



Report of the South East Area Leader

Report to Outer East Area Committee

Date: 12th of February 2013

Subject: 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): Cross Gates & Whinmoor Garforth & Swillington Kippax & Methley Temple Newsam		
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

1. The report will detail priority work carried out in the area over recent weeks.
2. The report will provide minutes relating to forums, partnership and sub-group minutes and minutes of Area Chairs.

Recommendations

3. Area Committee will be requested to:
 - note the report and raise any queries.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The report will provide Area Committee with details of key issues and activities in recent months including project work and community engagement.
- 1.2 The report will provide Members with minutes relating to recent community forums and engagement activities, sub group and partnership meetings and minutes of Area Chairs meetings.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Area Committee Business Plan focuses on community engagement, partnership work, functions delegated to Area Committee, integrated working and locality working. This report will update Area Committee on priority work, including project work and community engagement as well as key issues for discussion.
- 2.2 The report will include relevant attachments such as minutes and partnership working etc.

3 Main issues

3.1 Neighbourhood Centres - general interest

3.1.1 Temple Newsam:

- Newly formed Halton In Bloom has completed its first project of planting a floral display on the Lidl junction between Irwin Approach and Selby Rd assisted by Community Payback. The group is now undertaking additional schemes.
- At Wykebeck, Highways have undertaken public consultation so a rough track behind shops can be closed to traffic to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety.
- Highways anticipate starting work in March to provide traffic signals under the railway bridge on Osmondthorpe Lane. This project was partially funded by Area Committee.

3.1.2 Kippax & Methley:

- A meeting between crime reduction, councillors and interested parties was held to emphasise the need to stop the reopening the Jumbo's Nick ginnel in Kippax. At the meeting, Safer Leeds felt confident that if enough evidence has been retained regarding the nuisance being caused when the gate was originally erected then the closure may remain in place. Area Support Team (AST) have now asked LCC Legal to confirm if any of the suggested solutions can be implemented.
- Barclays use their former bank as a cash point but following a suggestion from AST have agreed to tastefully decorate it and a contact from AST is liaising with them over final artwork.

- Following a suggestion from AST, four prominent homes on the High Street have been painted and are now getting a miner's mural on their end wall. The mural has been confirmed and will be painted once the weather improves.
- AST arranged a meeting between owners of the former supermarket and an interested party and agreement in principle has been reached to see half the store reopen in the near future.
- Kippax Neighbourhood Plan team are liaising with Planning over the best way to provide temporary displays of the developing plan.

3.1.3 **Garforth & Swillington:**

- A formal agreement is being drawn up for a temporary car park in vacant land at the top of Garforth Main Street. The landowner has asked that all income from the site goes to charity groups to help disabled children: Kippax & Garforth Growing Zone, Leeds Bright Sparks and the landlord's own Easterbrook Farm initiative.
- AST has met with a developer wishing to open a community facility on the vacant lot on Main Street.
- AST is giving advice to local groups (Swillington Miners Welfare and Garforth Flood Alleviation) on public fundraising.

3.1.4 **Cross Gates & Whinmoor:**

- The 2012 Cross Gates Christmas lights switch-on attracted an estimated 700 people. Entertainment included the show, first illumination of the 20 motifs and a firework display. Entertainment was provided by local acts offering a community input to promote good things happening in the area. The change of day, from a Sunday to a Thursday, had the desired effect of increasing numbers, especially with the children and young people. The event produced increased community cohesion though an intergenerational event.
- Approximately 150 people attended the Barnbow Memorial dedication ceremony held in Manston Park on 4 December 2012. Cllr Grahame and Cllr Wakefield gave speeches, Richard Burgon read a poem, blessings were read by Churches Together in LS15, and five local primary schools were represented by 57 children - some of the youngsters read out the names of the Lassies who lost their lives in the explosions and certificates were given to these children. East Leeds Historical & Archaeological Society distributed commemorative mugs to those involved. The event has led to local history now being promoted in the local park via the memorial and two information boards, the history of the event is now part of the curriculum at local schools and there will be a schools competition to design the memorial flower bed with the winners holding a trophy for the year, provided by ELH&AS

3.2 **"A Window of Opportunity"**

- 3.2.1 At the July 2012 OE AC, members were informed of a central government grant enabling £10,000 to be used to produce vinyls in and around empty shop

windows. A Leeds' company called Definitive is now working with students and Youth Service to design the vinyls. Closing date for entries was 31 January 2013 after which examples will be printed for display.

- 3.3.2 Entries are not paid however their contact details will be featured if requested so that in addition to providing innovative decoration, students gain prominence for their work. The "Window of Opportunity" project is also featuring 3d artwork and the possibility of larger displays and shutter decoration. (All covered by the £10,000 grant.)
- 3.2.3 A by-product of the project is that a couple of multinational companies have already spoken with Definitive about the possibility of them paying for some artwork on their premises.

3.3 Community Payback

- 3.3.1 Since the last Outer East Area Committee (AC) Community Payback have provided 45 workers for 4 projects in the Outer East area.
- 3.3.2 This work has featured tidying up and painting Kippax Youth Centre, preparing a flowerbed for the newly formed Halton in Bloom, weeding and cutting back a footpath at Templegate Walk (Whitkirk) and maintenance work in St Mary's Churchyard (Allerton Bywater.) In total Community Payback has completed 308 hours work in December 2012 under the contract with Area Committee.
- 3.3.3 AST have been informed that costs for the partnership with Community Payback are set to nearly double which is assumed to be a totally impractical suggestion. AST are liaising with AC Chair and colleagues to come up with a recommendation for discussion at the March Area Committee.

3.4 Update on Thorpe Park

- 3.4.1 At the September 2012 meeting of the Outer East Area Committee, Members agreed to feature updates on Thorpe Park as a standard item on the Agenda.
- 3.4.2 Representatives of Thorpe Park and Planning have been invited to attend today's meeting to provide updates and answer any questions from Members.

3.5 Community Engagement

- 3.5.1 The following Community Forums recently met:
- Cross Gates (09 January) The minutes are attached as **Appendix 1**
 - Halton Moor (15 January) The minutes are attached as **Appendix 2**
 - Halton (17 January) The minutes are attached as **Appendix 3**
 - Garforth Swillington (21 January) The minutes are attached as **Appendix 4**

- North Whinmoor (postponed by snow to 7th February) The minutes will be presented to the next meeting
- Swarcliffe (30 January) The minutes will be presented to the next meeting

3.6 Area Chairs' meeting

3.6.1 The Area Chairs Forum was held on 2nd November and items included: Review of Youth Services / Update on Clusters, Neighbourhood Planning and Review of Area Working Update. The minutes are attached as **Appendix 5**.

3.7 Partnerships and Area Committee Sub Groups

3.7.1 Environmental sub-group: The group is expanding its agenda to cover a range of issues and not just the work of Locality Teams. Grounds maintenance, waste management, almos and relevant voluntary groups all now have a reporting mechanism to ensure their partnership working and potential is featured. The next Environmental Sub group meeting is on 28 February 2013.

3.7.2 **Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP):** The most recent meeting of the group was held on 31 January and the minutes of that meeting are not yet available. The minutes of the DCSP meeting held on 28th November are attached as **Appendix 6**.

3.7.3 **Health & Well Being Partnership:** The most recent meeting was held on 24th January and the minutes are not yet available. The minutes attached relate to the meeting held on 29.11.12 at which items included Healthy Eating and Obesity. The minutes are attached as **Appendix 7**.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 The projects in sections 3.1 and 3.5 form the main part of the face-to-face community engagement strategy.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 Under equality legislation the Council has a legal duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate and promote equality in relation to race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, and religion or belief.

4.2.2 The main section of this report provides details of activities around community engagement and the delegation of environmental services to Area Committees that support this legal duty.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The proposals contained within this report contribute to the existing targets and priorities set out in the Council's Policy Framework in the following plans:

- Vision for Leeds
- Safer & Stronger Communities Plan
- Children & Young Peoples Plan
- Health & Well Being City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 There are no new resource implications contained in this report other than funding that has previously been agreed by Area Committee from its revenue budget.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are no longer eligible for Call In.

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

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

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 This report provides an update on project work and key issues in Outer East. Any projects funded from the Well Being Budget or undertaken by the Area Support Team are risk assessed.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The report provides up to date information on key work and key issues for Area committee to consider. Members are requested to note the content of the report and raise queries relating to issues raised within the report.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Area Committee is asked to: Note the report and raise any queries.

7 Background documents

7.1 Outer East Area Committee report – Local Authority appointments to outside bodies July 2012

7.2 Well Being report July 2012.

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.