

## Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

### Report to South Leeds (Inner) Area Committee

**Date: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

### Subject: A Summary Of Key Work

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	Beeston & Holbeck City & Hunslet Middleton Park	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

### Summary of main issues and corporate governance considerations

1. This report details a range of activities taking place within the Inner South Leeds Area, some of which are dealt with in greater detail 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) approve the Inner South Area Committee Business Plan action plan (item 13.0)

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, brief details of the range of activities with which the Area Support Team are engaged based on the Area Committee Business Plan priorities, that are not addressed in greater detail 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 June 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 Area Chairs Forum**

### **3.1 Meetings**

- 3.1.1 The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 12 March 2012 are attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.1.2 Minutes from the 13 July 2012 meeting will be approved at the meeting on 11 September 2012 and will be presented at a future Inner South Area Committee.

### **3.2 Equality Improvement Priorities 2011- 2015**

- 3.2.1 When the Equality Improvement Priorities 2011-2015 (**Appendix 2**) was approved 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 A piece of work will be undertaken with Area Leaders by the Head of Equalities to identify and understand local equality issues and a further report will be brought to a future Area Committee.

### **3.3 Welfare Reform**

- 3.3.1 At the February meeting members were presented with an update on the changes to welfare reform. **Appendix 3** gives a further update as provided to the recent Area Chairs meeting.
- 3.3.2 **Appendix 4** gives an update to the work being carried out as part of the Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet NIB work on this issue.

## **4.0 Appointment of Area Committee Champions**

### **4.1 Thematic Champion Appointments**

- 4.1.1 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 Sub-group**

- 5.1.1 At the February Area Committee meeting, Members supported the further development of the Children & Young People's Sub-group.

- 5.1.2 The minutes of the meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> June are attached at **Appendix 5 & 6**. The minutes of the August meeting will be approved at the 5<sup>th</sup> October meeting of the group and presented to the November Area Committee.

- 5.1.3 Discussions at the 31<sup>st</sup> August meeting focussed on:

- The criteria for the activity brief for inviting applications for funding (attached at **Appendix 7**)
- Consideration of funding bids:
  - St Lukes Cares: an extension of their current provision to cover October 2012 – March 2013
  - Breeze Team: Middleton Friday Night Project to runs as a Backyard Breeze
- Both of these applications are to be considered by this Area Committee and are detailed in the Wellbeing report.
- The Scrutiny report on the engagement of young people in culture, sporting and recreational activities.
- A brochure to promote activities for children and young people

- 5.1.4 Following its approval by the Sub Group, the activity brief, together with the application form and guidance notes, has been sent to appropriate contacts and also been publicised on the South Leeds Life blog inviting applications to provide activities for children and young people. The wellbeing report sets out a recommended level of funding for these activities to be delivered in 2013/14.

## 5.2 Sharp Lane Primary School

- 5.2.1 Members are asked to note **Appendix 8** which outlines the proposed changes to the number of children being taken in to Sharp Lane primary school.

## 6.0 **Updates by theme: Safer Stronger Communities Board**

### 6.1 Inner South Environmental Sub-Group

- 6.1.1 The last meeting of the group took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, the minutes of which were to be approved at the 20<sup>th</sup> July meeting but due to its postponement they will be approved at the next meeting of the group and submitted to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

### 6.2 Community Safety

- 6.2.1 A full community Safety report has been presented elsewhere on this agenda

## 7.0 **Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing**

- 7.1 The South East Health and Well being partnership met on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012, the minutes will be approved at the 4<sup>th</sup> October meeting and presented to a future Area Committee meeting.

- 7.2 Minutes from the 31<sup>st</sup> May meeting minutes are attached as **Appendix 9** for comment.

## 8.0 **Updates by theme: Housing & Regeneration**

### 8.1 Holbeck Phases 1, 2 and 3 Clearance Areas

- 8.1.1 The Council is currently considering a range of options for the redevelopment of this site.

### 8.2 Beverleys Housing Development

- 8.2.1 Due to the severe weather problems in June / July, the phased handover was delayed until 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and completion of the scheme is anticipated at the end of September 2012.
- 8.2.2 All the 28 social rented properties have been advertised in the Leeds Homes Flyer and have all been pre-allocated. The remaining 27 shared ownership properties have been advertised in the Leeds Homes Flyers and with Whitegates Estate Agents on Dewsbury Road. To date, 16 applicants have applied to purchase these properties.
- 8.2.3 A Local Lettings Plan has been approved which specifies that preference will be given to those applicants with a local connection to the City and Hunslet Ward; those who are in overcrowded conditions, or willing to downsize; those in priority need; and those who have good tenancy records. A proportion of lets may also be made to applicants in Band

C of the housing register provided that they have a local connection to the City and Hunslet Ward and good tenancy records.

### 8.3 Garnets Housing Area

#### 8.3.1 Demolition

8.3.2 All the target properties in the clearance areas have now been acquired including 37 – 51 Garnet Grove and 38 – 52 Garnet. These properties did belong to Leeds Federated Housing Association and were acquired on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 after some delays caused by legal issues. These properties will be demolished once approval for the release of funds has been obtained. It is anticipated that the demolition will take place in the Autumn 2012.

#### 8.3.3 Refurbishment.

8.3.4 The refurbishment works on 66 & 72 Garnet Terrace and 64, 66, 69 & 71 Garnet Grove have now been completed. These properties have been bought up to Decency Standards by AVHL and 2 properties have been let and the remaining 4 are in the process of being allocated. Leeds Federated Housing Association have now taken possession of 65, 67, 68 Garnet Grove and 63, 67 Garnet Place. These properties are currently being surveyed and will be refurbished and re-let in due course.

8.3.5 The remaining properties at the Garnets which will not be demolished are 15 – 35 Garnet Place and 63 – 69 Garnet Place, 16 – 34 Garnet Grove and 64 – 70 Garnet Grove and 65 – 71 Garnet Grove and 66 – 72 Garnet Terrace. It is anticipated that all Council owned empty properties within these blocks will be refurbished and brought back in to use during the current financial year.

### 8.4 Middleton Housing Development Sites 1,2 & 3 (Thorpe Road), Intake View and Middleton Park Road

8.4.1 Sanctuary Housing has submitted a planning application for the development of 128 units. To raise public awareness of the proposals, Sanctuary undertook a further drop in session at Tenants Hall in early August. It is anticipated that the planning application will be determined in late September/ early October. Keepmoat who are Sanctuary's contractor have agreed to support small scale local community projects and Sanctuary continue to identify possible beneficiaries.

### 8.5 Middleton Neighbourhood Framework

8.5.1 Work has continued on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Framework for Middleton which will now also include the Belle Isle area. Workshops have taken place with officers, members and local stakeholders to understand the primary issues facing the area and the opportunities for development and investment. The draft vision and plan is now being prepared and will be shared with members and the Neighbourhood Improvement Board before wider public consultation later in the year. Once approved, the plan will inform future development proposals and will be used as a material consideration by planning services when determining planning applications.

## 8.6 Beeston Hill & Holbeck PFI

- 8.6.1 Sustainable Communities for Leeds (sc4L) is the preferred bidder set to undertake large scale housing regeneration in Beeston Hill & Holbeck. The refurbishment of existing properties and environmental improvements will be carried out in the first three years of the contract. The new build housing will take four years to complete.
- 8.6.2 A period of mobilisation will follow the signing of the contract with sc4L during which time there will be intensive activity within the project areas preparing residents and stakeholders for the works and Services commencement.
- 8.6.3 Further updates on timescales for these events will be provided at the next meeting of the Area Committee.

## 8 **Integrated Locality working**

### 9.1 Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board

- 9.1.1 The most recent meeting of the board took place on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012, the minutes of the meeting will be presented to a future meeting.
- 9.1.2 The minutes of the previous meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April are attached for members comments as **Appendix 10**.

### 9.2 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board

- 9.2.1 The last meeting of the Neighbourhood Improvement Board was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012. The minutes of the meeting will be presented to members at the November Area Committee meeting.
- 9.2.2 The next meeting of the board is planned for 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

### 9.3 Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

- 9.3.1 The latest meeting of the NIP took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012, the minutes are attached for information along with the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. (**Appendix 11 & 12**)

### 9.4 Cottingley Recycling Project

- 9.4.1 Progress has been made on the pilot community recycling scheme on the Cottingley estate. The following has taken place since the last update to members:

- Quotes have been obtained from Highways for hard standing areas
- Procurement has started for the metal frames that will surround the bins
- Initial communications documents have been designed
- Consultation period with local residents is now scheduled
- Contact centre processes have been established to take calls from residents

- 9.4.2 The next stages in the implementation process are as follows:

- Communication documents now ready for design and print, expected to be delivered to all of the Phase 1 households (114) w/c 13/08/2012
- Immediate consultation for 20 households with both communal waste and recycling bins w/c 13/08/2012
- Aug – Sep – Consultation to run for approx 4-6 weeks inc. door knocking & drop in sessions
- Health and safety assessment of each of the installation sites is taking place on 14/08/2012
- Consultation is due to take place with bin crews and supervisors for collection arrangements to make sure that everyone is aware of the expectations of the new system
- The procurement process for the metal frames is due to be complete in September

9.4.3 Further updates to the area committee will be provided at significant milestones, Ward members will be updated at their ward based briefings.

## **10.0 Localism**

### **10.1 Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners Pilot**

10.1.1 A stakeholder event to promote the Holbeck Neighbourhood Planning Pilot was held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at St. Matthews Community Centre. Holbeck residents and a few people from local businesses discussed the Neighbourhood Planning Pilot with Officers from LCC and Planning Aid.

10.1.2 Those attending the event commented on photos illustrating some of the buildings and issues in the area. A range of valuable comments were made illustrating concerns and positive suggestions about the area that will be incorporated into the Plan. Many residents clearly want improvements in the local environment and appearance of the area; there was concern about the number of takeaways and the lack of a supermarket in the area; residents wanted more businesses in the area to provide jobs for local people.

10.1.3 The Neighbourhood Plan was further promoted with a stall at Holbeck Gala on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

10.1.4 About 30 people attended the first meeting of the Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July including residents, representatives from a number of voluntary sector organisation, a Ward Councillor, Officers from LCC and Planning Aid. There were presentations about the advantages a Neighbourhood Plan can offer Holbeck as well as the difficulties in developing the Plan and about the support LCC will provide to assist residents and others. The meeting agreed to set up a working group to tackle some of the detailed issues in setting up a Neighbourhood Plan.

10.1.5 The first meeting of the working group was held on 9<sup>th</sup> August at the community room, Ingram Gardens. The working group's priorities include applying for the designation of Holbeck as a Neighbourhood area, developing a vision for the area, suggesting the boundary of the Plan and assisting with the formal constitution of the Forum.

- 10.1.6 A walkabout in the area is due to be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. This will help with determining the boundary of the Plan area and will enable residents and others to gain a better understanding of what's good and not so good about the area.
- 10.1.7 The second meeting of the Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum is currently being organised and is due to be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October at Holbeck Working Men's Club to take the work of developing the Plan and the formal constitution of the Forum forward.
- 10.1.8 A support group continues to meet to support and guide the Holbeck work. LCC Officers on this group have now been joined by a representative from Planning Aid and by the acting chair of the Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum. The acting chair of the Forum is being provided with continuing support by LCC Officers.

## **11.0 Beeston, Cottingley & Middleton Cluster Olympic Summer Camp**

- 11.1 Beeston Cottingley and Middleton Cluster have commissioned a three week Olympic Themed Summer Camp delivered by WR Active Learning at Middleton Primary School. This is a targeted project for 50 children in Reception to Y5 entitled to Free School Meals. The Cluster targeted families identified from the Top 100 initially. Each day the children are provided with a delicious school dinner cooked from fresh produce by the school cook. The aim is to provide the children with a safe place to be with fun activities to keep them happy and active. The children's levels of attainment are being monitored both pre and post the summer to find out if they have sustained their academic levels over the summer holidays.
- 11.2 At the end of the first weeks activities Jamie 10 commented "I have learned so much about the flags of the world. I loved running in the 300M and the javelin throwing, I am going to do the 100M this afternoon. He added "I really enjoyed the beach at Blackpool, if I was at home I would just be on the computer".
- 11.3 Running alongside the project is a 3 weeks college taster course for 8 of their parents which is delivered by Leeds City College. The course is designed to equip the parents with the positive attitude, confidence and skills to apply for college courses in the autumn term which will provide them with the basic skills and qualifications to be able to apply for forthcoming local employment opportunities at Aldi and Asda. The parents are also enjoyed a hot meal provided by the school each day.
- 11.4 Lisa a mum of four stated "It's been Ace! I've felt so comfortable with the staff and parents that I don't want it to end" she added "The course is building our self esteem and makes me want to learn more to improve my education".
- 11.5 Every Wednesday the families join other local families on family days out to the seaside. This week the cluster staff accompanied 8 coaches of families to Blackpool.
- 11.6 The NHS Neighbourhoods Team is assisting in the evaluation of the project.

## **12.0 Middleton Traders Forum**

- 12.1 In a spirit of partnership working, Asda and West Yorkshire Police recently attended a meeting suggested by Area Committee Ward Members with Middleton traders. Questions were invited in advance and 14 were received ranging from “Will Asda notify local companies of sub-contracting opportunities” to “Will you allow customers sufficient time to park, shop with you and then visit other shops before retuning to their car.” In both cases the answer was “yes” and this summarised the mood of the meeting where the supermarket answered all the questions and did what it could to support local wishes.
- 12.2 Typical of launching a new traders group, attendance at this meeting was low. Invites and reminders went to 52 businesses yet just two attended and 8 gave apologies. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Kim Groves and all attending agreed developing a Middleton traders’ group will have great benefit to local shops and shoppers. Follow up discussions with Middleton traders suggest more intend coming to the next meeting on 18 October.

## **13.0 Inner South Area Committee Business plan**

- 13.1 At the September 2011 Area Committee members supported the development of a business plan that outlined all delegations, ward profiles and an action plan setting out the main priorities of the Committee.
- 13.2 It was agreed at previous meetings that members would be provided with an updated version of the action plan (section 6) for approval. This section is attached for comment and approval as **Appendix 13**.

## **14.0 Community Centres review**

- 14.1 Beeston & Holbeck and City & Hunslet are part of the pilot area for the city’s delegated community centres review which will look at the costs, users, impact and quality of the centres.
- 14.2 The review is at an early stage but users have been contacted about their use and thoughts on the Area Committee delegated centres in these wards.
- 14.3 **Appendix 14** gives an overview of the review with further updates to be provided at a future meeting.

## **13.0 Corporate Considerations**

### **13.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 13.1.1 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 secured at Area Committee.

### **13.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

13.2.1 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.

13.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

13.2.3 A light touch Equality Impact Assessments is carried out for all projects.

### **13.3 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

### **13.4 Resources and Value for Money**

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

### **13.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

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

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

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

### **13.3 Risk Management**

13.3.1 This report provides an update on work in the Inner 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.

## **14 Conclusions**

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

## **16 Recommendations**

16.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.
- b) approve the Inner South Area Committee Business Plan action plan (item 13.0)

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

There are no background papers associated with this report

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<sup>1</sup> 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.