

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 2nd July 2012

Subject: A Summary of Key Work

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Ardsley and Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 presents a summary of key work taking place within the Outer South Leeds area, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Recommendations

2. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate
 - b) Agree appointments to Area Committee Sub Groups
 - c) Confirm Peel Street Community Centre surplus to requirements

1.0 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, a summary of key work which the Area Support Team are engaged in based on priorities identified by the Area Committee, that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 Members will recall at the July 2011 Area Committee, a revised title and format for this report was introduced based on proposed changes to the Leeds Initiative partnership and planning framework for the city and in an effort to be more focused on current priorities.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Area Chairs Forum

- 3.1.1 The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 12 March 2012 will be approved at the next Area Chairs Forum and will be presented to a future Outer South Area Committee.

4.0 Appointment to Area Committee sub groups and thematic champions

- 4.1 Members are asked to confirm representation on the following Area Committee Sub - Groups for the new municipal year:

Sub Group	Number of places	Current Appointees
Outer South Community Centres Sub - Group	4- one member per ward	Cllr Gettings, Cllr Dunn, Cllr Elliott, VACANCY
Children & Young People's Working Group	1 – children's champion	Cllr. Bob Gettings
Environmental Sub - Group	4 – one member per ward	Cllr Finnigan, Cllr Varley, Cllr Dunn, Cllr Golton

- 4.2 Each of these groups forms a key part in the delivery of priorities set out as part of the Outer South Area Committee Business Plan.
- 4.3 Due to ongoing discussions with Leeds Initiative, Member champion roles will be discussed as part of the September round of Area Committees.

5.0 Updates by theme: Children & Families

5.1 Children & Young People's Working Group Update

- 5.1.1 The Outer South Children & Young People's Working Group met on the 24 May and minutes are attached at **Appendix 1**. The last meeting of the group took place on the 22 June 2012. Minutes will be presented to a future meeting.

6.0 Updates by Theme: Sustainable Economy and Culture

6.1 Community Centres Sub Committee

- 6.1.1 The Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee met 16 May 2012 at Morley Town Hall. The minutes are attached for information at **Appendix 2**.

6.2 Peel Street Centre

- 6.2.1 A full report providing an overview of current developments at Peel Street Centre, Morley, is attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 6.2.2 Members are asked to note the content of the report, make comments as appropriate and declare the centre as surplus to requirements.

7.0 Updates by Theme: Safer and Stronger Communities Board

7.1 Outer South Environmental Sub-Group

- 7.1.1 The last meeting of the group took place on the 25 April 2012 the minutes of which will be approved at the 25 July 2012 meeting and presented to a future meeting of the Area Committee.
- 7.1.2 A full report to sign off SLA2 is presented elsewhere on the agenda.

7.2 Community Safety

- 7.2.1 The Morley Crime and Grime Group has four key areas of work that it is progressing. They are:
- Developing a co-ordinated response to illegal encampments of travellers that seeks to minimise their impact on the community
 - Engaging with Morrison's supermarkets at a senior level to encourage their support for and involvement in community safety awareness at their stores
 - Ongoing work to resolve a long term ASB issue (for reasons of confidentiality it is not appropriate to disclose the location in this report)
 - Developing closer working relationships with Adult Social Care to improve responses to vulnerable individuals who are causing concern to other residents.
- 7.2.2 The Rothwell Crime and Grime Group has four key areas of work. They are:
- Developing a joined up approach to littering near schools by piloting work to engage the school in awareness raising and enforcement in partnership with the Environmental Action Team

- Widening the scope of agencies who can assist with tackling issues of dog fouling – a programme of awareness raising and information is being rolled out by the EAT to PCSOs, Parks and Countryside and Aire Valley Homes Leeds staff
- Building networks and communications between front line staff to provide greater connectivity between services
- Developing a multi agency response to metal theft across south Leeds

7.2.3 The work programme above has been developed over the last six months by the partners and Members at the respective meetings. The strategic nature of the groups means that many of the issues will have a wider geographical impact but they will be “owned” by their respective meeting to ensure they remain the focus of attention.

7.3 Tingley Crescent

7.3.1 At the last Area Committee Members approved of £2,364 capital and £1,340 revenue wellbeing funding for the installation of alley gates on the ginnel adjacent to Tingley Crescent. The Following update is provided for information:

- The planning application has now been submitted and the outcome of that is likely to be known in August
- The application for a Closure Order will be made to Highways in June
- The installation of the gates (subject to both applications being approved) is likely to be September 2012

7.3.2 Members will be advised of further developments as they occur.

7.4 West Yorkshire Police Off Road Bikes

7.4.1 Members will recall at the March Area Committee, approval was given for the off-road bike scheme. Below is a summary of what the programme achieved last year:

7.4.2 Two officers were engaged on the project, although in December 2011 one of the officers was injured whilst participating in the project.

Vehicle seizures (ASB)	8
S.59 Warnings	60
Calls for Service answered:	
September	13
October	8
November	3
December	4
January	8
February	11
March	13
April	17
May	21

- 7.4.3 The project is having a positive effect in reducing the impact on the lives of local communities through the use of nuisance motorcycles on public land.
- 7.4.4 One of the officers sustained an injury which prevented him from continuing with the project. The remaining officer has continued with support from officers from other divisions, from the LCC Parks and Countryside. Foot officers have been deployed in support but have a limited effectiveness.
- 7.4.5 In May 2011 a 'day of action' was conducted in conjunction with West Yorkshire Police NPTs, Roads Policing, Air Operations and the Parks & Countryside bikers. The targeted activity resulted in five s.59 warnings being issued and advice given to local residents about contacting the police when they see nuisance bikes or quads.
- 7.4.6 During October and November, a demonstration Polaris Quad was available to the project. This was well received by local residents as it attracted significant attention and was more than able to tackle nuisance quads and bikes. The use of the quad provided a better opportunity for the officers to interact with the local youths.
- 7.4.7 All staff and motorcycles are managed by West Yorkshire Police. Contracts available on request.
- 7.4.8 Members have agreed funding for 2012/13 subject to this evaluation. Subject to Members comments, officers will work with the Police to develop this project further.

8.0 Updates by Theme: Health and Well being

- 8.1 The South East Health and Well being partnership met on the 29 March and 31 May 2012. The minutes are attached for information at **Appendices 4 and 5**.

9.0 Updates By Theme; Housing and Regeneration

9.1 Conservation Audits

- 9.1.1 Following a further round of public consultation that ran from January to March 2012, all consultation responses are being reviewed and considered and amendments made to the appraisal and proposed boundary as appropriate. The project is due to be discussed at Planning Board on 30th July 2012. It may also be considered by Executive Board. If approved the revised boundary will be designated and the appraisal will be adopted as a material consideration in the planning process.

10.0 Localism

10.1 Communities First Panels

- 10.4.1 Community First Panels are operating in the Wards of Ardsley Robin Hood and Morley South, supported by Health for All. To date significant progress has been made in each of the panels, Pat McGeever (Health for All) has provided updates as the Panel Partner attached at **Appendix 6**.

11.0 Inner South Area Committee Business Plan

- 11.1 At the September 2011 Area Committee members supported the development of a business plan that outlined all delegations, ward profiles and an action setting out the main priorities of the Committee.
- 11.2 It was proposed that the Business Plan document be brought to the first meeting of the municipal year. Due to ongoing discussions around the Champion roles by Leeds Initiative and also the delays in final confirmation of the delegations to Area Committees, the Business Plan will be brought to the September 2012 Area Committee for sign off.

12.0 Corporate Considerations

12.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 12.1.1 Projects are developed to address priorities in the Area Committee Business Plan. The production of this plan is informed by Local Councillors and local residents. All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for any contribution from the Well being budget is received at the Area Committee.

12.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 12.2.1 Community groups submitting a project proposal requesting funding from the Well being budget have an equal opportunities policy and as part of the application process, complete a section outlining which equality groups the project will work with and how equality and cohesion issues have been considered.
- 12.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.
- 12.2.3 A light touch Equality Impact Assessments is carried out for all projects.

12.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 12.3.1 The projects outlined in this report contribute to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies:
- Vision For Leeds
 - Children and Young Peoples Plan
 - Health and Well being City Priority Plan
 - Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
 - Regeneration City Priority Plan

12.4 Resources and Value for Money

12.4.1 The declaration of Peel Street as surplus to requirements should prevent the Council incurring additional costs not currently met, such as security and safety.

12.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

12.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are not eligible for Call In.

12.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

12.5.3 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

12.6 Risk Management

12.6.1 This report provides an update on work in the Outer South and therefore no risks are identifiable. Any projects funded through Well being budget complete a section identifying risks and solutions as part of the application process.

13.0 Conclusions

13.1 The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Area Committee.

14.0 Recommendations

14.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

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Background documents¹

Summary of Key Work, 26th March 2012

¹ 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.