

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access & Performance)

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 18th June 2012

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley & Yeadon	<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 provides Members with a summary of sub groups business since the March Area Committee. As well as seeking approval of the Area Business Plan and Action Plan for 2012-15.

Recommendations

1. Members are asked to:
 - Note the contents of this report and to comment on any of the matters raised.
 - Approve the Business Plan at Appendix 1, and agree to adopt the four year plan which will be subject to refresh annually.
 - Agree to the Area Support Team continuing to monitor and develop the Business Plan
 - Note the enclosed appendix setting out the role of Affordable Warmth Partnership and agree a Fuel Poverty Champion from the Area Committee.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of the area update report is to bring together a range of information relating to Area Committee business into a single report to help limit the number of items being presented to each Area Committee meeting.

2. Background information

- 2.1 The Area Committee currently has five groups looking at service provision within the delegated functions of Community Safety, Children & Young People, Environmental Services, Health & Well-being and Transport.
- 2.2 There are currently two ward forums in the outer area for Guiseley & Rawdon and Yeadon. The forums meet on a regular basis approximately four or five times a year.
- 2.3 A decision was made by Full Council that Area Chair's Forum minutes should be considered by Area Committees as a regular agenda item, these appear elsewhere on this Committee's agenda.

3 Main issues

3.1 Environmental Services Sub Group

- 3.1.1 There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee held on the 26th March. The following issues were discussed:
- 3.1.2 The Locality Manager provided an update on the delegation of Environmental Services. The service is currently working on improving enforcement, deciding area priorities and developing ward related plans.
- 3.1.3 Service request information for the period 1st February to 18th March was circulated. Environmental Services received 290 requests for service in the outer north west area.
- 3.1.4 Concerns were raised that dog fouling is now a major issue not just in outer north west but throughout the city. It was felt that LCC needs to give this matter more priority and that more enforcement action and prosecutions are required.
- 3.1.5 A discussion took place on the cost of litter bins and the possibility of using clearly marked wheelie bins in some locations which would be less expensive. The sub group made no objections to this idea and therefore wheelie bins may be considered in some locations.
- 3.1.6 Environmental Service is currently working its way through the ginnel list which will take a year to complete. They are working in partnership with WNW Homes and Parks & Countryside.
- 3.1.7 Parks & Countryside and WNW Homes provided updates on their respective services.

3.2 Health & Well-being Sub Group

3.2.1 The Health & Well-being Sub Group has not met since their last meeting on the 13th March.

3.3 Community Safety Sub Group

3.3.1 The Community Safety sub group has met once since the last Area Committee held on the 26th March. The following issues were discussed:

3.3.2 The North West Community Safety Officer confirmed that WNW Homes plan to replace their properties existing locks, with Avocet ABS locks through a rolling programme.

3.3.3 Inspector Coldwell informed Members that actual burglaries have reduced in areas where target hardening has been delivered. CASAC were asked to submit a bid for renewal funding for target hardening work.

3.3.4 Inspector Coldwell provided a crime overview for outer north west.

3.3.4 An update was given on Area Committee funded projects which included Off Road Bikes and Capture Cars.

3.3.5 Members requested more information on the Cold Calling Zones. Trading Standards lead on this project and the project aims to stop companies calling to properties for work or to sell items.

3.3.6 Councillor Fox thanked Councillor Kirkland for his work on the Community Safety Sub Group and wished him a happy retirement from his role as Councillor.

3.4 Children & Young People's Sub Group

3.4.1 The Children & Young People's Sub Group has met once since the last Area Committee held on the 26th March. The following issues were discussed:

3.4.2 Youth Service are going through a period of change and are now delivering work to meet the Leeds priorities rather than national targets.

3.4.3 Children's Services explained the policy for allocating school places. The Service is looking at the possibility of additional capacity in local primary schools.

3.4.4 Following the last inspection at Inglewood Children's home in March, the interim inspection saw a significant improvement in the home.

3.4.5 The next meeting of the sub group is to be held on 26th June.

3.5 Transport Sub Group

3.5.1 Members held their Outer North West Transport Sub Group meeting on the 27th March. Members deliberated and compiled a number of key issues and priorities that they want to take forward over the forthcoming year. The priorities centred

around bus routes, congestion, parking and the Leeds Bradford International Airport strategy going forward.

A follow up meeting with the Chief Officer for Highways and Transportation was held on the 22nd May. Discussions centred around the transport priorities for the Outer North West and the Local Implementation Plan for 2014, which included discussions around the routes A65 and A660, in relation to congestion and improving the bus service and links with the Leeds Bradford International Airport, with a view to reducing car usage. Members agreed to attend a joint Outer and Inner Area Committee Transport Sub Group in June to look at priorities and strategic links across the two Area Committees.

3.6 Guiseley & Rawdon Forum

- 3.6.1 The forum last met on the 9th May, the theme of the meeting was Community safety.
- 3.7.2 West Yorkshire Police presented a summary of crime issues in the area over the last month.
- 3.7.3 CASAC gave a presentation on target hardening and also demonstrated how easily burglars can gain access to properties with Euro profile locks on.
- 3.7.4 A representative from YARN (Yeadon & Rawdon Neighbourhood Watch) informed residents of the no cold calling zones in the area and measures residents can take to secure their property and themselves.
- 3.7.5 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th July.

3.8 Yeadon Forum

- 3.8.1 The forum met on the 21st March 2012. Presentations were given by a number of services:
- 3.8.2 West Yorkshire Police presented a summary of crime issues in the area over the last month. The Police have carried out an operation to identify people selling scrap metal to the dealers.
- 3.8.3 Jason Singh from the Environmental Locality team updated the group on the Environmental Services, Service Level Agreement. Residents were invited to help identify priorities for the area.
- 3.8.4 A date for the next meeting has yet to be arranged.

3.9 Project and Service Update

3.9.1 Business Plan

- 3.9.1 Business Plan for 2011-15

The Outer North West Area Support Team has been working on a Business Plan for 2012-15. A draft copy of the Business Plan was approved at the March Area

Committee and following that any necessary amendments have been made. The Business Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee who will be presented with regular progress reports.

- 3.9.2 A copy of the Business Plan and action plan is attached to this report (appendix 1 and 2). It is proposed that this will replace previous Area Delivery Plans, and will set out priorities for the forthcoming years. The full Business Plan is presented to the Area Committee for final approval. It is a three year plan running from 2012 -15 and will be refreshed annually.

3.10 Area Leadership Team Update

- 3.10.1 The WNW Area Leadership Team was established to bring together the Chairs of the Area Committee with a cross section of senior officers and partners to facilitate integrated locality working. The aim is to connect senior officers and partners to an area of the city so that they are able to better understand the needs of localities and to learn more about communities to inform service delivery. By working across boundaries leaders will be able to take advantage of the opportunities of integration and improve outcomes.

- 3.10.2 The WNW Area Leadership Team is chaired by Sandie Keane (CLT Director). The group has met 3 times and during these meetings has agreed some operating principles, identified an agreed set of priorities and explored geographical priority areas based on an assessment of need. The WNW Area Leadership team priorities are: Communities (including Community Safety and Environment), employment and skills, and, health and well-being (focus on health inequalities). The group have developed relationships which have led to new opportunities emerging for integrated working including, work to support the WNW community safety activity relating to reducing burglary, closer working between organisation at the local level and some joint planning activity with the ALMO's around environment and community safety in specific areas. There is also work underway to run a multi-agency referral scheme in an area of the WNW, specifically linked to improving outcomes relating to health and well-being. The network of leaders has also been used to support the development in the Big Local area of Hawksworth Wood.

- 3.10.3 The next steps are for groups of leaders to develop work programmes around the themes recently agreed which will be part of the longer term improvement activity. However, partners are also bringing issues to the group that require immediate action or that are opportunities to address problems. The Outer NW Area Committee Chair can work with the sub-groups within the area committee to feed local issues into the Area Leadership Team.

3.11 Area Committee Fuel Poverty Champion

The Leeds Affordable Warmth partnership has been established to address fuel poverty problems and is seeking representation from each Area Committee to represent the views from a locality perspective and influence decisions on service provision. Members are asked to note the enclosed appendix setting out the role and agree a fuel poverty champion from the Area Committee.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Community Forums are held in the Guiseley & Rawdon ward and Yeadon. In addition, ward members are consulted on projects and initiatives within their ward.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 This section is not applicable to this project.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 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 to the environmental delegation.

4.3.2 The Area Functions are included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3c).

4.3.3 Area Management's work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Well-being City Priorities Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 Programmes of work outlined in this report are resourced in the main by Area Support Team and their partners which in turn, provide value for money.

4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's roles, funding is in the main supplied by other Leeds City Council department's mainstream budgets, and external partner agencies e.g. the Police and NHS Leeds, which is in turn reflected in the fact that the Area Committee's role here is to influence, develop and consult. However, on occasion, well-being funding has resourced some projects related to its roles e.g. area based regeneration schemes and conservation reviews.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 This 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.

4.5.2 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.

4.5.3 This report is not subject to Call-In as it is the Area Committees functions which are delegated Executive functions.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 In conclusion, the Area Update 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 Recommendations

6.1 Outer North West Area Committee Members are requested to:

- Note the contents of the report and comment on any aspect of the matters raised.
- Approve the Business Plan at Appendix 1;
- Agree to the Area Support Team continuing to monitor and develop the Business Plan;
- Agree to adopt the three year Business Plan that will be subject to a refresh annually.

7 Background documents

7.1 Outer North West Area Delivery Plan 2008-11

7.2 Executive Board Report, Proposed Changes to the Leeds Initiative Partnership and the City Planning Framework, 15th December 2010

The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.