

Report of ENE Area Leader

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 18th October 2012

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Gipton & Harehills, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Killingbeck & Seacroft	<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 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 provides Members with recommendations from its sub groups and has minutes attached
2. It gives members an update on community engagement activity across the Inner East and provides key messages on work being carried out which is pertinent to the priorities of the Area Committee.

Recommendations

3. That Members note the contents of the report and comment where appropriate.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1** To provide members with an overview of the work being carried out to address Area Committee priorities.

2 Background information

- 2.1** At its meeting in June 2012 the Area Committee agreed to holding four sub groups to assist in carrying out Area Committee business. Membership was agreed to be one member of each ward sitting on each sub group, officers are invited to advise as appropriate. Minutes of those meetings are reported back regularly to Area Committee, when cleared.

The Environmental Sub Group and Community Centres Working Group are established and run 6 yearly following the Area Committee cycle. At the June meeting it was also agreed to implement a Planning and a Health & Wellbeing sub group, these groups have now held inaugural meetings and are intended to follow the same cycle.

- 2.2** In 2010-11 a new Community Engagement Strategy was approved and adopted by the Area Committee; prior to this the Community Engagement Strategy was based around holding three community events per year in each ward.

The new approach was adopted to address concerns regarding the number of residents attending events and the volume of resource required to facilitate the events. It was recognised that new approaches and methods of engagement were required to ensure that a true representation of the local community was achieved.

The new engagement strategy adopted in 2010 included the development of a "community leadership team" for priority neighbourhoods and the use of existing community events to promote the work of the Area Committee and consult with residents. A revised version of this strategy was approved by the Inner East Area Committee as part of its 2012-13 Business Plan in March 2012.

- 2.3** As part of its Business Plan the Inner East Area Committee promotes a partnership approach to neighbourhood improvement. In line with this a number of locality and theme based working groups exist across the Inner East, concentrating on combining resources to achieve best value for money and the most effective service to local residents.

3 Main Issues

3.1 Sub Groups

At its meeting in June 2012 the Inner East Area Committee agreed membership of a number of sub groups to make recommendations for progress against key headings in the Area Committee work plan. The headings below contain updates on the work carried out by these sub groups.

3.1.1 Environmental Sub Group

The sub group met on 11th October 2012. The meeting discussed ways in which

the Refuse Service can work more closely with the Environmental Locality Team to clean up after bin collections and the Environmental Locality Team presented their performance report. Childrens Services also attended to discuss possible littering educational campaigns. Minutes as **Appendix A** will follow

3.1.2 Community Centres Sub Group

The sub group met on 20th September 2012. Amongst the issues discussed were the City Wide Community Centres Review. The area to be considered first within the East North East is Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, which includes Lincoln Green, Richmond Hill, Nowell Mount and Ebor Gardens Community Centres. The Area Support Team is currently surveying those who use these centres to gain an understanding of their value to the community, whilst budget and resource information is also being collated by Environment & Neighbourhoods. Full minutes as **Appendix B** will follow

3.1.3 Health & Wellbeing sub group

An inaugural meeting was held on 9th October. It was agreed that the meetings would be held 6 yearly to follow the ENE Health & Wellbeing Partnership cycle, which also fits in with the Area Committee cycle. The group will provide a link between the strategic direction of the Health & Wellbeing Partnership and the officer working groups delivering action in the priority neighbourhoods.

It was agreed that the sub group would initially focus on the three priorities of the Health & Wellbeing Partnership, which are; obesity, alcohol use and diabetes. Officers from organisations leading on work in these areas attended to brief Members on current work streams which will be made into an action plan for the sub group to feed in to. Minutes as **Appendix C** will follow

3.1.4 Planning Sub Group

An inaugural meeting was held but the minutes were not available in time for this report. The sub group discussed current development priorities including the York Road Library.

3.2 **Community Engagement**

In line with the Inner East Area Committee Community Engagement Strategy, the section below provides members with an update on work carried out to engage residents in their local neighbourhood across the Inner East.

3.2.1 CATCH festival

The second annual CATCH festival was held on Saturday the 8th September. Organised by the 'Community Action To Change Harehills' community group with support from the Area Support Team, the day was very well attended and another 8 residents signed up to join CATCH. The Area Support Team held a stall at the event to promote the work of the Area Committee and a number of questionnaires were filled in by residents on their priorities for the Area Committee for 2013/14. This information will be used to help inform the development of the Area Committee Business Plan and Harehills Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.

3.2.2 Harehills Environmental Improvement Zones public meeting

A public meeting was held at the Bilal Centre on 25th September to answer any questions residents may have about EIZ's and to reinforce the message that

residents must take partial responsibility for the environmental cleanliness of their area. The Streetscene, Cleansing and Enforcement Locality Manager attended and the meeting was very positive. A number of residents expressed an interest in being involved in any future 'Keep Harehills Tidy' campaign to encourage their neighbours to look after the area. This campaign will be worked up through the Local Management Team and joint working between the Area Support and Environmental Locality Teams.

3.2.3 Alston Lane Community Centre Open day

A well attended open day was held on the 21st September at Alston Lane Community Centre. The Neighbourhood Manager supported this and a number of questionnaires were filled out with residents on their priorities for the Area Committee for 2013/14. This information will be used to help inform the development of the Area Committee Business Plan and Seacroft Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.

3.2.4 Burmantofts Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

Since the last meeting of the Area Committee two further NIB meetings have been held. The meetings follow a thematic focus with the meeting of 3rd September focussing on the Environment and on 11th October the focus was Employment, Training & Young People. Residents raised concerns that they are unclear who they need to report different issues to. As a result the Neighbourhood Manager has provided a list for the information of residents on the NIB.

3.2.5 Seacroft Community Leadership Team

The Community Leadership Team met on 18th September at Alston Lane Community Centre. The residents were advised on the imminent welfare reform changes, how it may affect them and their neighbours and the help that is available. There was significant concern from CLT members about the changes coming into effect and the detrimental impact it will have in their area. A report elsewhere on this agenda outlines partnership working that is taking place to mitigate against this impact.

3.2.6 Chapelton & Harehills Forum

A facilitated meeting is being scheduled for November. Using professional facilitators and an open sharing of issues and concerns, the aim is to break down some of the barriers that exist between different community members in order to aid positive community led work in the future.

3.3 **Key Messages**

Updates are provided below on any significant developments made, or proposed, which are pertinent to the priorities of the Area Committee.

3.3.1 Dame Fanny Waterman Community Centre Open Day

The Dame Fanny Waterman Community Centre was officially opened by Dame Fanny Waterman on Saturday 22nd September. There were a number of musical performances by children as well as martial arts demonstrations and football coaching by organisations who are planning to use the facility in the future. The day was very well attended and featured on ITV's 'Calendar' news programme.

3.3.2 Inner East Worklessness Group

The Area Support team have collated data on the worklessness situation within priority neighbourhoods in the Inner East area. This information will be used to inform an outcome based accountability workshop on 11th October involving a range of partners. The aim of this workshop is to develop a clear and focused action plan to address worklessness in the area. It will also take into account joint work currently being undertaken by Area Support Team, Childrens Services, and Employment & Skills, initiated by the Area Leadership Team, to reduce numbers of young people who are not in employment, education or training. Following discussion at the ENE Area Leadership Team in September there is now a focus on engaging with business representatives so that partners understand the business perspective. This should result in a more informed and effective action plan.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.4 In each other the priority neighbourhoods, there are a range of different community engagement and consultation methods being employed. In Gipton, Burmatofts & Richmond Hill and Seacroft, a Community Leadership Team is the main community involvement mechanism in place. Harehills priority neighbourhood links with the community via the Chapeltown & Harehills Forum and in Burmantofts residents are involved in the Neighbourhood Improvement Board. These collectives are directly involved in the priority setting for the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans, which in turn link into the Area Committee Business Plans and Charter priorities.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 An equality screening document was completed as part of the development of; Neighbourhood Improvement Plans; 'Local Management Teams' which are a central function of the officer working groups; and Community Leadership Teams.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The priorities of the Area Committee Business Plan directly link into the council 'Best City' priorities for Leeds

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 The Team Neighbourhood approach brings a range of services together to utilise officer resources more effectively on tackling key neighbourhood issues

4.4.2 In order to achieve priorities, funding sources will be joined up together as far as possible to maximise the way in which funding is invested on local priorities

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

4.5.2 There is no exempt or confidential information

4.5.3 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.4 There are no major risks associated with the content of this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 As highlighted above, there are a number of actions ongoing to achieve Area Committee priorities and fulfil its work programme, but despite this, the Area Support Team recognises that there is still a significant amount of work to be done to achieve the Area Committee priorities. Therefore this report will be a regular item at the Inner East Area Committee to update on progress.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Inner East Area Committee are asked to note the contents of this report and comment as appropriate.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 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.