Crime & Grime Tasking fund. 	<p>Residents are involved in effectively managing services that are adaptive to local need</p>
<p>Residents in Outer South are safe and feel safe as a result of reduced crime and ASB</p> <p>Fight crime and antisocial behaviour, with a particular focus on reducing burglary rates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide residents with support, advice and equipment to help them prevent burglary; • Work together with partner organisations such as the police to tackle local concerns regarding community safety and anti social behaviour. This work will be supported through the newly established Crime & Grime Tasking arrangements. • Projects supported to deliver this work include: No Cold calling zones, Victims support – victims fund, WYP Off road bikes. 	<p>Residents have a greater involvement in local action through PACT meetings and referrals at Councillor surgeries.</p>
<p>A strong network of community groups are able to contribute to improving the environment of their neighbourhoods.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee fund the Priority Neighbourhood worker • Through the support given by the Priority Neighbourhood worker and partnership working with AVHL local groups are support to play a more active role in their communities • Provide a Small Grant Scheme to support local community groups to deliver local activities and improve their neighbourhood. 	<p>Local residents can directly influence local service delivery.</p>

<p>Encourage public services to work together with local residents to improve our most deprived neighbourhoods</p> <p>Communities are empowered and engaged. People get on well together</p>	<p>Provide a range of ways for residents and partners to have their say about local priorities, for example linking in to the neighbourhood improvement plans for our priority neighbourhoods;</p> <p>Have clear actions set out in the neighbourhood improvement plans on how we will improve our most deprived neighbourhoods</p>	<p>More local people are involved in decision making and influencing service delivery</p>
<p>Support volunteering within our local communities</p>	<p>Provide information on getting involved with volunteering at all our events</p> <p>Host an annual event to thank our voluntary organisations and celebrate their work.</p>	<p>More volunteers from the local area taking up opportunities to gain skills</p>
<p>Young people in Outer South have healthy lifestyles</p> <p>Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer the Outer South Children & Young people's Sub-Group • Deliver projects to target health issues through local Health and Well-Being groups; • Support older peoples and healthy living groups providing funding for activities such as luncheon clubs • Continue to fund the Garden Maintenance scheme through Morley Elderly Action 	<p>Local people in the area have access to relevant services to benefit their health</p>
<p>Provide opportunities for people to access jobs or learn new skills</p>	<p>Support initiatives to target NEETS (Not in Employment, Education or Training);</p>	<p>Local people in the area have an increased number of training opportunities open to them</p>

7. Priority Neighbourhoods

- 7.1 Following the identification of the Narrowing the Gap aim of the Vision for Leeds 2004-2020, the Area Committee developed Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs). To address the key issues in 'Priority Neighbourhoods'
- 7.2 The Area Committee has identified several Priority Neighbourhoods on the basis of the level of deprivation and instances of recurring problems, such as anti-social behaviour and environmental issues.
- 7.3 In September 2008, the Area Committee renewed its commitment to NIP's by Approving a three year Priority Neighbourhood Worker project to deliver a revised Programme of NIP's. March 2011 saw a further extension of the project till 31st March 2013, subject to annual Executive Board approval of future well being Budgets.
- 7.4 The Area Committee at its meeting, 21st September 2011, agreed to engage the Priority Neighbourhood Worker for Outer South Leeds for 2 days a week to progress this work employing the methodology used in Outer South.
- 7.5 In all cases the ingredients of local leadership of residents, Ward Councillors and Council officers to provide support and local contextual knowledge to advise partner agencies has been essential.
For those small number of volunteers, with limited confidence and skills, who wish to
Take on these vital leadership roles in their communities, it can be a daunting task.
The support from a PNW to create opportunities for individuals to learn new skills
And build community spirit is essential to build strong and cohesive communities.
- 7.6 2011/12 NIP's will continue to use a multi agency steering group to guide and monitor them. Representatives from agencies will set on the NIP steering group along with representatives from the local community. They have a standard level of elements to them. These are:
- A community consultation event or survey to find out community views and key issues.
 - A Steering Group is established, chaired by a Ward Councillor and which has representatives from agencies and the residents association.
 - Action Plan to be produced that includes projects to target 3 – 5 key issues in the area.
 - PNW to establish or support an existing residents group, and develop an annual calendar of activities which could include; a community clean up and a community fun day organised by the residents with support from the PNW.

8. Partnership and Integrated Working

8.1 Locality Working is about working better with a wide range of services, organisations and residents to improve the 'offer' in local communities. It focuses on better coordination and cohesive service delivery which is able to best meet the needs of local people.

- Offers best value for money
- Partnership working
- Engages residents in decisions that affect their lives and the places they live.

Area Committee Champions 2011 - 2012

Cllr Robert Finnigan	Environmental Champion
Cllr Shirley Varley	Health and Well being Champion
Cllr Neil Dawson	Community Safety Champion
Cllr Bob Gettings	Children's Champion
Cllr Karen Renshaw	South East Employment, Enterprise & Training Partnership

A South East Leadership Team

8.2 The team, chaired by a member of the corporate leadership team, will oversee the development and successful implementation of local integrated services that improve outcomes in south east neighbourhoods. The new locality working approach is outlined in the design principles agreed by Executive Board in December 2010 (a copy of the design principles is available on request).

Community Centres Sub Group

8.3 Due to a number of community centres being delegated to the Area Committee across the Outer South the sub group has been developed to manage their impact. The group consists of ward members covering all three wards and the relevant officers. The group focuses on the usage and condition of the building to maximise their impact in the community.

Children & Young people's Sub-group

8.4 Members have support the development of the Outer South Children & Young people's sub-group to give a strategic overview to the working arrangements in the area. This group will facilitate a closer working relationship between partners to delivery a more effective service to young people.

Outer South Environmental Sub Group

8.5 The Outer South Area Committee has established an Environmental sub Group to manage the delegation of a range of environmental services. The group is constituted by Ward members from all three wards and relevant officers.

9. Community Engagement

9.1 Supporting and engaging the community is one of the Area Committees key responsibilities. The development of a clear community engagement process seeks to address specific needs of targeted communities and address inequities with previous engagement. 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.

9.2 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.
- By arranging specific community consultation activities and events as appropriate e.g. participatory budgeting.
- Attendance at various tenants and residents groups.
- Engagement activities at community events
- Support to specific groups which aide's engagement.
- Support to specific residents and neighbourhoods through partnership working arrangements and identified work streams
- Provision of small grants offer an engagement opportunity to support local groups to build their capacity and skills base.
- Area Committee needs to access and support partners consultation as a further tool for engagement with the community. e.g. PACT meetings inform community safety priorities of NPT and this in turn informs the community safety proposals supported by well being funding.
- Leeds Citizens panel

10. Commitment to Equalities and Cohesion

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

- 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 inequalities. To help tackle this 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 achieved an 'Excellent' standard for equalities in May 2011.

Area management are responsible for ensuring that equality standards are embedded in all Area Committee work.

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.

Project planning documents are completed for projects undertaken in the area which follow the Delivering Successful Change principles and also incorporate equalities screening.

All projects funded by Area Committee Well Being funding must demonstrate:

- Equality and diversity issues have been considered in the planning of the project;
- How equality and diversity issues have shaped the project delivery;
- What the impact of the project will be on different groups;
- How the project will promote good community relations between different groups, and; how barriers that might prevent different group's involvement will be overcome.