

**Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance)**

**Report to Outer West Area Committee**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Subject: Area Update 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.

**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 1** providing an update on the Outer West Environment Sub Group.

## **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 Farsley scheme has now been completed with Property Maintenance (PM) completing the outstanding work to the ginnel. The works have been well received by councillors and local residents.
- 3.2 As mentioned at the previous Area Committee of 12 October, a visit with Farsley Councillors to Andrew Square discussed new plans. City Development have provided councillors with a sketch plan and a quotation from Norfolk Property Services (NPS) to undertake the additional works.
- 3.3 Discussions took place about resurfacing the grassed area with Yorkshire stone kerbs (from Henshaw Depot) instead of paving due to its short supply. However following an assessment by NPS these kerb stones were determined not to be suitable materials to undertake the required works.
- 3.4 A further site visit to Henshaw Depot allowed assessment of other granite stone paving. Farsley Councillors confirmed they would be happy to commence the additional works with the alternative flags. Highways informed they would need to be a nominal fee of £200, which City Development have been made aware of and have confirmed that this could be factored into the costs of the project as previously discussed.
- 3.5 City Development will be providing a highlight report regarding the project to their Programme Board and are awaiting comments from NPS regarding the use of the alternative granite paving.

### 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. Leaf clearing was the main priority for the remainder of the year and this would be undertaken by Continental Landscapes. Please find attached at **appendix 1**, notes from the December Environment Sub Group meeting.

### CCTV Farfield Avenue / Pudsey Town Centre

- 3.7 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. 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.
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 The project is underway and scheduled for completion by the end of January.

### Festival Lights event

- 3.10 The Area Committee funded the festival lights event in Farsley Town Centre and Pudsey Leisure Centre. The Pudsey event was organised with support from the Area Support Team, Thisispudsey.com, Events Team and with invaluable support from local volunteers.
- 3.11 Both events were a great success and the weather held up and very positive feedback was received from residents who enjoyed the community spirit.

### Seniors Network Support in Calverley

- 3.12 The Seniors Network Support scheme is jointly run in Leeds by Libraries and Adult Social Care. It is part of a European funded scheme and the ideas will be shared with other countries working on similar projects.
- 3.13 It is know that in places where there are local community groups, networks or activities older people are much more likely to benefit from being a part of the local community and to be able to find out about what's available locally.
- 3.14 The scheme aims therefore to see what can be done to make sure that there are more local groups, networks and activities around for people to get involved in. There are already a number of groups and networks for older people in Leeds, such as the Neighbourhood Network Schemes, and the idea is to build on these networks and see what can be done to support and connect up groups, and to help groups to develop where they don't currently exist.
- 3.15 The overall aim is to improve the health, wellbeing and independence of older people in Leeds. The scheme will encourage and support networks and social groups for older people.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 Elected members have been consulted on the contents of this report

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 Outer West Environment Sub Group.

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

None

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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.