

**Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds**

**Report to South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee**

**Date: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Subject: Summary of Key Work**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Ardsley and Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell
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? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

This report presents an update on the key work taking place within the Outer South Leeds area, not covered elsewhere on the agenda

**Recommendations**

The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate

## **1.0 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, a summary of key work which the Area Support Team are engaged in based on priorities identified by the Area Committee, that are not covered 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**

- 2.2 Members will recall at the July 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 Main Issues**

### 3.1 Area Chairs Forum

- 3.1.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2012 were approved at the meeting on 2 November and are attached at **Appendix 1**.

## **4.0 Updates by theme: Children & Families**

### 4.1 Children & Young People's Working Group Update

- 4.1.1 The Outer South Children & Young People's Working Group last met on 27<sup>th</sup> September and minutes were presented to a previous Area Committee. The group is currently reviewing its Terms of Reference and Membership to ensure that it is fit for purpose. A meeting is being arranged with the Chair to explore next steps.

## **5.0 Updates by Theme: Sustainable Economy and Culture**

### 5.1 Community Centres Sub Committee

- 5.1.1 The Community Centres Sub Committee last met on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012. The next meeting is on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Minutes will be presented to a future Area Committee.

## **6.0 Updates by Theme: Safer and Stronger Communities Board**

### 6.1 Outer South Environmental Sub-Group

- 6.1.1 The Outer South Environmental sub-group met on 13 November 2012 and the minutes are attached at **Appendix 2**.

## 7.2 Community Safety

### 7.2.1 Crime and Grime Partnership

The next meeting of the South Leeds Crime and Grime Partnership is due to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> January. An update on that meeting will be presented to the Area Committee via the Summary of Key Work report at the March meeting.

7.2.2 The Outer South Area Committee will continue to be represented on the Crime and Grime Partnership by its Environmental Champion (Cllr Karen Bruce) and Community Safety Champion (Cllr Neil Dawson).

### 7.2.3 Morley Police Station

At the September Area Committee, Members received a verbal briefing from Chief Superintendent Paul Money on proposed changes to the opening hours of the helpdesk at Morley Police Station. A request was made by the Chair at that meeting, for further discussion to take place and for Members to consider ways of reducing the impact on the community.

7.2.4 A number of meetings have taken place and outline proposals were approved at the December Area Committee. The staffing profile for the revised opening hours and are currently in development and a detailed proposal will be brought to a future Area Committee.

### 7.2.5 Burglary Reduction Programme (BRP)

The strategic burglary group has allocated £3000 to City and Holbeck Division for burglary reduction activity during 2012/13. It has been agreed to allocate an amount of £1000 to three NPTs in the Division (excluding City Centre) in order to provide a subsidised reactive target hardening scheme to all burglary victims. Members will be aware of the subsidised scheme that is already offered to Morley residents who are burglary victims and as a proactive measure to the 5 properties either side of them. The proactive element of this scheme will continue using the remaining allocation from the Area Committee fund and the reactive work will be funded using the BRP funding.

## 7.3 Wellbeing projects

### 7.3.1 Tingley Crescent Gating Project

The gates have been installed at Tingley Crescent. This project has now been completed. Evaluations of the levels of ASB will be managed by the Alleygating Officer at Leeds Community Safety.

### 7.3.2 Cold Calling Zones

The first Cold Calling Zones in Outer South have been launched in Morley North and Rothwell. Plans to launch zones in Morley South and Ardsley Robin Hood are in progress. Ward members will be advised by email when the remaining zones are due to launch.

### 7.3.3 Feeling Safe in Rothwell

Rothwell NPT has started delivery of the Feeling Safe project to deliver security advice and products to vulnerable residents.

## 8.0 **Updates by Theme: Health and Well being**

8.1 The South East Health and Well being partnership met on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and the draft minutes are included at **Appendix 3**.

## 9.0 **Updates By Theme: Housing and Regeneration**

### 9.1 **Conservation Audits**

9.1.1 Following a further round of public consultation that ran from January to March 2012, all consultation responses are being reviewed and considered and amendments made to the appraisal and proposed boundary as appropriate. The project was discussed at Planning Board on 29 November 2012. The appraisal and boundary review may also be considered by Executive Board. If approved, the revised boundary will be designated and the appraisal will be adopted as a material consideration in the planning process.

## 10.0 **Localism**

### 10.1 Neighbourhood Planning

10.1.1 Neighbourhood Plans are being developed in Oulton & Woodlesford and Carlton Village. Area Committee have provided support in the form of a Small Grant to Oulton & Woodlesford. More detailed updates will be sought for future meetings.

10.1.1 More recently, following a Members briefing, an information session was held at Blackburn Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and was attended by 26 people. Those attending the meeting heard about what is involved in developing a Neighbourhood Forum and the Neighbourhood Plan.

10.1.2 Nine residents agreed to assist with the organisation of a drop-in event to be held in February. The drop in event will:

- Respond to the issues raised by residents
- Provide further clarification on Neighbourhood Planning
- Establish whether the community (those who live, work and do business in Rothwell) want to produce a Plan
- Sign-up volunteers
- Consider the election of an interim Chair
- Agree next steps and dates of future meetings

10.1.4 This information session will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Blackburn Hall and will run from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

## 11.0 **Integrated Locality Working**

### 11.1 Priority Neighbourhood Worker Work Programme

11.1.1 At the December 2012 Area Committee Members received an update on the work of the Priority Neighbourhood Worker from September 2012. Members agreed that the PNW continues to support Community Groups & Residents Associations in supported areas.

11.1.2 The PNW has been working with the Health and Wellbeing Improvement team on the development of new streams of work in the form of Community Champions. Members will be consulted in detail at Ward based briefings on the design and development of the programme. Members will also be consulted on their priority neighbourhood's within wards and work going forward in these areas.

11.1.3 A summary of PNW work is included at **Appendix 4**.

### 11.2 Community Heroes Event

11.2.1 At the December Area Committee members agreed to support an event for Outer South Tenants and Residents Associations. Details of the event are:

Event date: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
Location: Blackburn Hall, Rothwell  
Timing: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

- Community Groups will be invited to share information about a piece of work they are particularly proud of. The work will be categorised eg, most innovative project, best planned event or committee that has taken the most training opportunities
- Community groups will be invited to a Community Heroes event
- Community groups will be asked to talk about their piece of work with support being provided by the PNW
- Each group would receive an award under the category they have been placed in
- Groups will be asked to bring any information they would like to promote about their group
- Third sector organisations are invited to set up stalls to share information about the services/support they can provide to community groups
- Guest speakers (celebrating the time given by participants to their communities and giving inspirational chat about community involvement)
- Food
- A booklet describing the different projects and giving providing contact details is produced and shared to encourage networking amongst projects.

#### 11.4 Skilled up Rothwell (Health for All)

11.4.1 Skilled Up Rothwell has used a multi agency approach to target work around skills development, volunteer recruitment and retention and healthy lifestyle activities to address health inequalities and unemployment that exist in the area. The Skilled up Rothwell project will come to an end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

11.4.2 A focus has been on the John O' Gaunts estate in partnership with Rothwell Children's Centre and Aire Valley homes to develop an integrated approach to assist people on the journey to employment. This has been achieved through:

- Setting up a weekly job club at the Rose Lund Centre, with IT access, use of laptops and a job centre plus adviser in attendance
- IGEN delivering 3 workshops around CV, job applications, job searching and interview skills
- A life coach has volunteered from Rothwell to help people overcome their barriers to work and be part of a new group
- Skills development courses: Basic IT, First Aid Course, Basic Food and Hygiene, in house training
- Summer play scheme to involve families in physical activity sessions
- Health and lifestyle activities programme around the 6 change for life messages
- Volunteer interviews – for ongoing support and guidance through the CRB process
- Supporting existing community activity/groups to help capacity building in the area
- Exit Strategy: Volunteer get togethers to encourage the vision of a self - sustaining group of people to continue after the project has finished to support each other and stimulate community activity.

11.4.1 There are have been 220 beneficiaries (total based on all output) as follows:

- 1 Job club attendee assisted into work on a temporary contract
- 89 progressed through skills development programmes
- 88 Attended healthy living activities / sessions
- 1 Community activity established
- 41 New volunteers enrolled into the programme and placements organised where appropriate to the individual

#### 11.5 Update to the merger of Joseph Priestley College and Leeds City College

11.5.1 On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 Joseph Priestley merged with Leeds City College. The College undertook to update the councillors of South Leeds on a regular basis on progress and implications for South Leeds.

- 11.5.2 The focus of the first 15 months has been to align services and the curriculum offer and to address staffing structures and management issues. This has been done whilst maintaining a strong focus on students and their experience. Every effort has been made to minimise any negative impact of the merger on students, staff and the employers we work with. It is still early days for the merger but the overall stability it has brought, both now and for the future, should be noted as a positive.
- 11.5.3 The College has acquired the Print works. This is part of the overall property strategy of the College. Initially the College will only develop and use part of the building with further development over the next 10 years. The buildings will house several important vocational faculties including Hospitality and Catering and Hair and Beauty. This will provide more accessible progression to higher level programmes from former Joseph Priestley sites.
- 11.5.4 Funding has also been secured from a Capital renewal Fund from the Skills Funding Agency, to contribute to the redevelopment of the Campus in Morley. This may involve a new or existing building being developed into a Campus to serve the community and provide an improved learning environment and facilities. Planning is in the very early stages but this marks the commitment the college has to providing learning locally.
- 11.5.5 The future curriculum offer is under discussion covering what can and should be offered as full time provision for the 16 to 18 age group. No major changes are planned for the immediate future other than the addition of retail as an option as the retail sector offers significant career opportunities in Leeds.
- 11.5.6 The offer for adults wanting to enhance their skills and qualifications has been reviewed. Government funded adult provision is focused on employability and includes a continued emphasis on literacy, numeracy and IT skills. For 12/13 the offer includes Routeways to Work programmes developed with Jobcentre Plus for Jobcentre Plus referrals. This includes a Retail programme, Security qualifications, Health and Social Care provision, Esol, Literacy and Numeracy and employability skills.
- 11.5.7 The partnership working with Employment Leeds, Land Securities and Jobcentre Plus and Leeds City College, focussing on the White Rose Learning Centre now called 'The Point' has resulted in the delivery of routeways to work for unemployed adults locally for South Leeds residents and full time retail learners having some of their classes in a real work environment. Delivery began in June 2012 with the programme initially reflecting demand from Jobcentre Plus but will evolve through negotiation with wider stakeholders.
- 11.5.8 The provision for young adults with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities is being maintained at the Joseph Priestley centre. The College is actively working with Childrens' Services, schools; SILCS and Social care to build a city wide offer which is responsive to needs and the SEN agenda.

- 11.5.9 The SAIL (Supporting Achievements in Learning) programme for those not in education, employment or training continues to be delivered at the South Leeds Hub. The curriculum offer at the hub has been developed and extended and is being re-launched this spring term focussing on a broad definition of NEET, to include 16- 24 and the wider family that can influence a young person's future. The College is working city wide to build and strengthen working relationships between IGEN, Prospects, Connexions, and voluntary sector organisations to inform the curriculum offer and facilitate take up of the offer.
- 11.5.10 No major changes to the Joseph Priestley buildings in Beeston and Rothwell are planned other than rebranding, routine maintenance and upgrading of the facilities. Funding has been secured from a Capital renewal Fund from the Skills Funding Agency, to contribute to the redevelopment of the Campus in Morley, this may involve a new or existing building being developed into a Campus to serve the community, and provide an improved learning environment and facilities. Planning is in the very early stages, but this marks the commitment the college has to providing learning locally.
- 11.5.11 Joseph Priestley staff and managers are steadily being integrated into the Leeds City College faculties and departments. For some there have been welcome opportunities to take on more responsibility. The Joseph Priestley sites have been incorporated into Leeds City College's Community faculty with Inner South focussing on integrating the programmes at Beeston and Burton Road and Outer South focussing on Rothwell and Morley. Management posts are still being recruited to. In addition to support the South Leeds agenda a dedicated development worker post was recruited and is actively working with stakeholders locally.
- 11.5.12 The merger will enable the College to make a stronger contribution to the regeneration of the south of Leeds and to work with other agencies to narrow the educational achievement gap. The College is focused on building pathways to higher level qualifications and supporting individuals to progress. The opportunities to plan across the city should bring significant benefits and the improved coherence of provision will enable us to target resources to the areas of greater need.
- 11.5.13 Area Committee is asked to note the progress made since the merger.

## 11.6 **Outer South Christmas Trees & Lights for 2013**

- 11.6.1 To ensure a consistent and efficiently planned process for Christmas trees and lights for 2013 the South East Area Support Team will co-ordinate arrangements.



11.6.2 The timetable for approval of schemes is as follows:

<b>Action</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<b>New installations and alterations to existing displays</b> Liaison with Members to develop draft proposals for each ward to be completed by:	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2013
Leeds Lights provide costings by:	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2013
Final confirmation of arrangements with Members:	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2013
Proposals for Area Committee approval:	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2013
Confirmation of Outer South arrangements with Leeds Lights:	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2013

11.6.3 Members are asked to approve the timetable and approve, in principle £12,000 of wellbeing funding for 2013/14, subject to consultation and final agreement with Members.

## 11.7 **Morley Empty Shops Fund**

11.7.1 The Empty Shops Fund is available for shops in Morley and landlords can apply for a maximum of £2,600 towards the costs of replacing shop fronts. An application was made and approved for a new shop front at 47a Queen Street and work was completed in December 2012. A tenant has moved in and is now trading.

## 12.0 **Corporate Considerations**

### 12.1 **Consultation and Engagement**

12.1.1 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 received at the Area Committee.

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

12.2.1 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.

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

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

### 12.3 **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

## **12.4 Resources and Value for Money**

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

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

12.5.1 Decisions taken by Area Committee are not eligible for Call In.

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

## **12.6 Risk Management**

12.6.1 This report provides an update on work in the Outer 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.

## **13.0 Conclusions**

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

## **14.0 Recommendations**

14.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.

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

15.1 There are no background documents associated with this paper.

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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.