

Report of Area Leader West North West

Report to Outer West Area Committee

Date: 6th July 2012

Subject: Area Progress Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Farnley and Wortley, Calverley and Farsley, Pudsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input 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 informs the Area Committee of progress against the Area Support Team work programme for Outer West Leeds and local contributions to Council priorities.
2. All Ward Members who make up the Area Committee are consulted on projects and initiatives within their ward

Recommendations

1. Members are asked to:
 - Note the contents of the report and to comment on any aspect of the matters raised.
 - 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 this report is to inform Members of progress against the Area Management work programme for Outer West Leeds and local contributions to Council priorities.

2 Background information

- 2.1 An Area Committee Update report is submitted at every cycle of Area Committee meetings. Partners contribute collectively on projects and provide service updates.

3 Main issues

West North West Area Leadership Team

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.

Area Committee Fuel Poverty Champion

- 3.4 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 1 setting out the role and agree a fuel poverty champion from the Area Committee.

Farsley Town & District Centre Scheme

- 3.5 The last phase of the Farsley scheme has now started to progress. Mrs Leung, the owner of the property adjacent to the ginnel has put up scaffolding and has removed the debris from her roof and cleared the immediate area.
- 3.6 Arrangements still need to be put in place to finalise maintenance of the completed work. Parks and Countryside have indicated they will include planting and grass cutting for the town and district centres scheme in their maintenance regime for Farsley town centre.
- 3.7 Work is underway with Parks & Countryside to fill the planters that have been put on the former public toilet site.
- 3.8 Following a survey of the wall adjacent to the ginnel, the wall has been rebuilt and re-secured.

Business Management Project

- 3.9 The business management project, funded through Leeds Ahead has begun to build up contacts across the area with contact being made so far with around 200 businesses.
- 3.10 The 'Make The Grade' element of the project which involves work with schools is working with Crawshaw High School who have signed up for a 3 year period. This work will involve local businesses being involved with the school including Asda, a local firm of accountants and Solicitors.

Environment Sub Group

- 3.10 The Outer West Environmental Sub Group continues to meet to monitor the Service Level Agreement and identify relevant environmental issues. The most recent meeting in June, discussed the new West North West Locality Team Service Level Agreement and the footpath next to Musgrave Court in Pudsey. Future meetings will look to invite Parks & Countryside's and the ALMO to encourage further joint working.

CCTV Farfield Avenue / Pudsey Town Centre

- 3.11 Work is ongoing on the provision of a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Camera on Farfield Avenue, Farsley. Revised costs from BT have been submitted that are significantly higher than the original estimate. Alternative options are currently being investigated for connection the camera to the control room via broadband.

Jubilee Celebrations

- 3.12 The Area Committee funded jubilee celebrations in Farsley Town Centre and Pudsey Park. The events were organised by Farsley Youth Development Project with invaluable support from local volunteers.

- 3.13 Farsley Town Street was closed to traffic and filled with around 5000 people who enjoyed a street party with local bands and children's activities. Local businesses reported record sales and the churches all provided entertainment.
- 3.14 Pudsey Park also attracted over 1500 local residents for a community picnic with arts and sport activities and a traditional sing-a-long and a funfair on the leisure centre car park. The tee pees in the park worked very well with lots of free activities for families.
- 3.15 The weather held for both events and very positive feedback was received from residents who enjoyed the community spirit.

Pudsey Public Conveniences

- 3.16 Discussions are ongoing with Property Maintenance, Pudsey Leisure Centre and local Ward Councillors to try and progress the relocation of Pudsey toilets to the front of the Leisure Centre.

West North West Homes Area Panel

- 3.17 A copy of West North West Homes Leeds Outer West Area Panel minutes from the last meeting are attached at Appendix 2.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

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

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 This section is not applicable to this report.

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 2012/13 with amendments only to environmental delegations.
- 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 Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's 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 staff and where relevant their partners which in turn provides value for money.
- 4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets and the Community Centres Budget.
- 4.4.3 In order to meet the Area Committee's roles, funding is in the main supplied by other Leeds City Council Departments main stream budgets, and external partner agencies e.g. the Police and Primary Care Trust, which is in turn reflected in the fact that the Area Committee's role here is only to influence, develop and consult. However, on occasion, wellbeing funding has resourced some projects related to its roles, e.g. community engagement, area based regeneration schemes and conservation area reviews.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 This report is the report of the Area Leader for West North West Leeds who has delegated responsibility to action decisions in accordance with Area Management's work programme in accordance with part 3 of the Council's Constitution in relation to Area Committee Functions.
- 4.5.2 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 There are no significant risks identified in this report.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 In conclusion, the Area Progress report is in line with the functions and role of the Area Committee which are:
- Improve the quality and value for money of Council service delivery
 - Improve the quality of democracy and find new ways to facilitate citizen participation in local government through the development of links between Ward Members and their communities
 - To co-ordinate policy and service delivery between the local service providers.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Outer West Area Committee members are invited to:

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

Background documents¹

None

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.