



**Report of the West North West Area Manager**

**North West (Outer) Area Committee**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Subject: Area Delivery Plan Update - Quarter I and 2, 2009/10**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**  
 Adel & Wharfedale  
 Guiseley & Rawdon  
 Horsforth  
 Otley & Yeadon

Ward members consulted  
 (referred to in this report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

**Executive Summary**

This report provides Members with an update of progress against actions in the 2009/10 Area Delivery Plan for Outer North West.

**1 Purpose of this report**

1.1 This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements against the 2009/10 Area Delivery Plan, covering the eight themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan.

**2. Background Information**

2.1 The Area Delivery Plan for 2009/10 was approved by this Area Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009, and is attached at Appendix 1. It sets out the work plan and priorities for the Outer North West Area Committee.

2.2 To September this year, 90.8% of the 65 actions in the plan have been completed or started. One action has been delayed and 5 actions have not yet started.

**3 Main Issues**

Culture

3.1 There have been a number of community events supported by the Area Committee in the first half of 2009/10. These include Horsforth Sports and Fun Day, Horsforth Gala, Yeadon Carnival, Leeds Irish Arts Festival and Otley Courthouse Project.

- 3.2 Funding has been approved towards the Horsforth Cup and Ring Stone Restoration project. This project aims to move a gritstone pillar with prehistoric markings from Kirkstall Abbey to its original location in Horsforth. The stone will be displayed next to the Millennium Stone in the Civic Quarter of Horsforth. It will remain part of the museums and galleries archaeology collection. The project will be completed by March 2010.
- 3.3 The Area Committee has also supported capital improvements to sport and recreation venues including the Horsforth Hall Park Cricket Club Clubhouse, Ridgeside Play Area, Yeadon Engine Fields and Micklefield Bowling Green.

### Enterprise and Economy

- 3.4 The work to improve Otley market place was completed in September 2009. Excellent feedback has been received on the work from traders, residents and the local press.
- 3.5 The Yeadon High Street town and district centre scheme commenced on site in April 2009 and will take approximately 26 weeks to complete.
- 3.6 Work has completed in May 2009 to create a 100 space car park at Netherfield Road in Guiseley. The Strategic Design Alliance have been appointed to carry out a feasibility study and design brief for the restoration of the former Brook Crompton Clock which will be sited on the new car park.
- 3.7 Bramhope Parish Council completed in July the purchase of a 9,000 sq. ft. parcel of land to keep it as a village car park open to all. The land is situated at the heart of the village and was previously under private ownership.

### Learning

- 3.8 The Extended Services clusters have been further developed during 2009 and now have firmly established links between schools, youth services, voluntary organisations, children's centres and families. Through consultation, action plans have been agreed and each cluster has a number of sub groups tackling key priorities including youth provision in Adel and activities for vulnerable children.
- 3.9 A themed event will be organised in the outer north west area in the second half of 2009/10 to engage children, young people and families in the design and delivery of improvements in the children and young people service area.
- 3.10 The Children's Centre in Horsforth was launched in June 2009 as part of the Horsforth Healthy Living Week activities.

### Transport

- 3.11 Outer North West Leeds has been selected as a pilot area to develop a Local Area Accessibility Action Plan for Metro services. Consultation is underway to develop the Action Plan and establish a steering group to oversee the process. Results of the consultation are expected to come out in the second half of 2009/10.
- 3.12 Funding for a new Speed Indicator Device (SID) was approved at the September 2009 Area Committee. The new SID will be used equitably amongst the four Outer North West wards in an effort to tackle speeding on local roads and improve road safety in the area.

- 3.13 Work has started to develop designs for a network of core cycle routes in Leeds that will improve conditions for cyclists and encourage cycling as a way of getting around. Consultation on the network designs took place during three weeks from 15 June 2009. Each individual route was then reviewed and further consultation will take place as designs become more detailed.

### Environment

- 3.14 Weekends of action were carried out during March and April 2009 across the area, where environmental enforcement officers, dog wardens and parking attendants targeted hotspot areas in each of the wards on a Saturday. The high profile presence of enforcement officers during weekends sent a clear message out to the public about their responsibilities.
- 3.15 Groundwork Leeds continues to receive funding from the Area Committee to carry out the 'Green Check Energy Savers' programme with ten schools in Outer North West area benefitting following the success of the earlier 'Green Check' project in 2008/09. This project works intensively with school management and pupils to help them become more energy efficient. Schools will receive management guidance as well as direct workshops and assemblies about saving energy at school and at home. A strong focus will be placed on accurate monitoring and each school will receive these interventions continuously over two years so that an accurate picture of change in energy use through different seasons can be acquired.
- 3.16 The Area Committee has funded a number of environmental projects during the first two quarters of 2009/10. These include funding for additional staff for Wharfmedows Park in Otley, developing a Community Garden for local residents in Yeadon Westfield Infant School, Green Check Energy Savers for local schools and Guiseley in Bloom.

### Health and Wellbeing

- 3.17 A number of sports and activities programmes funded by the Area Committee to help improve health and wellbeing took place during quarter 1 and 2. These include outdoor recreational activities carried out at Yeadon Tarn Activity Centre for young people and their families during summer holiday months; the Rawdon over 55's exercise group; and Aireborough summer activities organised during the Easter and summer holidays to enable children with disabilities to gain social and play experiences.
- 3.18 Work has been completed in this period to provide cycle storage for St Peter & Paul Primary School in Yeadon and four new play canopies for Green Meadow School in Guiseley & Rawdon. The refurbishment of Ridgeside play area in Adel & Wharfedale is underway and expected to be completed in quarter 3 2009/10.
- 3.19 The Outer North West Health & Wellbeing sub group was set up in March and has met on several occasions during this period.

### Thriving Communities

- 3.20 The CASAC Burglary Reduction project aims to deliver crime prevention activities including target hardening properties in burglary hotspots and distributing distraction burglary packages to older and vulnerable residents. There were 168 properties target hardened during the first two quarters. Local residents returned evaluation form saying that they were grateful for the windows and door locks and that they felt more

secure in their properties. 269 properties in Outer North West have been target hardened since the beginning of the project and 155 more properties are expected to be target hardened in the next two quarters.

- 3.21 CCTV cameras located in Otley, Yeadon and Horsforth continued to be funded by the Area Committee. CCTV cameras have acted as a deterrent and help reduce the fear of crime in the area.
- 3.22 Funding totalling £22,991 was approved in September to deliver four police initiatives in an effort to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and road speeding. These include Off-licence Test Purchasing, Capture Cars, Off-road Police Motorcycles and a Speed Indicator Device.
- 3.23 Monthly multi-agency tasking meetings were held in the Outer North West area, involving officers from the police, anti-social behaviour unit, West North West Homes and the youth service, among others. The group identify crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots and look at ways of working together to address them. A review of the MAT meetings has been undertaken by the Neighbourhood Police Team inspector and the Area Community Safety Coordinator.
- 3.24 Operation Champion is a three day multi-agency operation tackling crime and grime in priority neighbourhoods. In the first two quarters of 2009/10, operations were held in Otley in April and Horsforth in August 2009.

#### Harmonious Communities

- 3.25 Community Engagement is a key function of the Area Committee and two regular forums are held covering Guiseley and Rawdon and Yeadon. In addition to the regular forums, the Area Management Team has led or being involved in a number of ad hoc consultations during this period including Yeadon Town and District Centre scheme, the Horsforth Design Statement and Holt Park Wellbeing Centre. In addition, a new Community Engagement Strategy has been developed by West North West Area Management Team which includes the setting up of an Area Management website with an ADP online survey and a West North West Area Citizen Panel to complete questionnaires and participate in focus group discussions on local issues.
- 3.26 Through the well-being fund, the Area Committee has continued to support a wide range of community and voluntary organisations. In quarter 1 and 2 2009/10, over £40,000 has been committed to improvements to community buildings including church hall redevelopment to a cricket club's roadway resurfacing.
- 3.27 The Youth Mobile continued to receive funding from the Area Committee for 2009/10. During the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2009/10, especially during summer holiday, the bus has been active and popular with young people. It was used to support local events, such as Horsforth Sports and Fun Day, Horsforth Gala, a fun day in Micklefield Park and other community events. The mobiles' regular venues are Horsforth Hall Park, Bramhope, Ralph Thoresby High School in Holt Park, Weston Estate and Henshaw Estate in Otley & Yeadon and local parks in Guiseley and Rawdon. The total number of youth attendance's in the first two quarters was 1,318. The second quarter take up was two thirds of the total number.
- 3.28 The Community Centre Pricing Policy has been developed to be applied from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 for all directly managed community centres within the Area Committees portfolio. A review is currently being undertaken to best address concerns of users groups.

## **4 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

- 4.1 The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan mirror the priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan. This will enable local interpretations of the priority outcomes for the area to be developed and delivered against. Actions in the plan were formulated based on consultation with key stakeholders in the local area.

## **5 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 5.1 The Well-Being Fund is used to finance projects that meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan. Area Management work with other council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to using the Well-Being Fund which ensures best use of the funding.
- 5.2 Area Management will be responsible for organising and co-ordinating community engagement activity.

## **6 Conclusions**

- 6.1 The Area Delivery Plan set out the key actions for 2009/2010 for Outer North West Leeds. This report provides an update for Members on progress against the actions contained within the report.

## **7 Recommendations**

- 7.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

## **8 Background Papers**

Outer North West Area Delivery Plan 2009/10

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2009/10