

Inner East Area Committee Your Charter Your Priorities Actions for 2012/13

2011/12 How we made a difference

How we spent our wellbeing 2011/12

Inner East Area Committee Chair's Introduction

"Welcome to the 2011/12 Community Charter for the Inner East Area Committee. Inside you will find information on our priorities for action this year, an update on last year's achievements in your neighbourhood, and information on how the Area Committee's wellbeing fund was spent.

If you want to get involved with your local community there are lots of ways in which you can do this. If you are unsure where to start, why not get in touch with us.

I hope you find the information useful. If you would like more information about anything in this Charter our contact details are inside.

Kind regards

Clr Graham Hyde
Chair of the Inner East Area Committee

Councillor

Chair of the Inner East Area Committee

Business

Living

Health and wellbeing

Children and young people

Communities

The Area Committee receives an allocation of money each year to help deliver local priorities, below is a list of what the local budget was spent on in 2011/12.

Two neighbourhood managers to co-ordinate action in our local neighbourhoods	£60,000
Maintenance and staffing costs for CCTV at Blacks shops and Nowell Mount	£16,205
Community Payback Team to do painting, litter picking, and other local improvements	£15,000
Tackling crime and grime in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£13,000
Tackling crime and grime in Gipton & Harehills	£12,000
Tackling crime and grime in Killingbeck & Seacroft	£12,000
Weekly lessons in radio music & journalism for local young people	£10,000
IE community garden projects using local out of work people, giving them qualifications and helping them to move forward into employment or work experience.	£10,000
Sporting activities for young people in Harehills	£8,747
Small grant 'pot' for groups to apply to for community projects such as St Gregory's Rainbow's outing and a Sewing Group at Gipton Childrens Centre.	£7,500
12 day summer holiday sports camp at Fearnville Leisure Centre	£5,896
Establishment of community radio station with education facilities for local people	£5,500
LCC Youth Service summer holiday activities in Gipton & Harehills	£5,000
LCC Youth Service summer holiday activities in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£5,000
Support services to refugee women to enable them to integrate into the community	£4,962
LCC Youth Service summer holiday activities in Killingbeck & Seacroft	£4,896
6 months working with vulnerable girls in Harehills (age 13-16) to educate them on dangers of alcohol, sex and anti social behaviour.	£4,424.00
Activities for young people 6-9pm on Friday nights in Seacroft to combat ASB	£4,000.00
Rehabilitation exercise and social classes for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease sufferers in Seacroft, above and beyond what the NHS provide.	£3,000.00
Children's domestic violence Early Intervention Project	£3,000.00
Off Road Motor Cycles for the police to chase those on bikes in woods or fields	£2,500.00
Project for young offenders to repair & rebuild bikes from LCC waste centres which are then donated to charity to raffle off or use.	£2,000.00
LCC Youth Service drop in football sessions once a week for young people at the Bilal Centre, Harehills.	£1,260.00
Lark in the park	£1,000.00
Gipton Gala	£1,000
Preventing Domestic Violence	£780.00
Sing on the Green	£764.32

WE DID . .

Established a Community Leadership Team in Gipton where residents active in the local community meet with Councillors and Council staff to influence how the Area Committee spends its money in their area.

Continue to support the successful Community Leadership team in Seacroft and community forums in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill.

Supported Seacroft Gala, Children's Day, Sing on the Green, Gipton Gala, Lark in the Park, Live in the Drive, The Big Lunch and Harehills Festival.

Established a Youth Strategy Group in Harehills for all those who work with young people to meet regularly and make sure a programme of advice and positive activities is available for all young people.

Carried out a survey of every house in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill to find out what were the most important issues for local residents.

WE DID . .

Made the Hilltops in Harehills an Environmental Improvement Zone, taking targeted enforcement action against anyone having rubbish in their gardens or fly tipping.

Pulled together a multi agency team from across the council and network rail to clear the railway embankment at the rear of Cross Green Crescent, clearing 48 tonnes of rubbish in 3 days.

Paid for a dedicated team of people undertaking community payback to focus specifically on the Inner East carrying out tasks such as litter picking, general repair work to fences or painting community buildings.



THE BIG LUNCH



NPT BIKES PHOTO

WE DID . .

Installed 9 CCTV cameras in the 'triangle' area of Seacroft South.

Established a Dispersal Order in Harehills between August and October 2011 giving police the power to disperse groups and take children under the age of 16 back home.

200 homes in Gipton visited to advise on ways they could reduce their chances of being a victim of crime and sash jammers installed in a number of properties.

Organised fortnightly 'afternoons of action' in burglary hotspots across Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, helping to reduce crime levels by 26%

provided two mountain bikes for the Gipton & Harehills Neighbourhood Policing Team so that they can catch criminals fleeing on bikes

anti social behaviour



BEFORE/ AFTER HILLTOPS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT ZONE

You said... You wanted us to improve community cohesion and listen to residents views

You said... You wanted us to reduce crime and anti social behaviour

You said.... You wanted us to improve the cleanliness and condition of neighbourhoods

Cross Gates
East End Park
Gardens Burmantofts
Seacroft
Richmond Hill Killingbeck
Gipton
Osmondthorpe
Lincoln Green
Harehills

COVERING THE COMMUNITIES IN THE WARDS OF BURMANTOFTS AND RICHMOND HILL, GIPTON AND HAREHILLS, KILLINGBECK AND SEACROFT

Area Committee

2012/13 Priorities - supporting

Leeds be the best city . . .

Your Area Committee

The Inner East Area Committee covers the 3 wards of Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft and Burmantofts & Richmond Hill.

The Area Committee is a formal local committee who have powers and responsibilities to address issues at a local level. They have delegated functions for Environmental Services, CCTV etc. The committee meets 6 times per year and the meetings are themed, for example around community safety.

Our priorities on the front page are the local issues that have been agreed as important in consultation with partners and local residents. This work is on top of the minimum standards you expect from Leeds City Council but we also work to make sure that these minimum standards are met in our area.

You can help this happen by:

- Putting all your litter, including cigarette butts into the bin so that resources aren't wasted cleaning up after you.
- Recycling as much of your household and garden waste as possible, including taking bottles to the bottle bank so that the council can reduce the amount it has to spend on sending waste to landfill and help save the environment.
- Put your wheelie bin out on the correct day, before 7am with all waste properly bagged up, and remember to bring it back in again after it has been emptied.
- Look out for any criminals operating in your area. If you see anything suspicious or have any information on criminal activity please contact your local neighbourhood policing team on 0113 241 3270. Don't forget to make it harder for criminals by locking doors and closing windows, even if you are in the house, and don't leave items on display.

How to get involved:

The area committee promotes a team approach in neighbourhoods, so that local staff and residents can work together to make improvements. If you wish to find out more about the Community Leadership Team and local decision making please contact the office on (0113) 3367644 or e-mail us at east.north.east@leeds.gov.uk. Below are additional ways of how you can get involved with making a difference in your local area:

- Volunteering has lots of benefits for individuals, communities and organisations. People who volunteer gain confidence, learn new skills and develop a real sense of belonging to their communities whilst helping to improve the quality of life for local people. For further information see www.val.org.uk/page/volunteer
- Become a school governor, for more information go to www.educationleeds.co.uk and click on the 'opportunities to get involved' tab.
- Join or establish a local resident's association or 'Friends of' group that cover most of Leeds' parks and green spaces - this is a good way of making improvements to a specific area, especially environmental improvements. If you are a council tenant you can find out more at www.eastnortheasthomesleeds.org.uk. For 'friends of' groups please contact Parks and Countryside on (0113) 395 7400.

You can also report a wide range of issues, including faulty street and traffic lights, road damage, street cleansing, dumped rubbish and graffiti via the Leeds City Council website at www.leeds.gov.uk/Do_It_Online/Report_online.aspx or (0113) 222 4444 to be put through to the correct department.

There is further information on getting involved and Leeds City Council's services at www.leeds.gov.uk



PROMOTE THE RISKS OF SMOKING

Best city... for health and wellbeing

- Provide advice and information on healthy lifestyle choices.
- Promote the Change for Life Campaign in our local communities which offers practical advice on healthier lifestyles.
- Support delivery of 'extend' exercise classes in Seacroft to people who are suffering from chronic lung problems.
- Promote the risks of smoking and offer people help and advice to stop smoking.
- Support projects which offer women training and support in improving their mental and physical health.



6 WEEK SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Best city... for children and young people

- We will target families with challenging young people to give them a package of support to improve their school attendance, attainment and progression.
- Provide a range of activities such as; school holiday activities, sports and art activities for young people to enjoy in their local neighbourhood, in local venues.
- Provide targeted support to young people to reduce the risk of them not being in education, employment or training



JOB SHOP

Best city... for business

- We will provide job advice and information through the Jobshops in Harehills, and Jobshop sessions at Seacroft.
- Provide targeted support to those families experiencing long term unemployment to get them back into work.
- Offer training and support to enable local people to access local job opportunities when they arise.



PROJECT DESIGNED AND LED BY SEACROFT COMMUNITY

Best city... for communities

- Organise clean up days with local residents in identified hot spot areas and provide a Community Payback team to help improve community buildings and spaces.
- Provide information for people through leaflets, talks in schools and at local events on how to dispose of their waste, and take enforcement action against those who do not dispose of it correctly.
- The council, police, health, housing providers and other organisations will work together as a team to tackle the problems identified in our communities and support residents groups who want to improve their local environment.
- Provide advice and practical help with home security to reduce the risk of burglary and continue to provide CCTV in areas which are hotspots for crime and anti social behaviour.
- Increase awareness of the harm from the use of drugs, alcohol and domestic abuse through providing information at community events, talks in schools and through local community groups.



OPENING OF RICHMOND HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Best city... to live

- As funding becomes available we will undertake works to improve Community Parks, play areas and equipment, sports pitches and allotments.
- Protect and Improve the natural habitats of the Wykebeck Valley for local people to enjoy.
- Extend and improve Richmond Hill Community Centre to create a local centre that is the hub of the community.
- Promote our community centres to increase their usage.
- Work with investors to bring about the physical regeneration of Inner East Leeds neighbourhoods'.