



**Report of the South East Area Leader**

**Report to Outer East Area Committee**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> of March 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:**

- Area Support Team (AST) is launching the long awaited traders group centred on the shops in Halton but open to any businesses in Temple Newsam. The invitations are currently being circulated to all businesses in Halton centre and the meeting is being arranged for late March 2013. As is already underway in the other Outer East main trading areas the group will be set up expressly to make the trading area more attractive to the community and thereby increase trading in the centres.
- Consultation was undertaken with traders in the Austhorpe View row of shops to try and resolve an increase in the number of commuters leaving vehicles in front of their shops all day. Highways attended a further meeting with AST and agreed to introduce limited waiting through road markings to improve the situation.

#### **3.1.2 Kippax & Methley:**

- On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February the Directorate's Corporate Leadership Team visited outer east Leeds to see some of the excellent work taking place locally. The tour visited Kippax Health Centre, Garforth Neighbourhood Elders Team and the Growing Zone in Kippax. The Growing Zone is an environmental and allotment project for adults and children with special needs. It provides an environment that is safe, where they can learn from each other, build confidence, mix with other people from the community, and be taught about the land e.g. how to grow vegetables, flowers and fruit whilst being out in the fresh air having fun. As a result of the visit to the growing zone 3 young people have now been given work experience with Leeds City Council and 1 young person has been put forward as a young leader for the city.

- Kippax High Street has 2 new shops scheduled to open soon with the long awaited reopening of Emsleys Estate Agents (following an absence of three years) and opening of the Alarm and Service Centre which has necessitated virtual rebuilding of a flooded shop unit. Kippax Traders Association has met on March 15<sup>th</sup> for which the minutes are not yet available and on February 15<sup>th</sup> for which the minutes are attached as **Appendix 1**.

### 3.1.3 **Garforth & Swillington:**

- Community Payback is in the process of clearing the Town End site for its anticipated opening as a car park. Traffic Management have agreed to monitor use of the site. Any funds raised from parking will be awarded to local projects such as the Growing Zone.
- Discussions are underway with a craftsperson wishing to open an occasional Sunday market at Town End.

### 3.1.4 **Cross Gates & Whinmoor:**

- The Window of Opportunity project to have art available for installation on vacant shop units was launched at Cross Gates leisure centre on 19<sup>th</sup> March. All OE councillors were invited and the project was opened by Cllr Wakefield. The project was funded through a £10,000 town centre improvement grant from central government. A Leeds' company called Definitive worked with students to produce the vinyls. Exhibitions are also on display in Halton, Kippax and Garforth.
- A meeting has been held with East Street Arts to explore potential of them overseeing ongoing installation of window displays. East Street Arts are currently preparing ideas with no costs being liable to Area Committee..

## 3.2 **Neighbourhood Planning**

3.2.1 Kippax – the neighbourhood plan team is continuing to hold meetings to develop its plan to benefit the village. The last meeting was held on Tuesday 12 February.

3.2.2 Garforth – Aberford parish council is producing a neighbourhood plan and a meeting has been held with Garforth & Swillington Members to confirm the developing Aberford plan will not include areas of Garforth.

3.2.3 Cross Gates - Councillors and AST have met with planning regarding the development of neighbourhood plans in Cross Gates and Whinmoor. Planning has provided a briefing note to Members and AST a desktop SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis. The plan now is to discuss this at future forums and if there is local support hold a workshop to encourage local people to form a neighbourhood forum that will lead the plan.

3.2.4 Temple Newsam – Members in Temple Newsam have also expressed interest in neighbourhood plans. Planning will be invited to the next round of community forums and ward member briefings to explore this opportunity.

### 3.3 Update on Thorpe Park

- 3.3.1 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.
- 3.3.2 Representatives of Thorpe Park and Planning have been invited to attend today's meeting to provide updates and answer any questions from Members. At the meeting held in February 2013 Area Committee requested a draft implementation strategy for jobs to be brought to the March meeting. The report is attached as **Appendix 2**.

### 3.4 Community Engagement

- 3.4.1 Operation Champion was held in Halton Moor on 19 – 21<sup>st</sup> February. The three day event was led by the Police - NPT, mounted, traffic and off-roaders, Leeds Anti-social Behaviour Team, East North East Homes, Cllr Mick Lyons, Cllr Judith Cummings, Fire Service, HMRC, Environmental Action Team, Scrap Metal Licensing, Estate Caretakers and HM Courts - warrants officer and partnerships team.

From the tasking budget £4,500 was provided for 100 fake tvs and 100 ground anchors. The fake tv' come on automatically for a few hours after dark and emit a light that from outside indicates a TV is on to prevent burglaries. The ground anchors are to combat the shed and garage burglaries in the area. They are heavy duty security devices that screw into the ground of the shed or garage and the bike is secured with a chain / padlock.

East North East Homes construction services assigned a joiner to fit the ground anchors and East North East Homes provided meals for all agencies involved.

The results of this Operation Champion were:

- Over 280 vehicles stop checked
- 4 vehicles seized due to no insurance/license
- 3 offenders reported for summons for no licence / no insurance
- 1 EPN (6 points) for no insurance
- 1 EPN for speeding
- 6 EPN for bald / underinflated tyres
- 13 Vehicle defect Rectification Notices for bald tyres / lights out
- 6 NEPN for seatbelts / MOT
- Section 59 Warnings for Vehicle Nuisance
- 1 bike seized for second S59
- 1 set of stolen number plates recovered
- £2807 worth of fines dealt with by way of 3x arrests - one of which committed to prison for 43 days due to non payment
- 2 street warnings for cannabis
- 100 fake TV's and 100 Ground Anchors' obtained with over 170 addresses where these were offered and installed as well as various other Crime Prevention advice and target hardening
- 8 race hate reassurance visits conducted and referrals for support

- Tenancy Warnings at the home addresses of identified nominals.
- Enquiries made with victims and perpetrators involved in over 20 ongoing ASB Cases
- The exhibition van was present in three separate locations over the course of the operation offering advice and providing information to the public.
- Environmental issues were dealt with by way of 5 strategically placed skips in the area which were all filled and collected.
- Estate caretakers also collected a large amount of waste which was identified by housing officers during their estate walkabout.
- WYFS results: 16 Home Fire Safety Checks completed, 25 letters to properties with a view to carrying out HFSC's.
- Environmental Visual Audit checks carried out, Housing reports 65 visits within the 3 days for arrears.
- Scrap Metal Licensing and EAT feedback was not available in time for this meeting.

3.4.2 The following Community Forums recently met:

- Swarcliffe (30 January 2013)
- North Whinmoor (7 February 2013) The minutes were not available for this meeting.

### **3.5 Area Chairs' meeting**

3.5.1 The Area Chairs Forum was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and items included: Welfare Reform, Area Review – Executive Board Paper and Implementation Planning, Review of Well Being Budgets. The minutes are attached as **Appendix 3**.

### **3.6 Partnerships and Area Committee Sub Groups**

3.6.1 Environmental sub-group: The last Environmental Sub group meeting discussed Alternate Weekly Bin Collections, Parks update and Community Payback. The minutes of 28 February are attached as **Appendix 4**.

3.6.2 **Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP):** The most recent meeting of the group was held on 31 January and the minutes are attached as **Appendix 5**.

3.6.3 **Health & Well Being Partnership:** Items discussed at the meeting on 24 January included Mental Health Challenges in South East area and signing off the Obesity report. The minutes are attached as **Appendix 6**.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 The projects in sections 3.1, 3.4.1 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.

<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.