

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 3rd September 2012

Subject: 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 an update on the 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) note the role of and agree a fuel poverty champion from the Area Committee;
 - c) Agree to adopt the refreshed Outer South Area Committee Business Plan Priorities & Actions 2012-15.

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

- 2.2 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 are attached at **Appendix 1**. Minutes from the 13 July 2012 meeting will be approved at the meeting on 11 September 2012 and will be presented at a future Outer South Area Committee.

3.2 Equality Improvement Priorities 2011- 2015

- 3.2.1 The Equality Improvement Priorities 2011-2015 is attached at **Appendix 2**. Following approval by Executive Board it was agreed that the paper would be circulated to Area Committees so that all Members are aware of the Equality and Diversity Policy and Improvement Priorities.
- 3.2.2 The paper was presented to the Area Chairs Forum who agreed to circulate the paper and the updated Equality and Diversity Policy for information.
- 3.2.3 Further work will be undertaken with Area Leaders and the Head of Equalities to identify and understand local equality issues and a further report will be brought to a future Area Committee.

3.4 Welfare Reform

- 3.4.1 The Welfare Reform report is attached at **Appendix 3** and is included so that all Members are aware of the Welfare Reform update. Members are asked to note the contents of the report.
- 3.4.2 Work is being undertaken to identify and understand the impact at a more local level and a further report will be brought to a future Area Committee.

4.0 Thematic Champion Appointments

- 4.1 Appointment of Area Committee Representation upon Leeds Initiative Area Based Partnership Groups is included elsewhere on the agenda.

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 next meet on 27 September. The minutes will be presented at a future Outer South Area Committee.

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 last met 16 May 2012 and the minutes were presented at the July meeting. The next meeting takes place on 7 November 2012. Minutes will be presented at a future Area Committee.

6.2 Drighlington Library

- 6.2.1 In May 2011 the Executive Board approved a major review of Leeds Library and Information Service. The recommendations included the proposal to delay for a year, the closure of a number of libraries of which Drighlington Library was one, to investigate other options.
- 6.2.2 Drighlington Library is based in one room within Drighlington Meeting Hall, the remainder of the property provides community meeting spaces. The Friends of Drighlington Library have produced a business plan to address the issue of the transfer of the library service. They do not want to take responsibility for the whole building and there is no other local group at present that could engage in a community asset transfer. As a result Drighlington Meeting Hall has been transferred to Environment and Neighbourhoods.
- 6.2.3 The library will be handed to the Friends of Drighlington Library for them to operate the library independent from Leeds Library and Information Service. Officers are working with the friends group to ease the transition.
- 6.2.4 Ward members will continue to be provided with updates.

7.0 Updates by Theme: Safer and Stronger Communities Board

7.1 Outer South Environmental Sub-Group

- 7.1.1 The Outer South Environmental Sub-Group last met on 25 July 2012 and the minutes are attached at **Appendix 4**.

7.2 Community Safety

- 7.2.1 The Annual Community Safety Report is presented for Members consideration elsewhere on the agenda.

8.0 Updates by Theme: Health and Well being

8.1 The South East Health and Well being partnership met on the 26 July 2012 and the draft minutes are included at **Appendix 5**. They will be approved at the next meeting on 4 October 2012.

8.2 Area Committee Fuel Poverty Champion

8.2.1 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 **Appendix 6** setting out the role and agree a fuel poverty champion from the Area Committee.

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 22 October 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 Integrated Locality Working

10.1 Outer South Business Plan 2012-15

10.1.1 The full Business Plan was previously presented to Area Committee in March 2012. As agreed, Section 6, Priorities & Actions are presented at **Appendix 7**. The full Business Plan is available to Members on request. Members are asked to agree the refreshed Priorities and Actions (Section 6) 2012.

10.2 Priority Neighbourhood Worker update

10.2.1 Following approval by Members in July arrangements were put in place to appoint to the vacancy created when Nicky Greening left her post. Interviews for the Priority Neighbourhood Worker took place on 12 July 2012. Ellie Rogers has been appointed and joins the team on 10 September 2012. Ellie has experience of community working which has been achieved through both paid and voluntary work.

10.2.2 Following a period of induction a report to address issues agreed by Members will be developed and brought back to Members for consideration.

10.3 Springbank & Moorlands Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) – Bottle Bank

10.3.1 Springbank & Moorlands NIP Action Plan included the siting of a bottle bank on an old garage site on Church Avenue.

10.3.2 The bottle bank was placed 17 July 2012 on a trial basis and is being monitored by Local Councillors, Police, Aire Valley Homes and the Environmental Services Team. Once the monitoring period of 6 months is over a report which will include residents' concerns will be presented to Aire Valley Homes Leeds and the Outer South Area Committee for consideration.

10.3.3 Since the bottle bank was put in place, four complaints have been received and 1 complainant has also referred the matter to Ed Balls MP. A full response has been provided to Ed Balls MP and residents have been asked to contact relevant departments to report issues such as littering, noise nuisance or anti-social behaviour.

10.3.4 Members are asked to note the current position. A further report will be provided to Outer South Area Committee for consideration once the trial period is complete (19 January 2013).

11.0 Localism

11.1 Community Right to Bid

11.1.1 The Community Right to Bid report is presented to Members elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

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 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

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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15.0 Background documents¹

- 15.1 Summary of Key Work, 26th March 2012.
- 15.2 Vision for Leeds 2011 to 2030
- 15.3 City Priority Plan 2011 to 2015
- 15.4 Council Business Plan 2011 to 2015
- 15.5 Outer South Area Committee Business Plan 2012-15

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.