

Report of Area Leader West North West

Report to Outer West Area Committee

Date: 7th September 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, comment on any matters raised and suggest items for inclusion in future area update reports.
 - Note the enclosed appendix providing an update on the West North West Homes Leeds Outer West Area Panel minutes.
 - To consider or decide upon the provision of the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Camera on Farfield Avenue, Farsley
 - Consider the next steps in relation to the footpath adjacent to Musgrave Court.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of progress against the Area Support Team's work programme and local 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

Farsley Town & District Centre Scheme

- 3.1 The last phase of the Farsley scheme has now started to progress. The owner of the property adjacent to the ginnel had removed the debris from their roof and cleared the immediate area. Following a survey of the wall adjacent to the ginnel, the wall had been rebuilt and re-secured.
- 3.2 Norfolk Property Services (NPS) have provided City Development with the costs for the work to the ginnel which the City Development team are querying. (NPS have taken over from the Strategic Design Alliance who provided architectural services to the Council). The revised dates for the completion of the ginnel provided by City Development LCC are as follows;

Start Date: 17 September 2012
Completion Date: 26 October 2012

- 3.3 Arrangements are being put in place to finalise ongoing maintenance of the completed works. Maintenance of the grassed area located at the previous public convenience's site on Farsley Town Street, will be undertaken by WNW Homes.
- 3.4 Continental Landscapes already provide a cutting service to Marsden Court Sheltered complex and as the grassed area is in close vicinity, there had previously been agreement from WNW Homes to maintain this grassed area on their cutting cycle.
- 3.5 WNW Homes have sent a request to LCC Ground Maintenance to include this grassed area to their contract. Confirmation has been received from Continental Landscapes and the LCC contract Manager that the site is now to be included on the cutting schedule.

Environment Sub Group

- 3.6 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 August, discussed concerns with the grass cutting contractors Continental Landscapes. The next meetings will be inviting Parks & Countryside's and the ALMO to encourage further joint working.

Footpath adjacent to Musgrave Court

- 3.7 A footpath adjacent to Musgrave Court in Pudsey was recently raised as being in a dangerous state during periods of rain and residents had asked if work could be undertaken to make improvements. Work has been underway in partnership with WNW Homes, Highways, Parks & Countryside's and Environmental Services to explore potential options.
- 3.8 It has been discovered that the footpath is partly in owned by West North West Homes and the other section is classed as private. A land registry search has been carried out and shows that this part of the footpath has been unregistered since 1960.
- 3.9 However residents can confirm the footpath has been in use for over 50 years and a site visit has taken place with the Public Rights of Way (PROW) Team – LCC. PROW have informed that a creation order can be made to create a right of way which will add to the convenience or enjoyment of the public.
- 3.10 The creating and promoting of the creation order would come at an expense which is to be negotiated. The creation order will also involve a 28 day consultation period with the PROW prescribed user groups. PROW Team have confirmed they will take the footpath on as a PROW on the proviso that the footpath is brought up to a reasonable standard.
- 3.11 Highways have informed that they will be undertaking highway refurbishments to Crawshaw Park and Crawshaw Rise starting in September. Highways have confirmed that they can undertake improvement works to the footpath whilst undertaking the highway refurbishments. Highways will subsidise 50% of the works in the form of labour and would like to suggest seeking the remaining 50% contribution from WNW Homes. This contribution would need to be in the form of a financial contribution in the region of £5.5k. WNW Homes have confirmed however, that the project does not meet their criteria for Area Panel Funding. The proposal has also been reviewed by WNW Homes Repairs and Investment Planning departments, however due to their current budget constraints and a projected overspend they will be unable to undertake the works at this time.

CCTV Farfield Avenue / Pudsey Town Centre

- 3.12 The Outer West Area Committee in January agreed to fund several community safety projects. One proposal was for a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Camera on Farfield Avenue Farsley.
- 3.13 The provision of CCTV on Farfield Avenue would act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour around the local shopping parade, and is subject to part funding by WNW Homes.
- 3.14 Feedback has been received regarding the provision of a (CCTV) Camera on Farfield Avenue, Farsley.

- 3.15 Following the revised quotation from BT which had been significantly higher than the original estimate, LeedsWatch have reviewed the best solution for the provision of a camera on Farfield Avenue.
- 3.16 BT have informed LeedsWatch that they would need to install a further BT line to accept an additional camera therefore increasing the charges. LeedsWatch have advised this would mean an initial outlay of a minimum £33,807.16 for a 5 year contract and does not include a contingency budget. The additional BT line will allow a further 3 cameras to be connected in the area.
- 3.17 The ongoing costs will be experienced annually for monitoring & maintenance and BT charges. Monitoring and maintenance costs are £2,000 per annum (50% would need to be fund matched by a third party such as the ALMO) and BT charges for a 5 year commitment at £1,986 per annum.
- 3.18 LeedsWatch have informed us that the contingency budget is usually 10% of the original outlay which based on LeedsWatch's figure, would be £3780.716, giving a total of £37,187.876.
- 3.19 As an alternative LeedsWatch have recently considered a trial undertaken by Urban Traffic Control for using a broadband connection to connect the camera to the control room. This has been tested and did not go as well as expected. LeedsWatch have confirmed that this option is unlikely to work.
- 3.20 LeedsWatch are to review the situation again in co-operation with BT.

Pudsey Public Conveniences

- 3.21 Discussions are still 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.
- 3.22 At the most recent meeting in July, Cllr's Coulson and Jarosz met with, Cllr Lucinda Yeadon and Cllr Adam Ogilvie and officers to discuss options available for the relocation of the toilets. Until recently the main concerns with these plans were of providing ramped access for the disabled toilets.
- 3.23 It was confirmed, there were several disabled toilets in close vicinity of the leisure centre for public use. Investigations are now being made into relocating Male & Female toilets only, into the leisure centre and for the disabled toilets in Pudsey to be promoted to customers.

West North West Homes Area Panel

- 3.24 A copy of West North West Homes Leeds Outer West Area Panel minutes from the last meeting are attached at Appendix 1.

Healthy Living Network: Community Development Worker (Swinnow and Heights & Gambles)

- 3.25 Carol Clarkson, the community development worker (CDW) is now in post and has instigated her work programme in line with the project outputs. Work is underway to create a committee for the community centre and potential activities are being explored. The activities will focus on reducing health inequalities and building community capacity in Swinnow.
- 3.26 The CDW has been in contact with partners in the area including the Youth Services and Children Services. A meeting has been held with local residents brought together by Mick Cox, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) where residents were asked about being involved in a committee. There has been some interest and a meeting will shortly be organised with Councillors, partners and potential committee members.
- 3.27 Discussions regarding holding a sports day were also discussed at the meeting and councillors will be made aware of any events residents will be interested in participating in or organising.
- 3.28 Part of the development workers role will be to look at expanding their activities in the Heights & Gambles area, using a similar approach to Swinnow. Currently there is little work being undertaken in this area however there is a high need.
- 3.29 Initial stages of the project will focus on developing Swinnow and a projected timescale for work to commence at Heights & Gambles will be in September / October.
- 3.30 To ensure the best outcomes are achieved as a result of this project, there will be close partnership working with WNW Homes. The CDW has already been provided with details of key contacts from WNW Homes.

Pudsey Wellbeing Centre

- 3.31 The Pudsey Wellbeing centre was launched on 20 July with the vision to enable residents of Pudsey to live longer and healthier lives that are full, active and independent.
- 3.32 The initiative is aimed at bringing together a wide range of people from the public, private and third sector in order to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population.
- 3.33 The centre has been well received by the local residents and by the Pudsey ward councillors. The next Area Committee meeting will be taking place at the Pudsey Wellbeing centre.

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 Support Team work programme and locality priorities. This is undertaken via regular ongoing “Two Way Feedback” meetings, held with Area Support Team, and ad hoc meetings/telephone conversations as and when required.

4.1.2 Community forums are held in Pudsey & Swinnow and Tyersal every quarter within Outer West Leeds to inform communities.

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:

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Background documents¹

- 1) West North West Homes Leeds Outer West Area Panel minutes (Appendix 1)

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.