

Report of Area Leader West North West

Report to Outer West Area Committee

Date: 12th October 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.

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 and Property Maintenance (PM) are now on site to complete the outstanding work to the ginnel. The project is scheduled for completion as follows;

Completion Date: 26 October 2012

- 3.2 From a recent site visit with Farsley councillors, new plans were discussed for the old public convenience's site at Andrew Square. The new suggested plans were as follows;

- The brick wall fronting the site along Farsley Town Street running East-West is neglected and attracts debris. It was suggested that the wall be capped, so that there is no need for it to be planted saving maintenance and also stopping the wall being used as a temporary rubbish bin.
- To remove the brick wall that fronts the car park running North-South removing need to plant bedding plants and maintaining them. Also to use surplus cobbles around the rectangular grassed area.
- Resurfacing the grassed area with Yorkshire stone flags, so that there is not need for grass cutting in the future (as grass cutting is problematic and has therefore been neglected attracting debris, broken bottles and complaints from local resident).
- It was also highlighted that the site was previously known as "Cobbled Square" and it was suggested to give back the site its original name

- 3.3 A revised plan of the site is being produced to reflect the suggested changes. Once agreed quotations will be requested.

Business Management Project

- 3.4 The business management project, funded through Leeds Ahead provides regular signposting to up to 300 businesses and has an active involvement in the business forums in the Outer West Area.

3.5 The 'Make The Grade' element of the project which involves work with schools is working with Crawshaw High School. Funding has been secured in excess of £50,000 and over 20 businesses have agreed to support Crawshaw School.

3.6 There are over 75 businesses that have engaged in the reward card scheme.

Environment Sub Group

3.7 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.

3.8 The next meetings will be inviting Parks & Countryside's and the ALMO to encourage further joint working.

3.9 Please find an update on eyesore, derelict & nuisance sites for the Outer West Wards.

Site Name & Address	Interim Outcome	Final Outcome	Actions in this period	Key Milestone Dates
Antiques Shop, 26 & 28 Chapeltown, Pudsey LS28 8BL	Improving safety and appearance of the building.	Refurbishment and a viable re-use of the building	Work undertaken to scope out required improvements which could be required through a S215 notice.	Site added to the list - 13 Dec 2011 1. Letter sent to owner of intention to serve S215 - May 2012 2. S215 notice served - June 2012 3. Completion of associated works - Dec 2012
Fernlea Public House, 53 Tong Way, Leeds LS12 5NA	Disposal of site.	Viable redevelopment /re-use of the building.	1. Panel approval to joint market the site with the leaseholder, Punch Taverns. 2. An offer has been submitted on the site for consideration.	Site added to the list - 16 Apr 2012 1. Site disposed - Nov 2012 2. Approach identified for site redevelopment/building re-use - March 2013
The Foundry, Grangefield Industrial Estate, Richardshaw Road, Pudsey, LS28 6QW	Resolve ownership issues.	Ensure site is secured.	1. Clean up cost obtained of £20k. 2. Counsel view is being sought regarding ownership of the property.	Site added to the list - 20 Feb 2012 1. Letter of intention to serve S77 sent to owner - April 2012 (ACHIEVED) 2. S77 notice served to undertake remedial works - May 2012 2. Works completed - July 2012

<p>Pudsey Cemetery Chapel, Cemetery Road, Pudsey LS28 7HH</p>	<p>Works undertaken to prevent further dilapidation.</p>	<p>Chapel taken on by a heritage organisation e.g. The Leeds Buildings Preservation Trust Ltd, to enable full restoration using funding grants not currently available to LCC. Viable end use found following restoration.</p>	<p>Maintenance / Improvement Works that could be carried out over and above the annual cyclical maintenance identified.</p>	
<p>Pudsey Grangefield High School (former), Richardshaw Lane, Pudsey, Leeds LS28</p>	<p>Planning approval in place.</p>	<p>Working with the owner on ensuring that the proposed residential development is in keeping with the building and its surroundings.</p>		
<p>Old Boars Head Pub, Roker Lane, Pudsey</p>	<p>Visually improve the building and site.</p>	<p>Refurbishment and a viable re-use of the building OR viable redevelopment of the site.</p>	<p>The owner of the site will be contacted to establish the future of this building.</p>	

CCTV Farfield Avenue / Pudsey Town Centre

- 3.10 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.
- 3.11 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.
- 3.12 Feedback has been received regarding the provision of a (CCTV) Camera on Farfield Avenue, Farsley.
- 3.13 After initially being provided with additional costs by BT for the installation of a BT line, a new quote was negotiated and additional funding was sourced from the Proceeds of Crime.
- 3.14 BT have been contacted and the works will shortly be commencing with an initial timescale of approximately 12 weeks for full completion dependent on whether planning permission is required.

Pudsey Public Conveniences

- 3.15 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. An update has been requested from Property Maintenance.
- 3.16 Previously a meeting took place 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.
- 3.17 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.

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

- 3.18 The CDW has been working on establishing a forum for both local professionals and interested residents to come together with the aim of mapping all local activities for all ages groups. The forum has also looked at promoting these activities plus working in partnership to consult with residents and establish ways of making the community hall more vibrant and successful.
- 3.19 3 volunteers have been recruited to help with the following areas: promotion of activities, creation of marketing materials, setting up events and activities within Swinnow.

- 3.20 A family fun and sports day was organised in partnership with Swinnow Children's Centre and Community police on Saturday 15 September. The event was a great success and well received by local residents. A total of £170 was raised for the Community Centre from the use of a bouncy castle (provided by Moorside Tenants & Residents Association) and from a cake sale (provided by Sunshine Group).
- 3.21 The CDW with local residents is also planning a community clean up and bulb planting day for 13 October to bring together all ages to clean up and plant bulbs in area around Community hall and Swinnow Moor.

Footpath adjacent to Musgrave Court

- 3.22 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.
- 3.23 Highways have confirmed that they can undertake improvement works to the footpath. Highways will subsidise 50% of the works in the form of labour and would like to request the remaining 50% contribution in the form of a financial contribution in the region of £5.5k. Funding options are being explored to support these works.

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.

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:

- i. Note that the contents of the report and to comment on any aspect of the matters raised.
- ii. Note the enclosed appendix providing an update on the West North West Homes Leeds Outer West Area Panel minutes.

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.