

**Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access & Performance)**

**Report to Outer West Area Committee**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013**

**Subject: Area Progress Report**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Farnley and Wortley, Calverley and Farsley, Pudsey		
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

**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 providing an update on the West North West Homes Leeds Outer West Area Panel minutes.

## **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 footpath. The works have been well received by councillors and local residents.
- 3.2 As mentioned at the previous Area Committee meetings, a visit with Farsley Councillors to Andrew Square discussed new plans. Discussions took place about resurfacing the grassed area with granite paving stones and York stone cobbles
- 3.3 City Development have provided a highlight report regarding the project to their Programme Board and received the Chief Officer approval for the project. City Development have undertaken a pre-start site meeting with Property Maintenance and the works will commence week commencing 18 March. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the financial year.

### Environment Sub Group

- 3.4 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.

### CCTV Farfield Avenue / Pudsey Town Centre

- 3.5 The Outer West Area Committee in January 2012 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.
- 3.6 Leeds Watch have informed that the base column and electrics have now been installed. Leeds Watch are awaiting BT to install their fibre kit. Following this the camera will be installed.

### Business Management Project

- 3.7 The business management project funded by the Outer West Area Committee hosted a "Mock Legal Trial," within the old court rooms in Pudsey Town Hall. This

event was held on 22 March between 9am till 11am. The activity aimed to familiarise pupils with careers in law and introduce them to legal processes and the rule of law. Councillor Coulson was appointed the judge in the case.

#### Healthy Living Network: Community Development Worker (Swinnow and Heights & Gambles)

- 3.8 Healthy Living Network will be holding a Gardening & Wildlife event at the Swinnow Community Centre on Saturday 4th of May. Families will be invited to the gardening afternoon to spruce up the garden ready for spring. Residents will be invited to assist with planting, digging, painting, making signs and much more. A similar gardening afternoon event will be taking place at the Swinnow Childrens Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> April to spruce up the early years garden ready for spring.

#### West North West Homes Area Panel

- 3.9 A copy of West North West Homes Leeds Outer West Area Panel minutes from the last meeting are attached at Appendix 1.

## **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 West North West Homes Leeds Outer West Area Panel minutes.

## **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.