

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

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 25th March 2013

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley & Yeadon	<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

This report provides Members with a summary of sub groups business since the December Area Committee and provides information on project and service activity in the outer north west area.

Recommendations

Members are requested to note the contents of this report and comment on any of the matters raised.

1 Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of the area update report is to bring together a range of information relating to Area Committee business into a single report to update Members on recent sub group and forum business since the last Area Committee.

2. Background information

2.1 The Area Committee currently has six groups looking at service provision within the delegated functions of Community Safety, Children & Young People, Environmental Services, Health & Well-being and Transport as well as a Policy Group.

2.2 There are currently three ward forums in the area for Guiseley & Rawdon, Holt Park and Yeadon. The forums meet on a regular basis throughout the year.

2.3 A decision was made by Full Council that Area Chair's Forum minutes should be considered by Area Committees as a regular agenda item, these appear elsewhere on this Committee's agenda.

3 Main issues

3.1 Environmental Services Sub Group

There have been two meetings of the sub group since the last Area Committee on the 4th February and 4th March. Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting are attached at appendix 1 and 2.

3.2 Health & Well-being Sub Group

The next meeting of the Health & Well-being sub group will be held on the 22nd April 2013 and will be reported on at the May Area Committee meeting.

3.3 Community Safety Sub Group

The next meeting of the Community Safety Sub Group will be held on the 19th March and will be reported on at the May Area Committee meeting.

3.4 Children & Young People's Sub Group

There has been one meeting of the Children & Young People's Sub Group held on the 1st February. Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting are attached at appendix 3.

3.5 Transport Sub Group

There has been one meeting of the sub group held on the 7th March. Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting will be reported on at the next Area Committee.

3.6 Policy Group

There has been one meeting of the Policy Group held on the 26th February. Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting are attached at appendix 4.

3.7 Guiseley & Rawdon Forum

The Guiseley and Rawdon forum was due to meet on the 13th February however the meeting had to be cancelled because of the extreme weather conditions. The forum has been re scheduled for the 20th March and will be reported on at the May Area Committee.

3.8 Holt Park Forum

There has been one meeting of Holt Park forum on the 12th February. Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting are attached at appendix 5.

3.9 Project and Service Update

3.9.1 Micklefield House

The Area Support Team has been working with officers from Customer Services, Libraries, Asset Management and Corporate Property Maintenance regarding the relocation of services from Micklefield House. Briefings have been held with members from Guiseley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon regarding the proposals. The changes involved will lead to the relocation of One Stop Services from Micklefield House to Yeadon Library which will require a considerable investment in Yeadon library. A report on the proposals is to be presented to Asset Management Board. Other services in Micklefield House (Children's and Adults services will be relocated to other suitable accommodation in the WNW area) the site will then be available for disposal.

3.9.2 Cross Green Community Centre

The Area Support Team has been working with officers from Environment & Neighbourhoods and Children's Services on the possible relocation of Otley Children's Centre from its current location at Ashfield School to Cross Green Community Centre. Corporate Property Maintenance has worked up costs for the project and Children's Services are in the process of identifying a budget for the work. Once funding has been identified the work can be ordered and programmed in.

3.9.3 Sports in Horsforth

The Area Support Team has been working with Cllr Cleasby on the legacy of the Olympics and how this translates to activity within Horsforth. Following the successful renaming of the building and discussions held with Paralympian David Stone, officers have been working with the Sports Development Unit and Extended Services on potential events and activities that can be held in the area during the year involving local schools and sports organisations. An emphasis on increased usage of the Horsforth youth centre is also a priority.

3.9.4 Neighbourhood Planning

Area Support Team officers have been working with local volunteers in the Aireborough area on supporting them in the delivery of a number of planning events as they seek to establish themselves as a Neighbourhood Forum for the area. This has involved meeting with local volunteers, attendance at their meetings and preparing documentation and display materials for the group. Contact had also been made with Horsforth Town Council and a similar offer of support has been made to them.

3.9.5 Derelict & Nuisance Sites

The Area Support Team is in regular attendance as a member at the derelict and nuisance sites working group. Progress is reported on those priority sites in the area that appear on the priority list and action is taking in the main by planning, building and planning enforcement. Updates are given to members through reports via the environment sub group. For those sites not included in tranche 1, the Area Support Team has been tasked with finding alternative actions to address other problems associated with the sites.

3.9.6 Well-being Spend

The Area Support Team continues to work with members on the development of well-being projects in the area.

3.9.7 Holt Park Regeneration

Final amendments are currently being made to the draft Informal Planning Statement (IPS). When complete, the draft IPS this will be presented to Members prior to seeking Exec Board approval to consult with stakeholders and the public. The Area Support Team continues to receive updates form the project manager and will be involved in the consultation process.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Community Forums are held in the Guiseley & Rawdon ward, Yeadon and Holt Park. In addition, ward members are consulted on projects and initiatives within their ward.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 A key principle of locality working is a focus on delivering the best outcome for residents across the area. This principle underpins equality and community cohesion, seeking to engage with local communities through forum meetings, and improve service provision through regular sub group meetings.

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 2010/11 and is also being rolled forward to 2011/12 with amendments to the environmental delegation. The Area Functions are included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3c).

4.3.2 The Area Support Team's work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the: Vision for Leeds; Leeds Strategic Plan; Health and Well-being City Priorities Plan; Safer and Stronger Communities Plan and the 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 and their partners which in turn, provide value for money.
- 4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's roles, funding is in the main supplied by other Leeds City Council department's mainstream budgets, and external partner agencies e.g. the Police and NHS Leeds, which is in turn reflected in the fact that the Area Committee's role here is to influence, develop and consult. However, on occasion, well-being funding has resourced some projects related to its roles e.g. area based regeneration schemes and conservation reviews.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 This is the report of the Area Leader for West North West Leeds who has delegated responsibility to action decisions in accordance with Area Support Team'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 risks associated with this report.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 This report provides Members with an update on recent sub group and forum activity undertaken by the Area Support Team.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Outer North West Area Committee Members are requested to note the contents of the report and comment on any aspect of the matters raised.

7 Background documents

- 7.1 None

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.