

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

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 14th May 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 March 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 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.

3 Main issues

3.1 Environmental Services Sub Group

There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee on the 25th March. Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting are attached at appendix 1

3.2 Health & Well-being Sub Group

There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee on the 22nd April. Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting are attached at appendix 2

3.3 Community Safety Sub Group

There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee on the 19th March. Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting are attached at appendix 3

3.4 Children & Young People's Sub Group

There has been one meeting of the Children & Young People's Sub Group held on the 5th February. Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting are attached at appendix 4.

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 are attached at appendix 5

3.6 Policy Group

The Policy Group last met on 26th February and was reported at Area Committee on 25th March. The next meeting will be on 11th June 2013

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 was re scheduled for the 20th March Details of items discussed and actions from the meeting are attached at appendix 6.

3.8 Holt Park Forum

The next meeting of the Holt Park Forum has been arranged for the 10th June 2013.

3.9 Project and Service Update

3.9.1 Action Day

An action day took place in the Cookridge area on 11th April 2013, involving a range of partners from litter pickers, Leeds ASB Team, Fire Service, Environmental Officers and Police. Work was focussed within the following areas: Tinshill Road, Cookridge Lane, Cookridge Avenue, Cookridge Drive, Moseley Wood Gardens, Green Lane and Woodhill Road. Partners in WNW homes also used the opportunity to focus their attention on neighbouring streets where they have properties.

Police officers visited 95 homes providing crime reduction advice and discussing any local concerns. Many residents expressed concern about door to door salesmen and advice was issued.

The Police exhibition van was deployed locally, and received a number of visits from residents who took away leaflets and information.

The Speed Indication Device was deployed on Green Lane and 12 motorists were advised about their speed.

Patrols were deployed in relation to reports of anti social behaviour at the Cricket ground off Smithy Lane and the wooded area off Moseley Wood Croft.

The Fire Service issued 150 leaflets and 4 home fire safety checks were carried out on the day.

Casac undertook visits and door knocking with officers and received referrals from Cookridge Avenue and Moseley Wood Gardens.

The Environmental audit did not highlight any issues for Environmental colleagues.

3.9.2 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. A family sports day has now been arranged for August 17th in Horsforth Hall Park. Officers continue to work across different services to plan the event alongside Councillor Cleasby.

3.9.3 Neighbourhood Planning

Area Support Team continue to offer support to both Aireborough and Adel Neighbourhood Forums. Officers attended both meetings of the Aireborough Forum on 26th March providing support, equipment and materials for display purposes and advice on consultation. A consultation day was organised by Adel Neighbourhood Forum on 20th April which was attended by the Area Support Team who have provided display materials and assistance to the group.

The Area Support Team continue to meet regularly with officers from Planning to review the current position of applications to form Neighbourhood Forums and Neighbourhood Plans and consider the levels of support required.

3.9.4 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 and tranche 2, the Area Support Team has been tasked with finding alternative actions to address other problems associated with the sites.

3.9.5 Well-being Spend

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

3.9.6 Holt Park Regeneration

Final amendments are currently being made to the draft Informal Planning Statement (IPS). When complete, the draft IPS will be presented to members prior to seeking Executive 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.