

Report of ENE Area Leader

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 20th June 2013

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Gipton & Harehills, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Killingbeck & Seacroft	<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 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

1. This report contains a final draft Community Charter for sign off by the Area Committee. The Charter will then be distributed to community groups and local organisations as in previous years.
2. This report provides Members with recommendations from its sub groups and has minutes attached.
3. This report provides further updates as to the on-going work of the Inner East Area Committee.

Recommendations

4. The Inner East Area Committee is requested to approve the attached Inner East Area Community Charter for 2013/14.
5. That Members note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks Area Committee approval for the 2013/14 draft Community Charter.
- 1.2 To provide members with an overview of the work being carried out to address the Area Committee's agreed priorities.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Area Committee Business Plan provides a complete set of papers relating to the area, which is refreshed annually. The actions and priorities will be monitored at the Area Committee meetings and performance managed.
- 2.2 The refreshed priorities of the Inner East Area Business Plan for 2013/14 were approved at a meeting of the Area Committee on 7th February 2013.
- 2.3 In 2009/10 the Area Committee also agreed that they would pilot the production of a Community Charter to present the Area Business Plan (previously known as the Area Delivery Plan) in a more user friendly and understandable format and to help provide clearer progress reports to Area Committee during the year. The Area Committee agreed this was a success and decided to continue the production of a Charter in subsequent years.
- 2.4 At its meeting in June 2012 the Area Committee agreed to establish four sub groups to assist in carrying out Area Committee business. Membership was agreed to be one member of each ward sitting on each sub group, officers are invited to advise as appropriate.
- 2.5 The four sub groups are; Environmental Sub Group; Community Centres Working Group; Health & Wellbeing Sub Group and the Planning Sub Group. The groups each meet 6 yearly in line with the Area Committee cycle.

3 Main issues

3.1 Community Charter

- 3.1.1 It was agreed by the Inner East Area Committee that a draft version of the 2013/14 Community Charter be brought to the June 20th Area Committee meeting and that the style and format be approved by Area Committee members.
- 3.1.2 Since then work has been ongoing to finalise the draft charter including all text and photographs as necessary. The final draft Community Charter for 2013/14 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.1.3 Through the work of the Area Support Team and the various partners in the area projects will be developed to address the agreed priorities included in the charter. Work continues to develop further actions to address the identified priorities and progress will be reported on a regular basis to the Area Committee as set out in the forward plan.

- 3.1.4 When printed, the charter will be distributed to community groups and local organisations to help raise awareness of the Area Committee and its role. They will be requested to pass on and make available copies to their members and the public as appropriate.

4 Sub Groups

- 4.6 At its meeting in June 2012 the Inner East Area Committee agreed membership of a number of sub groups to make recommendations for progress against key headings in the Area Committee work plan. The headings below contain updates on the work carried out by these sub groups.

4.6.1 Environmental Sub Group

The Environmental Sub Group met on 26th February 2013 and discussed issues relating to the probation contract, the Environmental SLA and refuse issues. Minutes are attached in full at **Appendix A**.

4.6.2 Community Centres Working Group

The Community Centres Working Group met on 7th March 2013 and discussed issues relating to the letting and usage of community centres across Inner East Leeds, with a particular focus on Alston Lane, Lincoln Green and Nowell Mount Community Centres. Full minutes are attached at **Appendix B**.

4.6.3 Health & Wellbeing sub group

The Health and Wellbeing sub group met on 14th May 2013 and discussed issues relating to obesity, smoking and diabetes. Minutes are attached in full at **Appendix C**.

4.6.4 Planning Sub Group

The Planning Sub Group met on 2nd April 2013 and on 25th May 2013 and discussed issues relating to local planning applications, neighbourhood planning and new permitted development rights. Minutes are attached in full at **Appendices D & E**.

5 Priority Neighbourhoods

5.1 Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

Work is continuing to deliver the priorities outlined in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan. Recent activities undertaken include:

- The IT suite is now installed at Ebor Gardens Community Centre. The facility will be ready to use in July. The scheme has been jointly funded between the Area Committee and GMB.
- A number of community based summer holiday activities for young people have been commissioned to take place throughout the six week holidays.
- The first Burmantofts Gala is scheduled for Sunday 30th June, 12pm – 3pm, taking place on Oxtan Fields and is free for the whole community to enjoy.
- An agreement has been made with Parks & Countryside to develop a master plan for parks and play areas in the ward to bring them up to the Leeds Quality Standard.
- The last meeting of the Burmantofts Neighbourhood Improvement Board took place in May. A representative from Land Securities was present and work is

underway to develop opportunities for local people to access employment and training at Trinity.

- Work is set to commence shortly on the improvement programme to the subway running under York Road from Haselwood Dene. The scheme will hold community workshops so local people can get involved in designing a community mosaic that will be placed in the underpass.
- New bins have been installed on Haselwood Mews and Haselwood Green to address long standing refuse collection issues.

5.2 Harehills

- Vicki Hooper, the new Neighbourhood Manager for Harehills, started her role on 22nd May. Despite only being in post for a matter of days, Vicki has already begun to engage key stakeholders in the area via a series of introductory meetings.
- Area Committee work is continuing in Harehills with both the Harehills Lane Traders and the Keep Harehills Tidy campaign. Meetings of both these groups took place on the evenings of 5th and 6th June respectively.
- The Youth Hub at Hovingham Primary School is proving extremely popular and an official launch event took place on 28th May 2013 with both the Lord Mayor and Police Crime Commissioner in attendance.
- Plans are currently in development to hold a Harehills Festival in Banstead Park in early September 2013. Community group CATCH (Community Action to Change Harehills) are leading on this project with help from the Area Support Team.

5.3 Gipton

- Gipton Gala is scheduled to take place on Sunday 7th July 2013.
- Gipton Opportunity Shop is starting week commencing 3rd June. Weekly sessions will run every Wednesday for a year covering a whole host of activities from developing IT competency and improving employment prospects to life skills such as cookery lessons. Sessions will be held in the Gipsil Family and Support Centre.
- A number of community based summer holiday activities for young people have been commissioned to take place throughout the six week holidays
- Throughout June, Street Work Soccer will be delivering weekly sessions at the Dame Fanny Waterman Centre MUGA for youngsters of all ages.
- The Positive Futures project will be in the area to deliver detached youth work during the summer months.

5.4 Killingbeck & Seacroft

- Seacroft Gala is scheduled to take place on Saturday 6th July 2013.
- Seacroft Opportunity Shop is starting week commencing 3rd June. Weekly sessions will run every Tuesday for a year covering a whole host of activities from developing IT competency and improving employment prospects to life skills such as cookery lessons. Sessions will be held at the Denis Healy Centre.
- A number of community based summer holiday activities for young people have been commissioned to take place throughout the six week holidays.

- Throughout June, Street Work Soccer will be delivering weekly sessions at the Cross Gates Community Centre for youngsters of all ages.
- There is to be a Seacroft Young People's Day held on 23rd August 2013.
- Events to bring the "Seaside to Seacroft" will be held in venues in both Killingbeck and Seacroft. More details to emerge shortly.

6 Community Engagement

- 6.1 Since the last NIP update report to Area Committee on 21st March, two Community Leadership Team meetings have taken place. The meeting on 16th April focussed on environmental issues and the CLT are looking at developing a 'Keep Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Tidy' campaign. The meeting held on 11th June focussed on free school meals along with the election of a co-optee to the Area Committee.
- 6.2 A large-scale consultation is currently underway on Denis Healy Centre field. The aim of the consultation is to capture community views on the future of this provision. Consultation is also on-going with local people relating to the emerging Seacroft Neighbourhood Plan.

7 Corporate Considerations

7.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 7.1.1 In each of the priority neighbourhoods, there are a range of different community engagement and consultation methods being employed. In Gipton, Seacroft, Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, Community Leadership Teams are the main community involvement mechanism in place. Harehills priority neighbourhood links with the community via the Chapeltown & Harehills Forum. In Burmantofts there is also a Neighbourhood Improvement Board in operation. These collectives have been directly involved in the priority setting for the current priorities we are working towards as part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans, which in turn link into the Area Committee Business Plans and Community Charter priorities.

7.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 7.2.1 An equality screening document was completed as part of the development of; Neighbourhood Improvement Plans; 'Local Management Teams' which are a central function of the officer working groups; and Community Leadership Teams.

7.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 7.3.1 The priorities of the Area Committee Business Plan and Community Charter directly link into the council 'Best City' priorities for Leeds.

7.4 Resources and value for money

- 7.4.1 The Team Neighbourhood approach brings a range of services together to utilise officer resources more effectively on tackling key neighbourhood issues
- 7.4.2 In order to achieve priorities, funding sources will be joined up together as far as possible to maximise the way in which funding is invested on local priorities

7.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

7.5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

7.5.2 There is no exempt or confidential information

7.5.3 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, agreed at Full Council May 2012, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In

7.6 Risk Management

7.6.1 There are no major risks associated with the content of this report.

8 Conclusions

8.1 As highlighted above, there are a number of actions ongoing to achieve Area Committee priorities and fulfil its work programme, but despite this, the Area Support Team recognises that there is still a significant amount of work to be done to achieve the Area Committee priorities. Therefore this report will be a regular item at the Inner East Area Committee to update you of progress.

9 Recommendations

9.1 Members are asked to approve the draft Inner East Area Community Charter for 2013/14.

9.2 Inner East Area Committee are asked to note the contents of this report and comment as appropriate.

10 Background documents¹

10.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.