

SOUTH (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

14TH FEBRUARY 2005

PRESENT: Councillor Finnigan in the Chair
Councillors Beevers, Dunn, Elliott, Galdas,
Grayshon, Leadley, McArdle, Mulherin,
Renshaw, Smith and Wilson

58 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the February meeting of the South (Outer) Area Committee and invited those present to introduce themselves.

59 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of personal interest were made:

Councillor	Agenda Item/s	Interest
Leadley	17	Member of Morley Elderley Action Committee
Leadley	8,9	Member of Lewisham Park Youth Club Management Committee
McArdle	8,9	Member of Lewisham Park Youth Club Management Committee
Beevers	8,9	Member of Lewisham Park Youth Club Management Committee
Grayshon	8,9	Member of Lewisham Park Youth Club Management Committee
Smith	11,18	Executive Member for City Seviles
Wilson	19	LEA Governor Haigh Rd School
Grayshon	12	Member of Social Care Scrutiny Board
Mulherin	19	Member of Plans Panel East
Renshaw	19	LEA Governor East Ardsley Infant and Primary School
Finnigan	19	LEA Governor East Ardsley Infant and Primary School

60 Minutes – 13th December 2004

RESOLVED – That subject to a minor amendment, a name should have read Shane, not Wayne, Campbell, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2004 be confirmed as a correct record.

61 Open Forum

In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair invited members of the public present (10) to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

In brief summary, the main issues raised were:-

- Public liability insurance / Boxing club
- The potential use of biological solutions to the Ragwort noxious weed

- The need to fix and secure the windows as East Ardsley Community Centre
- Disabled access to Morley Train Station
- The need to address problems including anti-social behaviour in Rothwell Town Centre.

62 Youth Service

The Director of Learning and Leisure submitted a report to the Committee to update the Area Committee with regard to current Youth Service issues and potential future developments. Officers from the Youth Service were at the meeting, they gave a short presentation and then responded to Members' question and comments. In brief summary, the main points were as follows:

- the Youth Service had recently been inspected and Ofsted's assessment was that Leeds City Council provides an adequate Youth Service
- the Youth Service was embarking on a major organisational review
- the general trends envisaged included: more commissioning of external organisations to deliver youth work programmes, increased investment to identify, train and support local voluntary groups to deliver youth work, and the creation of a 'Leeds Youth Work Partnership' model enabling joint strategic planning
- a new set of performance indicators had been introduced nationally for 2004/05
- the 'Reach' target was 25% of the 13 to 19 year old population, Leeds Youth Service had set a target of achieving 80% for 2004/05 with 100% by 2007/08
- that Youth Service provision in Rothwell was inadequate
- that non indoor activities needed to be developed for those not interested in sporting activities
- Members were reassured that Rothwell Community Centre would be reopening within the next few weeks

RESOLVED:

- (a) That all grants from the Committee to organisations providing services to young people are required to utilise the Youth Service quality assurance and monitoring system in order to provide management information to the Committee, the Area Management Team and to the Youth Service.
- (b) That the contents of the report be noted.

63 Morley Youth Work Network

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to the Committee to inform Members of progress made in establishing a Youth Work Network in Morley. Officers from the Youth Service and from the Area Management office were at the meeting and responded to Members' questions and comments. In brief summary, the main points were as follows:

- it had been decided to pilot the establishment of a Youth Work Network in Morley
- an initial meeting had taken place on 2nd December 2004 between various representatives from community, voluntary and faith groups and statutory organisations

- information was gathered about all currently known activities and the suggestion had been made that this information could be used to produce a directory of local youth activities
- that a web-site would be ideal for this purpose as it could be regularly updated

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee indicates its willingness to support the approach taken, and affirm in principle to financially support the expansion of voluntary and community sector youth work provision.
- (b) That the contents of the report be noted.

64 Area Delivery Plan 2005/06

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to the Committee to seek approval for the Final Area Delivery Plan. The Area Manager was at the meeting and responded to Members' questions and comments.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed Area Delivery Plan be approved.
- (b) That the summary leaflet be reproduced for the public, agencies and groups as a user friendly guide to the Area Delivery Plan.
- (c) That the contents of the report be noted.

65 Area Manager Update

The Area Manager (South) submitted a report to the Committee to inform Members of the range of activities with which the area management team are engaged.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That Officers from City Services identify an area for one day action during the HELP campaign using their knowledge about which area is in most need of this type of action.
- (c) That the Area Committee contribute £750 of Well-being money to the HELP Scheme.
- (d) That regular update reports be presented to the area committee.

66 Area Committee Well-being Funding

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to update Members of the current balance of the Area Committee Well-being fund, and seek decisions with regard to four small grant applications.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the following applications for small grants be approved:
 - £935 to Morley Meet A Mum N Dad for equipment to help towards establishing baby yoga classes
 - £460 to East Ardsley Cricket and Athletics Club towards a new score board.

- £50 for a 'Thank you' day for foster carers
- £1,000 to New Horizons Transport

67 Opportunities for Promoting Education and Employment Based Initiatives

The Area Manager (South) submitted a report to the Committee to provide details of two schemes aimed at promoting learning and employability within South Leeds and seek approval for an allocation of Well-being funding towards the cost.

Members expressed the view that when the scheme was being set up, a number of different potential partners should be approached to ensure the best organisation for the job was identified.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the allocation of up to £20,000 per annum of Well-being funding for the horticultural scheme be approved in principle should additional European funds be identified.

68 ParksWatch Service

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report to the Committee to describe the benefits of an area based ParksWatch service and advise of the cost.

Members were informed that the money would pay for two additional officers on duty for an average of 42 hours per week each, and all the equipment needed including motorcycles and video recording equipment.

Members commented that for the service to be effective there needed to be support and commitment from the Police, and effective partnership work with other teams and agencies working in community safety.

RESOLVED - That the contents of the report be noted.

69 Rothwell Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Project

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to inform Members of an initiative aimed at reducing the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Rothwell ward, and seek approval for an allocation of Well-being funding.

Members were informed that the police were to match fund this initiative in cash.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the details of the proposed initiative of the Rothwell Police team be noted.
- (b) That the allocation of £10,000 of Well-being money toward the overall cost of the initiative be approved.

70 Outer South Leeds Youth Dance Project

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to inform Members about a proposed initiative by Dance Action Zone, and seek approval for an allocation of Well-being funding towards the cost.

Members were happy to provide funding for 2004/05 but expected that the Youth Service would take over such payments in the longer term.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the details of the proposed initiative be noted.
- (b) That the allocation of £ 9,500 of Well-being funding toward the overall cost be approved.

71 Gardening Schemes

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to inform Members of the success of gardening schemes run during 2004 and inform the Committee of the schemes scheduled for 2005.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That greater consideration be given to the issues with a view to developing a longer term solution.
- (c) That a working group of councillors, one from each ward, be established to discuss future strategy.

72 'A' Boards – Draft Policy

The Director of City Services submitted a report to update the Area Committee on progress with A-Board enforcement within the city.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

73 Primary School Replacement Programmes

The Director of Development submitted a report to the Committee to advise of the proposed disposal of surplus school properties arising from the primary school replacement programmes, and to provide information on the potential uses of the sites to be sold. An officer from the Development Department was at the meeting and responded to Members' questions and comments.

Members' were keen that wherever possible, school buildings should be kept as a community resource.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the Area Committee support ward councillors views and recommendations in this regard.

74 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

Monday 25th April 2005 at 5.00 pm
Venue to be decided.



REPORT OF: Director of City Services
MEETING: Outer South Area Committee
DATE: 25th April 2005

SUBJECT: STREETSCENE SERVICES AREA DELIVERY PROPOSALS

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
	Ethnic Minorities <input type="checkbox"/>
	Women <input type="checkbox"/>
	Disabled People <input type="checkbox"/>
Eligible for Call In <input type="checkbox"/>	Not eligible for Call in <input type="checkbox"/> (details contained in the report)

1.0 Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a proposal to establish a Streetscene neighbourhood service delivery team to support the delivery of local priorities.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Over the past year the implementation of the area management arrangements have raised a number of issues which have been key drivers for the re-examination of the way that the Streetscene service is delivered at local level. Clearly Streetscene Services were not established nor funded to meet this growing local demand with the majority of the resource committed to the provision of core services.
- 2.2 It has been reported that Elected Members are of the view that having a more direct local resource which can be deployed to meet local needs is the way forward and that Streetscene Services should try to achieve this. Detailed discussions have therefore been ongoing with Area Managers to identify a realistic and achievable delivery vehicle which enables area management to delivery its local priorities.
- 2.3 Currently the only additionally and therefore flexible resources available is provided via funding available through the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) which is matched funded by City Services. This additional funding provides the LEAP, rapid response and graffiti resources. At the current time this resource is used in a programmed way and allows little flexibility to meet changing local needs.
- 2.4 The NRF and matched funding is however, allocated to permanent staffing resources and the only way of releasing the funding to Area Committees involves the transfer of the staff and associated assets.

Committee. The resource under review will only fund nine teams where ten are required therefore the proposal is unworkable unless each Area Committee agrees to the proposed changes and a contribution to the cost of the service.

3.0 Streetscene Neighbourhood Service Delivery Model

3.1 Proposals

- 3.1.1 It is proposed to establish **one dedicated team per Area Committee**, supported by one graffiti team per wedge. The teams will be employed and managed by City Services but their day to day work will be determined by an Area service level agreement. The resources will be totally at the discretion of the Area Committee and will not be removed by the service to cover other areas. The only time the resource would be removed is if it were to be used inappropriately.
- 3.1.2 It needs to be noted that once this resource is allocated to the Area Committees there will no longer be a flexible resource to meet local emergencies and to support local initiatives such as community clean-ups. Any Community Group therefore wishing support for community projects will need to agree this with the Area Management Team.

3.2 Service Delivery Arrangements

- 3.2.1 In order to ensure the efficient and cost effective use of resources across the city it is vital that a core scheduled service is maintained. Therefore one of the guiding principles is that the core service will continue to be provided on a scheduled basis as discussed at the Area Committee in December 2004.
- 3.2.2 There are a number of ancillary service areas where there is currently insufficient funding or their work load is such that a guaranteed cannot be provide that resources would remain solely at the discretion of the Area Committee. The work of these resources (needle-picking, fly-tipping, enforcement and education and awareness) will continue to be determined by the department but would be influenced by Area Committee referrals.
- 3.2.3 Management of the resource will be undertaken by Streetscene Area Managers along with their core service responsibilities. However, this arrangement will be reviewed and options presented at a later date with regard to the development of a neighbourhood management structure, if required.
- 3.2.3 In order to manage the work load of the teams it is important that agreement is reached with each Area Committee on priorities for the team. Some discussions also need to be held with regard to the Area Committee policy on the work to be undertaken by the team and a work programme which allows some flexibility for emergencies. If this report is agreed it is proposed that Streetscene Officers and Area Management Officers meet to develop a draft service agreement which can then be agreed with Elected Members.

4.0 Service Enhancements

- 4.1 It is clear that the proposals within this report will only go so far in tackling the issues at neighbourhood level. Therefore this report must be seen as the first step in the development of a neighbourhood management framework on which Area Committees can build in order to provide more local resources to tackle specific problems. To

pricing schedule which will enable consideration to be given to enhancing services where required.

- 4.2 In anticipation that Area Committees will feel the need to enhance the resource discussions have already taken place with the Learning and Leisure Jobs and Skills Team with a view to establishing a working which will provide new deal placement opportunities at local level. In addition it is proposed that similar conversation take place with the Youth Offending and Probation Service who maybe able to provide resources at local level for such activities as graffiti removal. It is anticipated that if these arrangements can be put in place this will minimise the cost to Area Committees.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 In order to make the proposal viable Streetscene Services will disband LEAP and the rapid response teams to provide 9 teams (driver and two crew). In addition 5 graffiti teams will be deployed on a wedge basis. Therefore there is a shortfall of 1 team (driver and two crew) to make the proposal viable.
- 5.2 Area Committees are therefore being requested to agree to a contribution of £11,690 to support the proposal which includes staffing, vehicle and disposal costs for one team. This would enable one team to be provided to each Area Committee.

6.0 Implementation

- 6.1 If the proposal is agreed by Area Committees it is intended to implement the scheme from the 6th June 2005. However, in advance of this date there will be a necessity to agreed with each Area Committee the service level agreement and work programme for each team.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Area Committees are asked to agree

7.1.1 The proposal contained within this report

7.1.2 The allocation of £11,609 from the Well Being budget for 2005/06.



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ITEM NO.:

Originator: Kris Nenadic

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REPORT OF: THE CHIEF RECREATION OFFICER

REPORT TO: AREA COMMITTEE OUTER SOUTH

DATE : 25th APRIL 2005

SUBJECT : FIXED PLAYGROUND STRATEGY

Electoral Wards Affected :

Ardsley & Robin Hood

Morley North

Morley South

Rothwell

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities

Women

Disabled People

Executive Function	<input type="checkbox"/>	Council Function	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligible for Call In	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not eligible for Call In (details contained in the report)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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For information and discussion:

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report outlines the Fixed Play Strategy approved by Executive Board in 2002 and describes future proposals for providing a network of equipped playgrounds supported by informal playspaces across Leeds.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The 2002 report endorsed by the Executive Board, titled "Children's Playgrounds", outlined the strategy for improving the quality of play facilities by investing in sustainable sites, and reconfiguring the nonsustainable sites.

2.2 The report recommended the introduction of 3 new standards as follows:

Neighbourhood Area Playground (NAP)

The majority of playgrounds are to meet this standard and are based principally in Parks and Recreation grounds. Catering for three particular age groups, 0-8 years, 8-14 years and teenagers, with improved play equipment and facilities such as a skatepark, multi-use games area (MUGA) or BMX track etc for young people.

Integrated Supervised Playgrounds (ISP)

Would be based around a NAP with a proposed 6 across the city, they would be supervised and focussed on children with special needs or disabilities, but providing for all children.

Informal Play Space (IPS)

These spaces would cater for local play needs. It is anticipated that a network of IPS will be maintained to cater for the informal recreation needs of all ages, including teenagers. These informal areas could be landscaped or grass areas but may include basketball hoops, football walls or ground painted games.

- 2.3 In the two years since the report was approved by Executive Board, Parks and Countryside has reduced the number of playgrounds with fixed equipment from 213 to 153, while being successful in attracting external funding of over £4.2 million which has been invested in the remaining sustainable sites.
- 2.4 To address the needs of older children the number of skateparks has risen from 7 to 14 and the number of multi-use games areas from 20 to 28.

3.0 CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 The Greenspace Implementation Group (GIG) meets on a regular basis and includes officers from Development, Learning and Leisure and Neighbourhoods and Housing. GIG`s principal objective is to discuss matters of a strategic nature, identifying spending priorities and agreeing a detailed work programme which is capable of being monitored on a quarterly basis. The group also receive updates on the progress of recreational and greenspace spending and output targets. GIG is formally recognised by the Corporate Environment Priority Board.
- 3.2 Officers from Parks and Countryside also attend various meetings with Ward Members and communities etc to consult on local issues relating to childrens play. Proposals or comments can then be fed into the planning process for consideration when consulting with Ward Members regarding the allocation of Section 106 funds.
- 3.3 Wider consultation on issues relating to Parks and Countryside Services has been undertaken using both the Citizens Panel and Best Value workshops. Work has begun to introduce user surveys in several parks in the City. As part of the development of the Parks and Greenspace Strategy for Leeds 34,500 residents were consulted via a survey. Early analysis of the results of the consultation survey suggests that there are 55 million visits to our parks and greenspaces annually, which includes 6.5 million visits for the purpose of taking children to play in the park or greenspace. The age group 13 – 25 is under-represented in the Citizens Panel and this is recognised as a hard to reach group for survey work. More direct consultation is underway which will target this age range through the Youth Service ,voluntary groups and the Youth Council. The results of this consultation will be fed into the planning process to enable improved delivery of services in the future.

4.0 VISION

- 4.1 The ideal service, if sufficient resources allowed,. would be to provide high quality robust facilities close to the centre of each community, but far enough from the nearest houses so as not to create a nuisance or a perceived nuisance.

In the right location, as well as just a meeting place, diversionary activities suitable for all ages and abilities could be facilitated to help reduce vandalism, graffiti, anti social behaviour, and promote a sense of ownership within the local youth community. However it is the case that not all communities have a suitable site. During consultation, it is often found that although most people would welcome play facilities in their area,

identifies those suitable sustainable sites.

5.0 RESOURCES

- 5.1 Over the last two years external funding has been sought to increase the number of skateboard parks from 7 to 14 and the number of MUGA's from 20 to 28. In the last financial year (2003/04) 5 skateparks were built or refurbished at a cost of £468k and 18 playgrounds were built or refurbished at a cost of £1.7million. Learning and Leisure has no budget specifically identified for building or refurbishing play facilities, and Parks and Countryside officers spend considerable time trying to access external funds for play areas.
- 5.2 The three main funding streams over recent years have been Section 106 (developer contributions), Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) and Green Leeds. Section 106 contributions can only be spent in the community area which includes or is adjacent to the development which generates the funding. The Single Regeneration Budget will shortly end and the funding opportunities available through Green Leeds Ltd have also reduced significantly.
- 5.3 Learning and Leisure continues to seek additional external investment to support this strategy and will seek to access some of the anticipated £200 million of National Lottery funding identified for improved play opportunities in the UK announced following the recent Dobson review of children's play.

6.0 PROPOSALS

- 6.1 A presentation was made in October 2003 to a number of representatives from the former CITs on the Play Strategy. As the move towards Area Committees was being developed at this point, it would have been difficult to continue consultation with the CITs and it was agreed that the consultation on the strategy should wait until the Area Committees were in place.
- 6.2 Parks & Countryside officers will put forward the proposals (examples of which are detailed in the appendices), on the future use of each site. These proposals will be subject to consultation with the Area Committee and the implementation of the strategy in each area will be directly affected by the availability of funding.
- 6.3 The attached appendices include :-
- An area map showing the location of the current fixed play facilities.
 - A schedule detailing the current and proposed status for each site, and the associated budget costing.
- 6.4 Although this programme is recommended as the best use of resources, it has always been anticipated that consultation with local communities is the key factor in delivering the Fixed Play Strategy and ensuring the sustainability of childrens play areas.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 Area Committees are requested to consider the proposals for providing a network of equipped playgrounds supported by informal playspaces as outlined in the attached schedules.

Area Management		South Outer Wedge - Fixed Play Strategy - Key To Area Map				
Ref	Plg Name	Current Std	Proposed Std	Year	Cost	Comments
B01	Baines Terrace	NAP	IPS	2008	£2,000	Funding to be identified
C10	Churwell Park	NAP	NAP			Refurbished 2002
D01	Dartmouth Park	NAP	NAP			Refurbished 2003
D02	Drighlington Park	NAP	NAP			Refurbished 2003
G03	Gildersome Park	Closed	NAP & Skatepark	2005		S106 funding identified
H10	Hesketh Rec	NAP	NAP	2008	£120,000	Funding to be identified
H15	Hembrigg Rec	NAP	NAP	2008	£120,000	Funding to be identified
J02	John O'Gaunts Community Centre	NAP	NAP			
L01	Lofthouse Rec	NAP	NAP	2006	£40,000	Funding to be identified, partial refurbishment
L02	Lawrence Villa / Woodlesford Park	NAP & Skatepark	NAP & Skatepark			£50,000 refurbished 2003 and skatepark
M12	Moor Knoll Lane	NAP	NAP	2008	£30,000	Funding to be identified
M17	Millbeck	NAP				
M18	Magpie Lane	NAP				
M19	Heritage Village	NAP	NAP			
O02	Ouzlewell Green	NAP	IPS	2006	£5,000	Funding to be identified
Q01	Queens Street / Shayfield	NAP	NAP			£110,000 refurbished 2003
R07	Railway Terrace	NAP	IPS	2006	£5,000	Funding to be identified
S03	Springhead Park	NAP	NAP			Refurbished in phases
S04	Sharpe Lane Rec	NAP	IPS	2008	£5,000	Funding to be identified
S14	Scatcherd Park	NAP	NAP			
T22	Turnberry Gardens	NAP	NAP			
W13	Winthorpe Avenue	NAP	NAP & MUGA			
W21	Wide Lane	NAP				

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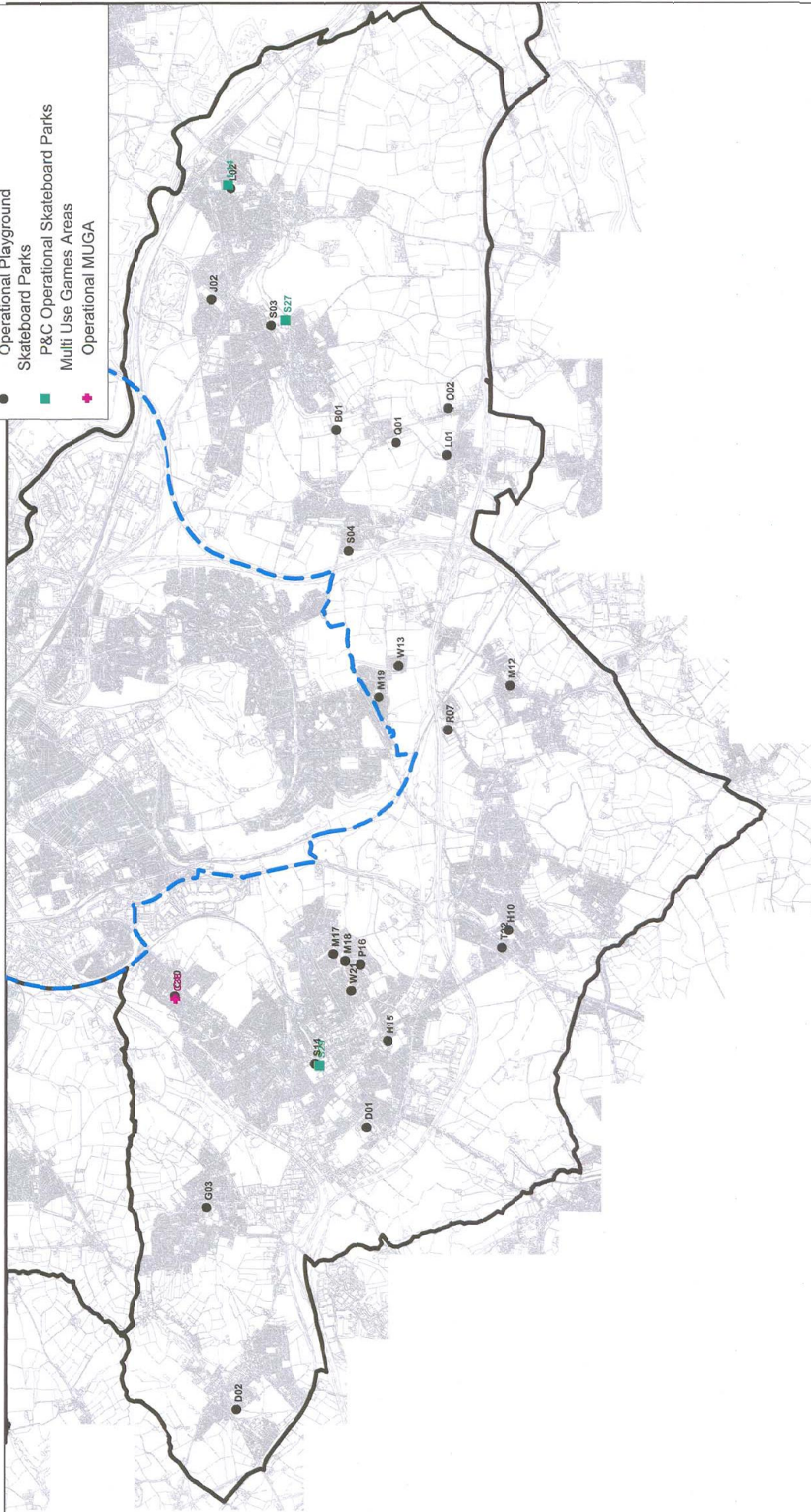
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Learning & Leisure Department

Parks & Countryside

South Outer

- Key
- Area Management Wedges
 - Inner/Outer Committee Boundary 2004
 - Playgrounds
 - Operational Playground
 - Skateboard Parks
 - P&C Operational Skateboard Parks
 - Multi Use Games Areas
 - Operational MUGA



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AGENDA
ITEM NO:

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REPORT OF: Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

COMMITTEE: Outer South Area Committee

DATE: 25th April 2005

SUBJECT: Area Committee Wellbeing Funding– Current Position and Small Grants Applications

Electoral Wards Affected:

Morley North
Morley South
Ardsley & Robin Hood
Rothwell

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic Minorities
Women
Disabled People

**Executive
Function**

**Council
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**Eligible
for Call In**

**Not eligible for Call In
(details contained in the report)**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report advises the Area Committee of the current balance of Area Committee Wellbeing funding, and in the Area Committee Small Grants Fund. It also seeks a decision from the Area Committee on seven applications for small grants.

1.2 It seeks approval for the allocation from revenue Wellbeing funds for 2005/06, of £15,000 to a small grants fund.

2.0 Balance of Wellbeing Budget and Small Grants Fund

2.1 There is currently a balance of £94,528 revenue in Wellbeing funding, and a balance of £373,573 capital. From the initial allocation to the small grants fund of £15,000, there is a balance of £9,810.87. A full balance statement is attached at Appendix one to this report.

3.0 APPLICATIONS TO THE SMALL GRANTS FUND

Since the 14th February Area Committee, five applications for funding have been received:

- 3.1 **Project name:** Community Training Programme **OS/04/12SG**
Organisation: GASPED
Funding requested: £ 484 (£282 if approved by Outer South Area Committee)
Total costs/other sources: Potential £282 from Outer South Area Committee

Project Summary

GASPED was set up in 1995 with the aim of offering information, advice and support to the families of drug users. Its activities include awareness training, a helpline, support groups, counselling and therapy sessions.

The Leeds arm of GASPED runs twelve support groups. Two of these groups are based in the Morley area and meet on a weekly basis.

The group are seeking funding from the area committee of up to £484 (£242 if the project is also approved by Inner South Area Committee) The funding will pay for the purchase of a combi tv/video/dvd unit, flipchart stand and flipchart paper and other items of stationary. These items will then be used as part of a community training project for support groups, community groups and other organisations that will run across south Leeds, including the two current groups in Morley. Sessions will cover;

- drugs awareness training
- awareness of the impact of drugs on family life
- awareness sessions to BME communities as requested.

Area Committee Priorities

This project fits into two of the Area Committee priorities. One aim of the project is to make people more aware of drugs issues and the impact that drugs have on family life, therefore there is a strong community safety aspect to the project. In addition to this, issues around drugs have been identified as a concern in many of the Priority Neighbourhoods, particularly the Newlands and Denshaws Estate in Morley. Such a project could compliment and add to work carried out as part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

Recommendation:

To approve the application of £484 to GASPED for their Community Training Programme

- 3.2 **Project name:** St George's Sunday Tournament **OS/04/11SG**
Organisation: Royal Society Of St George
Funding requested: £ 1,016.20
Total costs/other sources: £2,500 (£500 from Morley Town Council)

Project Summary

The Royal Society For St George are planning to hold an event on Sunday 24th April in Morley. The day will include traditional stalls, displays, sports tournaments for young people and a procession. The

society intends to involve young people from sporting clubs, cadet forces, scouts and guides.

The group are seeking funding from the Area Committee to pay for several costs associated with holding the event. These include printing publicity leaflets (£150), brass band (£125), falconry display (£300), St John's Ambulance (£65), support costs such as travel and refreshments for cadets (£251.20) and material to make signs for the day (£125).

Area Committee Priorities

The project fits in with the Area Committee priority of working with young people.

Recommendation

To approve the sum of £1,000 (maximum amount that can be awarded) to the Royal Society for St George to contribute towards their Sunday Tournament.

- 3.3 **Project name:** Refurbishment of Room **OS/04/12SG**
Organisation: Churwell Youth Club
Funding requested: £ 500
Total costs/other sources: £500 from Morley Town Council for an artist to help with the decorating

Project Summary

Churwell Youth Club began in November 2004 and is open for local people aged between 13 and 19 years old. At present they meet once a week and have around 20-25 young people who attend regularly.

The group meet in the local community centre and have been given permission to decorate the Lane Room at the centre as they like for the young peoples use. The group are therefore seeking funding from the Area Committee to meet some of the associated costs. These include electric lighting for the room (3200) and carpets and seating cushions (£300).

Area Committee Priorities

The project meets the Area Committee priority of working with children and young people. Young people who attend the Youth Club have been involved in designing the refurbishments and as the Youth Club is run by volunteers it fits in directly with what the Area Committee are aiming to achieve through establishing the Youthwork Network.

Recommendation

To approve the sum of £500 to Churwell Youth Club to contribute towards the refurbishment of their room.

- 3.4 **Project name:** Morley Stars
Organisation: People In Action
Funding requested: £ 1000
Total costs/other sources: £1000

Project Summary

People in Action works with people of all ages with learning difficulties across Leeds. It aims to develop independence and create opportunities for its users through social and leisure activities. Work is carried out through a mixture of paid workers and volunteers.

People in Action have a regular group that meets fortnightly in Morley and includes members from across the Outer South Area Committee area. The group are seeking funding from the Area Committee to pay for the several costs associated with running this project for 22 weeks. These include a support worker (£660), volunteers (£220), venue (£50), refreshments (£50) and admin costs (£50)

Area Committee Priorities

The project promotes the Area Committee priority of promoting community involvement. The people involved in the project will be working on environmental projects amongst other things therefore this also meets the area committee priority of improving the environment.

Recommendation

To approve the sum of £1000 (maximum that can be awarded) to People In Action for the Morley All Stars project.

- 3.5 **Project name:** Bike Patrol Morley
Organisation: City & Holbeck Police Division – Morley
policing area
Funding requested: £ 1000
Total costs/other sources: £1475 (the police are providing the
additional £475 for security equipment)

Project Summary

The PCSO's at Morley Police station are keen to use bicycles to patrol their community. This will help them to cover and Police larger areas during their tours of duty. The bicycles will also assist the PCSO's to Police the anti social behaviour problems in the Tingley and Drighlington estates. Youths will not be able to evade officers on bicycles as easily as they do now by running away on foot down the back alleys.

The bicycles will also benefit the more rural and inaccessible areas of the community by allowing officers to police the farmland paths and tracks that are used by criminals to travel on foot between the housing estates while committing crime.

The funding is for two bicycles at £500 each. The reason that two bicycles are required is that PCSO's would need to work in pairs when riding the bicycles off road.

Area Committee Priorities

This project meets the Community Safety priority. It will improve the ability, efficiency and effectiveness of the PCSO's therefore enhancing existing provision.

Recommendation

To approve the sum of £1000 to the City and Holbeck Police Division for the Bike Patrol Morley project.

3.6 **Project name:** Tea Bar Project
Organisation: Morley Elderly Action
Funding requested: £980

Total costs/other sources: A total of £30,000 to move to their new base with the funding coming from various sources.

Project Summary

Morley Elderly Action provides services for over 2,500 elderly people in the Morley and Tingley catchment area. The organisation have now expanded from their previous base at Morley Town Hall and moved to a premises in Wesley Street, situated in Morley Town Centre. To create an extra, sustainable income stream the organisation is opening a Tea Bar in their new premises.

Although the Tea Bar will be run by Morley Elderly Action, people of any age will be able to use the facility and it will be well signed in the Town Centre. Members of the organisation have donated items from the 1930's and 40's to put on the walls to provide an interesting talking point for people who visit the tea room.

Part of the Tea Bar will be situated in an open-to-the-air courtyard. Morley Elderly Action are looking for £980 towards the cost of providing wrought iron garden tables and chairs for this section of the café. This involves 4 tables that come with two chairs (£580, (£145 each), and extra 8 chairs so each table has four chairs (£320, £40 each), 4 parasols (£80, £20 each). The Tea Bar will be operational from May 11th.

Area Committee Priorities

The project meets the Area Committee priority of Town Centre Improvements as the Tea Bar will encourage older people to come into the Town Centre and use other facilities around. Knowing there are many items from the 30's and 40's on display in the Tea Bar may encourage people from other generations to also visit the Tea bar and the town.

Recommendation

To approve the sum of £980 to Morley Elderly Action for the Tea Bar project.

3.7 **Project name:** Theatre for Change Youth Festival
Organisation: The Project
Funding requested: £ 1,000

Total costs/other sources: Total cost is £9,000

Other funding sources;

Thomas Wades Charity (applied)	£2,000
Arts@Leeds (applied)	£1,500
SLIP project (approved)	£1,000
Inner South Area Committee (applied)	£1,000
Outer West Area Committee (applied)	£2,000
Other charities in Lincoln Green (applied)	£2,000

Project Summary

This summer the four youth theatres in Leeds (Rothwell, Holbeck, Lincoln Green and Pudsey) are seeking to come together to perform at the West Yorkshire Playhouse on Friday July 8th. This will be an opportunity for each group to voice their concerns, thoughts and hopes for themselves and their communities through creating and staging performances. This event will enable participants to learn new skills such as stage management and technical aspects at the West Yorkshire Playhouse and provide a chance to meet new people who also have an interest in drama, dance, music and theatre. The event will also raise the profile of youth theatres across the city and hopefully lead to an increase in member numbers of the Rothwell Youth Theatre

Area Committee Priorities

The project supports the Outer South Area Committee's agreed theme of work with young people, more specifically increasing the number of young people taking part in positive activities to occupy their free time.

Recommendation:

To approve the application of £1000 to The Project for the Theatre for Change Youth Festival at the West Yorkshire Playhouse.

4.0 SUMMARY OF REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Area Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the balance of Area Committee Wellbeing funding, and in the Small Grants Fund.
- b) To approve the following applications for small grants:
 - £282 to GASPED for their Community Training Programme
 - £1,000 to the Royal Society for St George for their Sunday Tournament
 - £500 to Churwell Youth Club for the refurbishment of their room
 - £1030 to Morley Stars for their People In Action project
 - £1000 to the City and Holbeck Police Division for Bike patrol Morley
 - £980 to Morley Elderly Action for the Tea Bar Project
 - £1000 to The Project for the Theatre for Change Youth Festival
- c) To approve an allocation from the overall revenue Wellbeing funding for the Outer South Area Committee for 2005/06 of £15,000 revenue to a small grants fund for 2005/06.

Outer South Leeds Area Committee

Well being Budget as at 31st March 2005

Well Being Revenue Initial Allocation	£192,123
Commitments to date 04/05	Amount
South Leeds PCT – Teenage Health Bus	£ 4,000
Neighbourhoods & Housing, New Deal Team – Rothwell Gardening Project	£ 15,000
District partnership Support Officer	£ 1,500
Communications support	£ 10,000
Small Grants	£ 15,000
Skips Budget	£ 5,000
Morley Christmas Lights	£ 2,000
Rothwell Crime & ASB Project	£10,000
Outer South Youth Dance	£9,500
South Leeds Horticultural Scheme	£20,000
Rothwell Christmas Lights Switch On	£ 5,595
TOTAL	£ 97,595
BALANCE	£94,528

Well Being Capital Initial Allocation	£373,573
Commitments to date 04/05	Amount
Nil	

Latest Position on Ringfenced amounts as at 31st March 2005

Ringfence	Outer	
Consultation Budget	Budget	£10,000
	Printing of Outer South Newsletter Dec 04	£303.84
	Councillor Tour – Hire of Minibus	£130
	Postage of AC papers to V&C Groups	£129
	West Ardsley Youth Centre Hire – 9/12 – NIP mtg	£18
	Morley Town Hall hire – 2/12 – Youth network	£57
	West Ardsley Youth Centre Hire – 24/1 – NIP mtg	£18
	West Ardsley Youth Centre Hire 6/2	£51
	West Ardsley Youth Centre Hire 7/3	£18
	Blackburn Hall Hire 24/3	£10
	Pre Paid Envelopes	£986.44
	Newlands Methodist Church 19/2	£20
	NIP Leaflet Printing	£397.42
	Food for 6/2	£72.50
Food for 19/2	£8090	
Total	£2,292.10	
Balance	£7,707.90	
Skips	Budget	£5,000
	Spend	£299.24
		£152.98
		£103.12
		£85
		£640.34
Balance	£4,359.66	
Small Grants	Budget	£15,000
	Newlans & Denshaws TRA	£366
	Rothwell Allotment Association	£464.13
	Woodkirk High School	£1,000
	Nepshaw Lane Playing Fields	£914
	Foster Carers Event	£50
	Baby Yoga	£935
	Churwell New Horizons	£1,000
	East Ardsley Cricket Club	£460
	Total	£5,189.13
Balance	£9,810.87	



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AGENDA ITEM NO:
Originator: Keith Lander
Tel: 2243040

REPORT OF: Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing Department
COMMITTEE: Outer South Area Committee
DATE: 25th April 2005

SUBJECT: Area Committee Priority Budget (Well-Being) – use of capital budget

Electoral Wards Affected: Ardsley and Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell	Specific Implications For: Ethnic Minorities <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled People <input type="checkbox"/>		
Executive Function <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Council Function <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligible for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not eligible for Call In (details contained in the report) <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

For the Area Committee to consider principles by which it could allocate monies from its capital well being budget and consider potential project ideas.

2.0 BACKGROUND

At the October 2004 meeting of this Area Committee the report on ‘Determination of Area Functions’ from the Executive Board stated that it had allocated an amount for capital expenditure for spend on the Area Committee’s Well Being Function i.e. to promote the social, economic and environmental well being of the area.

The total amount allocated to this Area Committee was **£373,573** (for capital). As nothing has been allocated as yet, this amount still remains for Area Committee determination.

The capital monies have been allocated for spend within 3 years i.e. until the end of 2006/07.

3.0 AREA DELIVERY PLAN (ADP)

At the February meeting, this Area Committee approved the final draft ADP which is due to go to Executive Board for final determination.

The report accompanying the ADP stated that one of the purposes of the ADP would be to inform the Area Committee in its decision-making including its decisions on Well-being funding (see Article 10 of the Council's Constitution) which in turn includes the capital element. The ADP itself states that 'it is a reference point for directing resources and providing a framework for the investment of the Well Being budget in the area'.

As such the following proposal focuses on the use of capital spend along the lines of the ADP and its key themes, priorities and actions. Members' views are sought on this principle and are asked for views on the suggested ideas in 4.2 and to suggest any other potential ideas for capital spend fitting with the ADP for area management officers to research.

4.0 PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF CAPITAL MONIES

The following are some suggested options for Members to choose from. Members are welcomed to make alternative options:

4.1 Some options for allocating capital well-being money

Option 1

A % allocation by key theme of the ADP. This allocation could be for major initiatives which may cut across several Wards or focus within one ward.

The advantages of this option is that all areas of the ADP could be fully covered, there is equity in how resources are allocated, there is potential for the Area Committee (should it wish to) to channel the bulk of its resource towards a small handful of major schemes as well as to resource particular key themes and actions.

The disadvantages include potentially spreading the resources too thin across all themes, not being able to adequately meet the priority needs in certain neighbourhoods, one area or theme being more resourced at the expense of others.

A possible % split of the capital by theme for this option (showing the potential amount based on the original allocation) is shown in appendix 1

Option 2

A % allocation by ward but with a focus on the identified priority neighbourhoods in need within which there could be a split of funds by key theme.

The advantage of this option is that capital resources go towards the areas that may well need such expenditure most, and there is an even spread across the Area Committee area.

Some disadvantages include potentially not being able to spend on just one or two major schemes rather than several and which may cover just one or two priority areas rather than a number spread.

It needs to be noted that agreement on specific expenditure with this option, as with all options, will still be required at an Area Committee meeting.

A possible % split of the capital by theme for this option (showing the potential amount based on the original allocation) is shown in appendix 1

Option 3

A mixture of options 1 and 2 i.e. a % allocation by key theme for major initiatives which may cut across several Wards or focus within one ward. Added to this an amount that is allocated by ward where the focus is on the identified priority neighbourhoods in need.

One advantage of this option is that it covers a variety of needs and interests and some degree of flexibility of using the resource across both the patch and across ADP key themes.

One disadvantage is that the funds are likely to be spread even thinner than either option 1 or 2 and could deter the Area Committee from making decisions on either just one or two major costly schemes or schemes in one or two particular neighbourhoods.

A possible % split of the capital by theme for this option (showing the potential amount based on the original allocation) is shown in appendix 1.

4.2 POSSIBLE IDEAS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The following is a simple listing of possible capital project ideas. They are not worked up by any means and some may have ongoing revenue costs required for the project to be maintained. Upon further investigation it may be that some ideas may actually fall within the realm of the revenue well-being budget rather than capital.

Appendix 1 details a potential breakdown by % and possible amounts. This is only an illustration and the % against each element can be altered. The figures are based on the original capital allocation figure of £373,573 and do not take into account amounts that may be committed by the area committee at today's meeting.

The list is there to prompt thinking as to how capital monies could be utilised under each of the ADP key themes.

a) Regenerating areas:

- Enhance the attractiveness of the area and appeal to investors by highlighting key landmarks in the area through the use of architectural lighting or other means.
- Improvements to key district shopping centres and parades e.g. better security
- Gateways to key areas and routes e.g. parks

b) Young people:

- improvements to community/youth or sporting facilities
- Skate park
- Teen or chill out shelters
- Multi use or play/kickabout areas
- Major capital resources for young people e.g mobile sports equipment, mountain bikes, other mobile provision

- c) Safer neighbourhoods:
- Alleygating and associated rights of way
 - Fixed or mobile CCTV
 - Police/inter-agency mobile 'Pods'
 - Mountain bikes for neighbourhood wardens/police to cover open spaces, parks, ginnels
 - Community environmental projects e.g hanging baskets, shared equipment
 - Target hardening measures e.g secure fencing, doors, windows, alarm systems and lighting
- d) Cleaner neighbourhoods:
- Litter/dog foul bins
 - Recycling and bring back banks
 - Binyard renovation and improvements
 - Barriers and gates to prevent flytipping and illegal motorcycling in open spaces
- e) Improving neighbourhoods in need (the above ideas plus):
- Creating parking bays particularly where grass verges were being damaged as a result of lack of parking space
 - Dropped kerbs to ease driving access
 - Community noticeboards
 - Improvements to footpaths and highways
 - Creation of home zones
 - Create a new public open space and improve existing greenspaces
 - (See also specific projects proposed for neighbourhood improvement plans in reports elsewhere on today's meeting)

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked for:

- a) views on the above options in section 3 and to indicate any preference
- b) views and any preferences on the ideas for capital spend in 4.2 and to suggest any other potential ideas which fit with the ADP.

Option 1

A % allocation by key theme of the ADP where major initiatives could be supported which may cut across several Wards or focus within one ward

A breakdown of amounts could be as follows:

Cleaner neighbourhoods:	20% (74.7k)
Safer neighbourhoods:	20% (74.7k)
Young People:	20% (74.7k)
Regenerating areas:	20% (74.7k)
Improving neighbourhoods in need:	20% (74.7k)
Total	373.5k

The above split assumes that the key themes of 'Working Together' and 'Community Involvement' will not need capital funds or where they are needed they would be covered under one of the other key themes. The % amounts of course could vary with different bias towards certain themes which may need more capital.

Option 2

A % allocation by ward but with a focus on the identified priority neighbourhoods in need within which there could be a split of funds by key theme.

A breakdown of amounts could be as follows:

Ward 1 – Improving priority neighbourhood no. 1 (25% of 374k = 93.5k)

Cleaner neighbourhoods:	6.25% (23.4k)
Safer neighbourhoods:	6.25% (23.4k)
Young People:	6.25% (23.4k)
Regenerating areas:	6.25% (23.4k)

Ward 2 – Improving priority neighbourhood no. 1 (25% of 374k = 93.5k)

Cleaner neighbourhoods:	6.25% (23.4k)
Safer neighbourhoods:	6.25% (23.4k)
Young People:	6.25% (23.4k)
Regenerating areas:	6.25% (23.4k)

Ward 3 – Improving priority neighbourhood no. 1 (25% of 374k = 93.5k)

Cleaner neighbourhoods:	6.25% (23.4k)
Safer neighbourhoods:	6.25% (23.4k)
Young People:	6.25% (23.4k)
Regenerating areas:	6.25% (23.4k)

Ward 4 – Improving priority neighbourhood no. 1 (25% of 374k = 93.5k)

Cleaner neighbourhoods:	6.25% (23.4k)
Safer neighbourhoods:	6.25% (23.4k)
Young People:	6.25% (23.4k)
Regenerating areas:	6.25% (23.4k)

Note that the above proportions would be reduced per theme and per neighbourhood as additional priority neighbourhoods are worked with.

Once again these proportions could be split with different bias towards either neighbourhoods and/or themes.

Option 3

A mixture of options 1 and 2 i.e. a % allocation by key theme for major initiatives which may cut across several Wards or focus within one ward. Added to this would be an amount that is allocated by ward where the focus is on the identified priority neighbourhoods in need.

A breakdown of amounts could be as follows:

BY KEY THEME:	(50% of 374k = 187k)
Cleaner neighbourhoods:	46.8k
Safer neighbourhoods:	46.8k
Young People:	46.8k
Regenerating areas:	46.8k

A possible % split by theme (showing the potential amount based on the original allocation) could be:

BY PRIORITY NEIGHBOURHOOD IN EACH WARD (50% of 374k = 187k)

Ward 1 – Improving priority neighbourhood no. 1 (1/4 of 187k = 46.7k)

Cleaner neighbourhoods:	11.7k
Safer neighbourhoods:	11.7k
Young People:	11.7k
Regenerating areas:	11.7k

Ward 2 – Improving priority neighbourhood no. 1 (1/4 of 187k = 46.7k)

Cleaner neighbourhoods:	11.7k
Safer neighbourhoods:	11.7k
Young People:	11.7k
Regenerating areas:	11.7k

Ward 3 – Improving priority neighbourhood no. 1 (1/4 of 187k = 46.7k)

Cleaner neighbourhoods:	11.7k
Safer neighbourhoods:	11.7k
Young People:	11.7k
Regenerating areas:	11.7k

Ward 4 – Improving priority neighbourhood no. 1 (1/4 of 187k = 46.7k)

Cleaner neighbourhoods:	11.7k
Safer neighbourhoods:	11.7k
Young People:	11.7k
Regenerating areas:	11.7k



REPORT OF: Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

MEETING: Outer South Area Committee

DATE : 25th April 2005

SUBJECT : Neighbourhood Improvement Plans

Electoral Wards Affected :

Morley South
Ardsley & Robin Hood
Rothwell

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities
Women
Disabled People

Executive Board Decision

Eligible for Call In

Not eligible for Call In (details contained in the report)

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report presents for approval the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for Newlands & Denshaws in Morley South, Eastleighs & Fairleighs in Ardsley & Robin Hood, and John O’Gaunts in Rothwell.
- 1.2 It highlights the key priorities for action identified in each plan, and seeks approval of Area Committee Wellbeing Funding up to a maximum of £ 80,000 capital, and up to a maximum of £30,000 revenue to develop and deliver the initial priority projects from all three plans.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At the Area Committee meeting on 13th September 2004, the Committee approved five priority themes for action. One of these was Priority Neighbourhoods, ‘to address the fact that there are a number of neighbourhoods across the Outer South area in which levels of deprivation are comparatively high, and in which there are a number of recurring issues of significant concern to local people, such as anti-social behaviour, environmental issues such as litter and overgrown and ill maintained gardens, and relatively high turnover rates of properties’.
- 2.2 The Committee identified nine such neighbourhoods across the Outer South area, and requested that improvement plans be developed and delivered for each of the nine areas, to address the key issues of concern. It was agreed to prioritise the development and delivery of the plans in the nine neighbourhoods on the basis of levels of deprivation. On this basis, the first three

South, Eastleighs & Fairleighs in Ardsley & Robin Hood, and John O'Gaunts in Rothwell.

2.3 In each of these three neighbourhoods, a steering group has been set up, made up of all relevant Leeds City Council departments, agencies and local community representatives(although in John O'Gaunts such a group was already in existence). All three steering groups have met to agree the key priorities for action in each of the areas, to agree a consultation process with the local community and to develop an action plan of projects and actions aimed at addressing those priorities.

2.4 The NIP for Newlands & Denshaws is attached at appendix one, for Eastleighs & Fairleighs at appendix two, and for John O'Gaunts at appendix three.

3.0 Newlands & Denshaws NIP

3.1 Key Priorities for Action

In order of priority, the following issues have been agreed as priorities for action in Newlands & Denshaws:

- (a) **Drug dealing and use**- issues of particular concern:
 - significant numbers of young people in their late teens and early twenties are believed to be involved.
 - Discarded needles on open ground, especially around Albert Drive shops and in Lewisham Park
 - A lack of accurate information on the actual nature and level of the problem
- (b) **Poor Environment** – issues of particular concern:
 - Litter in 'hotspot' sites such as Albert Drive shops, garage sites and under hedges
 - Dog fouling, on grassed areas, and on pavements
 - Environmental 'eyesore' areas, such as garage sites, land off Clough Street opposite Lewisham Park Youth Club, and around Albert Drive shops.
 - Overgrown gardens and areas of broken down fencing.
- (c) **Anti-social behaviour**- issues of particular concern:
 - Asb, especially involving young people, and neighbour disputes believed to be high, but very low reporting levels
 - Hotspot areas for asb, including Albert Street shops, and the garage sites
 - Belief there is too little for young people to do, but lack of consultation with young people on this
- (d) **Unemployment and low skills base** – issues of particular concern:
 - lack of awareness of educational opportunities, and low take up of same
 - lack of interest or awareness of employment opportunities available

3.2 Priority Projects and Costs

The NIP details twenty- one projects or actions aimed at addressing the above issues. These too have been prioritised, and the aim is that fourteen of these will be developed and implementation at least underway in the short term, that is between May and November 200.

Short term projects , with direct additional cost implications are listed below. These have also been prioritised, according to estimated need and potential impact:

- (a) **Drugs Outreach** - £ 500 revenue
- (b) **Albert Drive Shop Improvements** – estimated maximum cost £ 33,314 capital.
- (c) **Kick around area in Newlands** – estimated maximum cost £15,000 capital
- (d) **Diversionsary activities for young people** – estimated maximum cost £3,000 revenue.
- (e) **Lewisham Park Improvements** – estimated maximum cost £10,000 capital
- (f) **Environmental Improvements to unsightly grounds** – estimated maximum cost of £2,000 capital
- (g) **Environmental enforcement awareness raising campaign** - £500 revenue
- (h) **Inter – generational projects** - £1,200 revenue

For each of the above projects, funding additional to or alternative to the Area Committee Wellbeing Funding is being explored.

There is as yet no confirmation of any such additional or alternative funding, and yet the above projects have been identified as of priority to deliver for the NIP to have as positive as possible impact on the neighbourhood.

The maximum potential cost of all eight projects is **£ 60,314 capital, and £5,200 revenue. (although there are likely to be additional revenue costs relating to the capital costs that are not yet identified).**

4.0 Eastleighs & Fairleighs NIP

4.1 Key Priorities for Action

In order of priority, the following have been agreed as priority issues to be addressed in Eastleighs & Fairleighs:

- (a) **Young People** – issues of particular concern;
 - lack of enough things for young people to do
 - no useable recreation area that can be accessed on a daily basis
 - young people gathering in large ‘gangs’ on the streets, causing alarm and distress to other residents.
- (b) **The Environment** – issues of particular concern:
 - high amounts of litter in hotspots
 - dog fouling, especially on open gassed areas
 - fly-tipping
 - low awareness of prevention and enforcement

- no residents or community association
 - small number of community groups, with little or no cross linking
- (d) **Older People/Parents** – issues of particular concern:
- social isolation
 - community safety

4.2 Priority Projects and Costs

The NIP details twenty two projects or actions aimed at addressing the above issues. These too have been prioritised, with fourteen of these to be developed and delivery at least started in the short term, between May and November 2005. The remainder of the projects will be developed and delivered in the medium to longer term, as detailed in the action plan section of the NIP.

Short term projects, with direct additional cost implications are listed below. These are also listed in priority order:

- (a) **Smithy Lane Recreation Facilities** – estimated maximum cost of £20,000 capital
- (b) **Newsletter** - £500 revenue
- (c) **Fun Day** - £500 revenue
- (d) **Dog fouling poster campaign** - £ 500 revenue
- (e) **Martial arts classes** - £500 revenue
- (f) **Drop – In Advice sessions** - £3,000 revenue
- (g) **Outreach classes** - £1,000 revenue
- (h) **Lighting on Smithy Lane** – estimated maximum cost of £15,000 capital
- (i) **Community Garden** – estimated maximum cost of £5,000

For each of the above projects, funding additional to or alternative to Area Committee Wellbeing funding is being explored.

There is at this time no confirmation of any such funding, and yet the above projects have been identified as priority to deliver, for the NIP to have impact on the quality of life in the neighbourhood.

The maximum potential cost of all nine projects is **£ 40,000 capital, and £ 6,000 revenue. (although there are likely to be additional revenue costs relating to the capital projects, not as yet identified).**

5.0 John O’Gaunts NIP

5.1 Key Priorities for Action

In order of priority the following issues have been agreed as priorities for action in John O’Gaunts:

- (a) **Reducing anti-social behaviour and crime-** issues of particular concern:
 - groups of young people gathering at ‘hotspots’ causing alarm, distress and vandalism
 - drug use and dealing
 - lack of information on nature and level of drugs issues
- (b) **Increasing involvement of young people in positive activities** – issues of particular concern:

or want

- no acceptable place for young people to meet, 'hang out'.
- lack of available activities for young people
- lack of activities for young and single parents, and for their children

(c) Improving the environment – issues of particular concern:

- high number of ginnels, and all are overgrown and full of rubbish and fly-tipping
- unkempt, overgrown and rubbish filled gardens
- high number of very large gardens, and residents unilaterally disowning large sections
- litter 'hotspot' areas throughout the estate
- large amount of hedging, and most overgrown
- large amount of broken and rotting wooden fencing
- no identifiable community recreation space

(d) Reducing unemployment and raising attainment levels- issues of particular concern:

- high numbers of children in low income households
- relatively low attainment levels at GCSE
- lack of locally available information on and motivation re upskilling and taking up employment opportunities

(e) Developing community involvement and engagement - issues of particular concern:

- no residents or community association, and failed attempts to set up
- minimal community involvement in previous attempts to address areas issues
- virtually no community groups or organisations

(e) Promoting healthy living – issues of concern:

- lack of awareness of benefits from and opportunities for healthy eating and exercise

5.2 Priority Projects and Costs

The NIP details twenty nine projects or actions aimed at addressing the above issues.

These too have been prioritised, but it is hoped that development and implementation will at least have started on at least fourteen of them within the short term, between May and November 2005.

Projects with direct additional cost implications are listed below. These are listed in priority order:

- (a) Drugs Outreach project** - £500 revenue
- (b) Diversionary activities for young people** – estimated maximum cost of £3,000 revenue in year 1
- (c) Pathways Initiative** - £ 3,500 revenue in year 1
- (d) Community Fun Day** - £500 revenue in year 1
- (e) Gardening Initiative** - £5,500 capital, and £1,500 revenue in year 1.
- (f) Youth Shelter** - £ 7,500 capital, and £2,500 revenue in year 1
- (g) Rose Lund Outdoor Play Area** – estimated maximum cost of £15,000 capital
- (h) Community Garden** – estimated maximum cost of £5,000 capital, £1,500 revenue in year 1.

For each of the above projects, funding additional to or alternative to Area Committee Wellbeing funding is being explored.

There is at this time no confirmation of any such funding as yet , and the above projects have been identified as priority to deliver, for the NIP to have impact on the quality of life in the neighbourhood.

The maximum potential cost of all eight projects is **£ 33,000 capital, and £ 13,000 revenue.**

6.0 Implementation and Monitoring

6.1 Each of the three action plans within the NIPs details the individual monitoring arrangements per action or programme. There will be a common minimal mechanism for each NIP, that the lead agency/ies for each project or action will report on progress to each of the NIP steering groups. Each steering group will meet at least quarterly during project implementation.

6.2 There will also be a report on progress on each of the NIPs to each Outer South Area Committee

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Members are requested to approve the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for Newlands & Denshaws, Eastleighs & Fairleighs, and John O'Gaunts, to their implementation and to the proposals for monitoring progress on each plan.

7.2 Members are also requested to approve the allocation from the Area Committee Wellbeing Budget of :

(a) up to a maximum of £30,000 capital and £ 8,000 revenue to implement the initial prioritised projects for the Newlands & Denshaws NIP.

(b) up to a maximum of £ 30,000 capital and £ 9,000 revenue toward the overall costs of the initial projects in the Eastleighs & Fairleighs NIP.

(c) up to a maximum of £20,000 capital and £13,000 revenue toward the overall costs of the initial projects in the John O'Gaunts NIP.

7.3 There are insufficient available capital Wellbeing Funds to maintain such a high level of allocation to the remaining six NIP areas, however, members are asked to consider that the three initial areas have the highest levels of deprivation, and Newlands & Denshaws and Eastleighs & Fairleighs have high numbers of residents, and households compared to most of the remaining NIP areas.

7.4 It is also anticipated that additional sources of funding will be sourced for a number of the proposed initiatives, and in relation to these, it is proposed the resulting underspend be potentially allocated to the remaining NIP areas, or alternatively added back into the remaining balance of the capital and revenue Wellbeing Funds.

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Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

The Newlands and Denshaws Estate

1.0 - Introduction

The newly formed Outer South Area Committee decided in September 2004 that 'Priority Neighbourhoods' would be one of their five priority areas for action. Nine priority neighbourhoods were identified in the Outer South. These were identified using figures from the indices of multiple deprivation published by the office of the Deputy Prime minister, in addition to asking ward councillors which areas they felt were facing the most significant challenges in the Outer South area. Each of the identified areas are small pockets of deprivation within what is otherwise seen as a relatively affluent area of Leeds. Therefore, none of these areas have been eligible to benefit from the large scale regeneration funding schemes such as the Single Regeneration Budget that have been available in recent years. This has led to some bad feeling in these areas, especially as residents feel that the challenges that their area faces on a daily basis are comparable to those in inner city areas

The indices of multiple deprivation identified Newlands and Denshaws as being the most deprived of the priority neighbourhoods in the Outer South. Previous consultation carried out by the South Leeds PCT in 2004 entitled the RAPID appraisal also highlighted the Newlands and Denshaws as an area suffering from high levels of deprivation and social problems. Due to this, the area is one of the first three priority neighbourhoods to be tackled. The first stage of this process is the development of this Neighbourhood Improvement Plan which has been put together by the Area Management Team in conjunction with a multi-agency steering group. All the agencies involved have now signed up to the plan and the next stage is to deliver the actions and projects that are specified in the plan.

The aim of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan is to find ways of improving the quality of life of the people who live on the estate in addition to the people who live around the estate and are affected by the issues on there. The first part of this plan aims to identify baseline figures to paint a clearer picture of life on the estate and what is currently available to residents on there. The next section of the plan describes the priorities for action that have been identified for the area in more detail. The third section outlines the actions that are going to be taken as part of the plan and the final section outlines how the plan will be monitored.

2.0 Area Profile

2.1 Location

The Newlands and Denshaws estate is located in South Leeds and falls into the Morley South Ward. The estate is to the east of Morley Town Centre and for the purpose of the improvement plan its perimeters are Albert Road and Rydal Drive to the North, Rydal Crescent and Newlands Crescent to the East, Wide Lane to the

South and Clough Street and Middleton Road to the West, 18 streets in all (see appendix 1).

The Newlands and the Denshaws are seen in the eyes of local people as being two individual estates separated by Wide Lane. This is particularly the case amongst young people. The area has a typical post war council estate feel to it. Houses in many cases are built around square pieces of open ground originally intended as play areas. The area looks extremely grey, although there are some grassy patches outside many of the houses. Most of these patches have a no ball games sign on them to prevent children from playing on them. The majority of the houses have hedges as fencing which is problematic as litter often gets trapped underneath them.

There are several areas of new-build housing around the estate which appears to have accentuated the 'us' and 'them' attitude between people living in these houses and people who live in the current or ex council houses. However, many residents on the estate do still appear to have some sense of community spirit which is demonstrated by the estate having a well attended Tenants and Residents Association.

2.2 - Demographic Information

The total population of the Newlands and Denshaws estate is 3017. This accounts for 10% of the population of the Morley South ward.

The majority of the population fall within the 30 – 59 age range (38.78%).

The majority of the population of Newlands and Denshaws are White British (96.34%). This is higher than the city as a whole (89.16%).

The only other ethnic group that is substantially represented on the estate is Indian (1.26%). This is higher than the Indian population in the Ward as a whole (0.92%) although slightly lower than the city wide average (1.72%).

In terms of religion the majority of people on the estate class themselves as Christian (66%). There are very few people on the estate that class themselves as any other religion.

2.3 - Housing

There are 1375 households on the Newlands and Denshaws estate. 26.2% of these are rented from Leeds South homes. This is a higher proportion than for the ward as a whole (15.7%). 46.2% of houses are owned with a mortgage or loan and 15.5% of houses are owned outright.

The average household size on the estate is 2.3 people. This is higher than the average household size for the ward (2.25 people) but lower than that for Leeds as a whole (2.34).

The majority of houses on the Newlands and Denshaws estate are in Council Tax band A (88.6%). This is twice as high as the number of properties in the ward as a whole (44.25%) and citywide (41.7%). The percentage of vacant properties (4.48%) is also higher than the ward as a whole (3.2%).

2.4 - Health

One of the four SOAs on Newlands and Denshaws is ranked within the worst 20% in England in terms of health deprivation and disability.

A higher proportion of people on the estate class themselves as permanently sick/disabled therefore unable to work (5.7%) than compared with Morley South as a whole (4.9%). However a lower proportion of people on the estate see themselves having a limiting long term illness (16.4%) than in the ward (17%) and Leeds as a whole (18%).

2.5 - Economic Situation

Two out of the four super output areas (SOAs) on Newlands and Denshaws are ranked within the worst 20% in England according to the indices of multiple deprivation. This takes into account; income levels, employment levels, health deprivation and disability, education skills and training, barriers to housing and services, crime and disorder and the living environment.

The number of households on benefits is substantially higher in Newlands and Denshaws than the ward and the city as a whole. In Newlands and Denshaws 37.47% of households are on some type of Council administered benefit, compared with 18.14% in Morley South and 22.41% Leeds wide. Three of the four SOAs in Newlands and Denshaws are ranked within the worst 20% in Britain in terms of education, skills and training.

There is a higher proportion of lone parent households with dependent children on the estate (9.7%) than is the ward (6.4%) and Leeds as a whole (7.0%). A higher proportion of people are unemployed on the estate (3.3%) compared with the ward as a whole (2.7%). However the proportion of people unemployed in Leeds is the same proportion as that on the estate (3.3%).

2.6 - Facilities in the area

Community rooms available: the community cabin behind Newlands Primary School, the hall attached to Newlands Methodist Church, Lewisham Park Youth Centre is on the edge of the estate.

Libraries: The nearest library is Morley library on Commercial Street in Morley Town Centre

Shops: The main row of shops is on Albert Drive. There are six shop units that are made up of an off license and general grocery store, unisex salon, a sandwich shop, a tanning shop, a Chinese take away and an old post office which is now derelict but could be taken over by the Tenants and Residents Association.

There is also a sandwich shop, two Chinese takeaways, a grocery store and a mini market on Middleton Road.

Library: The nearest library to the estate is Morley Library on Commercial Street. This is around 1 mile from the estate.

Leisure Centres: The nearest leisure centre is Morley Leisure Centre on Queensway, around 1.2 miles from the estate.

Doctors: The nearest doctors' surgeries are situated in Morley Town Centre all around 1 mile away from the estate. These surgeries include Morley Health Centre and Windsor House Surgery on Corporation Street, The Surgery on South Queen Street and the Fountain Medical Centre on Little Fountain Street.

Dentists: The nearest dentists from the estate are all around Morley Town Centre. There are at least five dentists just over a mile away from the estate on Lee Watson Street, Windsor Street, Corporation Street and Little Fountain Street.

Dispensing Chemists: The nearest dispensing chemists for the estate are all in Morley Town Centre just over a mile away from the estate.

The closest Early Years nursery service on the estate is on Queens Street in Morley Town Centre, approximately 1 mile from the estate.

Morley Train Station is within close proximity to the estate. During the day trains to Leeds and Manchester from the station once an hour.

The number 46 and 45 bus service goes between Leeds and Morley on a regular basis, the journey takes around 35 minutes.

2.7 - Service delivery in the area

There are 4 Morley Town Council PCSOs who have responsibility for patrolling Morley Town Centre and the Morley Outer areas such as the Newlands, Denshaws. Newlands and Denshaws. The area is patrolled on several occasions throughout the week, however the PCSO deployment within their beat area is related to the intelligence/complaints/criminal activity/Anti Social behaviour hot spots therefore time spent in any one area can vary.

Bin collection takes place once a week on a Monday. There is a dog warden who patrols the area and has issued fixed penalties in the area.

An Estate Management Officer patrols the estate every 2 months noting any areas for action. He holds a housing surgery at the church hall on the estate every other Tuesday.

There is a senior session run from Lewisham Park Youth Club from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on a Wednesday evening and 6.30pm to 9.30pm on a Sunday evening.

There is an intermediate youth club from 5.30pm to 7.00pm on a Wednesday evening. The local youth workers have told us that several young people on the estate do attend these sessions.

There is C-card provision on a Tuesday from 5pm to 6.45 pm from Lewisham park youth club.

The health bus ran by the South Leeds PCT visits Morley Morrisons car park 3.pm to 5.pm on a Monday. This is the closest provision to the Newlands and Denshaws estate. The main purpose of the health bus in this area is to give young people advice on all health issues. A trained nurse, a youth worker and a driver is on board and it is possible for the staff to contact a doctor should one be needed

There is an Adventure Club for young people aged between 7 – 12 located at Newlands Methodist Church and ran by the Church. This takes place on a Tuesday, 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Around 20 young people attend the session and there is space for around 10 more.

There is one school on the estate, Morley Newlands Primary School that takes pupils between the ages of 3 to 11. The majority of young people in this age range on the estate go to this school

From the age of 11 most of the young people on the estate go to Morley High School. The school also has a sixth form college.

Joseph Priestly College and Newlands Methodist Church run computer sessions from the Chuch Hall for people of any age on a Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00am – 12.00am. They also run family computer sessions on a Saturday from 10.00am – 12.00am.

There is an extremely active and well attended Tenants and Residents Association for the Newlands and Denshaws area. The group meets bi-monthly and organises a range of activities / facilities on the estate including:

- A housing surgery
- Mums and tots group, Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am
- Trips out, for example to the seaside
- Classes for example aromatherapy, art classes and Spanish classes

3.0 Priority Issues

3.1 Key Priorities For Action

The first Newlands and Denshaws steering group was held in January. The group is chaired by Cllr Judith Elliott and a range of agencies sit on the group (see appendix 2). Through a series of group exercises the following were identified as being priority areas for action on the estate:

- Drugs
- The Environment
- Anti Social Behaviour – Both young people and adults

- Lack of diversionary activities for young people
- Raising aspirations

Discussions in subsequent meetings have been formed around what projects and services the group can deliver in the Newlands and Denshaws area to make improvements in the above priority areas and enhance current service provision.

3.2 Consultation

A range of consultation events have been held and the information gained from these events has been fed into the plan. A community consultation event was held in February which attracted around 20 local residents. Although the event was successful it was recognised that this failed to reach several key groups in the community. Therefore consultation was also carried out with the following groups;

- The coffee morning group which meets on a Saturday morning at Newlands Methodist Church (approximately 10 people)
- Young people who attend the senior session at Lewisham Park Youth Club (approximately 6 people)
- The Tenants and Residents Association (approximately 25 people)
- Young people who live in the area and attend Morley High School (approximately 12 people)
- Young people who live in the area and attend Morley Newlands Primary School (approximately 12 people)

Findings from the consultation confirmed the priorities of the steering group and are referred to in the focus on key issues section. The consultation had the following aims:

- To ensure we gained the views of as many residents who live on the estate as possible
- To gain a deeper insight into certain issues that the steering group had raised
- Help us to understand what it is like to live on the estate
- Enable us to gain the views of groups who are less likely to come forward in community consultation, for example young people

Previous consultation such as the RAPID appraisal conducted by the South Leeds PCT identified similar. This document particularly highlights the problem with drugs in the area and the fact that there are few diversionary activities for young people.

Focus on key issues

3.3 Drugs

Drugs was one area that almost everyone consulted, both young and old, felt was an area that needed to be tackled urgently on the estate. When the young people at Newlands Primary School were asked to cite the one thing that worried them about the area their first response was;

'The druggies worry me and the way that they behave' (pupil Morley Newlands Primary School).

Young people at Morley High School and Lewisham Park Youth Club all said that they were unable to play football at Lewisham Park for fear of the needles on there; *'there's only one area (to play football) Lewisham Park but no one goes there because of the drugs needles'* (pupil Morley High School).

The fact that drug users are often housed next to elderly people on the estate was one issue raised by several local residents at the community consultation event.

Discarded needles are found on most areas of open ground particularly in and around Albert Drive and Lewisham Park. Most people asked say that they believe that most users are in their late teens and early twenties. However some local people have given anecdotal evidence that some children as young as twelve are hooked on drugs in the area. Heroin, crack, cocaine and cannabis are substances that are known to be widely used in the area. Although the police have some knowledge of the dealers and users they say that drug issues in the area do not get reported very often and better intelligence is needed.

A needle exchange is co-ordinated from Lewisham Park Youth Club and this is the nearest provision that is aimed at people on the Newlands and Denshaws estate. The RAPID appraisal for the area highlighted that support services for people experiencing drugs problems often don't reach estates in the outer area of Leeds such as Newlands and Denshaws due to their geographical isolation.

An inter agency action group has been set up to look at drugs issues across the whole of Morley. The group intends to look at what projects are currently running in the area both for drug users and to prevent people from taking up the habit. The group will look to fill any gaps in service that they identify. As many members of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan steering group will also be part of this group it is likely that the estate will benefit from potential projects. Opinions on what people on the estate felt could be done to improve upon the situation were mixed. Some people felt more work should be done with young people to increase their awareness, however others felt that the authorities should be seen to be cracking down more heavily on the drug users themselves.

The following issues regarding drugs need addressing on the estate:

- Needles being found in any open area of ground, particularly around the Albert Drive Shops, Lewisham Park and garage sites
- Delivering drug education to young people at an early age children as there is evidence that children as young as 12 are becoming addicted to them
- Open drug dealing to be found on the estate

3.4 The Environment

The overall look of the estate appears to be a concern for many of the local residents. At the community consultation event one group stated that the overall look of the estate contributed to the fact that often people who live on the estate and the estate itself are stigmatised. Figures from the indices of multiple deprivation support

these comments. Three out of the four SOAs that cover Newlands and Denshaws fall into the worst 10% in the country in terms of the living environment domain. This incorporates internal measures such as the quality of housing and external measures such as air quality.

Young people from Morley High school and Newlands Primary School were asked if they agreed or disagreed with the statement 'I think my area looks nice'. Most of the young people disagreed and gave dog fouling, litter, lack of plants and trees and the state of ginnels as the reason for this. People at the community consultation event also highlighted problems with pot holed roads, untidy gardens, fly tipping and broken fences. The Area management Team conducted an environmental audit of the area which confirmed that all of the above were particular problems on the estate.

Under the traffic light system Leeds South Homes name each area either a red, amber or green zone. This indicates the level of environmental problems in the area and dictates how often the Estate Management Officer does an environmental audit, checking amongst other things the state of gardens and ginnels. Newlands and Denshaws has been named an amber zone, therefore these checks take place every four weeks. Following this, caution letters are sent out to Leeds South Homes residents who are not maintaining their gardens. Problems with gardens on private properties are passed onto the enforcement section. Fly tipping is also reported to City Services to be removed.

As part of the 5 year capital programme for South Leeds Homes, where necessary houses on the Newlands and Denshaws estate will be refurbished in stages during the course of 05/06. This includes where necessary new roofing, re wiring, new kitchens, new bathroom, internal doors and insulation. A gardening scheme was in place on the estate until December 2003. The tenants and residents association have purchased gardening tools such as a strimmer to hire out to people on the estate. The association are also looking into finding funding to buy a lawnmower for this purpose.

The following issues regarding the environment need to be addressed on the estate:

- Litter, particularly in 'hot spot' areas such as the Albert Drive Shops, garage sites and under hedges
- Dog fouling, not only on grassy areas such as Lewisham Park but on the streets also
- There are several unsightly areas that need improvements, such as garage sites, a site of land off clough street opposite Lewisham Park Youth Club and the Albert Drive Shops
- Overgrown gardens / broken fences that make the estate look untidy

3.5 Anti-Social Behaviour – from both young people and adults

Anti-social behaviour was an issue that most people involved in consultation felt needed tackling on the estate. Figures from the indices of multiple deprivation concerning crime also point to it being a problem. Two out of the four SOAs that make up the estate fall into the worst 10% in the country in terms of crime. The other

two fall into the worst 20% in the country. Criminal damage is a particular problem. Figures from last year showed that 35.79 people per thousand of population experiences this on the estate compared to 27.53 in Morley South and 31.66 city wide.

The issue is a concern for residents of all ages. Young people at Morley Newlands Primary school identified gangs of teenagers as being one reason why they didn't feel safe in their area;

'There are gangs of teenagers who stare at you as they walk past' (pupil Morley Newlands Primary School).

Steering group members and people who attended the community consultation event identified the parade of shops on Albert drive as being an anti-social behaviour hotspot. Other issues highlighted were stones being thrown off the church roof and at old peoples' bungalows. Several residents spoke about feeling uneasy as they had been taunted in the past when walking past groups of young people. Residents suspect that most of the young people causing this are between twelve to eighteen years old. The problem appears to be seasonal and become much worse in the summer.

The anti social behaviour team report that they only have two cases open at the moment on the Newlands and Denshaws estate. The team receive few referrals from this area compared to other estates.

The following issues regarding anti social behaviour need to be addressed on the estate:

- Increased awareness of the Anti Social Behaviour Units number which many residents do not appear to be aware of despite the fact that it is widely publicised through the Tenants and Residents Association
- Taking action to reduce anti social behaviour in certain hot spot areas such as around the shops on Albert Drive and in the garage site areas
- Increasing the number of diversionary activities for young people who live on the estate and increasing their awareness of the activities that are available for them

3.6 Lack of diversionary activities for young people

Community consultation and members of the steering group all expressed concern with the lack of activities for young people of all ages on the estate. This was echoed by young people at Morley High School, Morley Newlands Primary School and Lewisham Park Youth Club.

Newlands and Denshaws has a relatively high number of young people in the area compared with the rest of the Morley South Ward and Leeds as a whole. The percentage of people aged between 5 – 15 in the area is 16.5% compared with 14.97 in Morley South and 14.29 in Leeds as a whole. Eighty young people on the estate are currently attending an infant / junior / primary school. Sixty five young people on the estate are currently attending a secondary school or sixth form college.

The lack of a kick around area was highlighted by young people of all ages;

'I wish there were more rugby pitches and football pitches, there's no where for ball games' (pupil Morley Newlands Primary School).

The younger ones wanted a play area;

'There's nothing to climb or play on' (pupil Morley Newlands Primary School).

The young people at Lewisham Park Youth Club said they had been promised an adventure play area that they designed if they kept the park clean for two years. Upon doing this they were told it was not possible to have the playground.

Although the only youth club and park for the estate is at Lewisham Park there are several factors that prevent young people from using this. Firstly, the young people on the Newlands estate feel that Lewisham Park is too far for them to go and are unsure about what activities are held there. Also there is a perception amongst residents that particularly the senior sessions held there are male dominated and the young people are just there to play football. Some young people also feel unsafe around there as it is poorly lit and a lot of drug users use the park;

'There's only Lewisham Park but no one goes there because of the drugs' (pupil Morley High School).

When asked most young people said they would not play football on the field there due to the amount of dog fouling in the area.

This lack of facilities leads to bad feeling between young people and other residents on the estate, particularly older residents. Young people congregate and play on the street. Even if the group is doing nothing wrong this often scares and annoys other residents;

'When I play out a man shouts at me, it makes me feel sad and angry' (pupil Morley Newlands Primary School).

There are stories of residents keeping balls that go over their fence and getting into confrontational situations with the young people. When asked, most of the young people agreed with the statement 'there's nowhere to play where people do not get annoyed with us'.

Morley High School pupils felt that there was even less to do on the estate after the age of 13. They appeared to be interested in taking part in more structured activities other than doing things such as playing pool / football at a youth club. One young person suggested classes in mechanics and having the chance to tinker with cars. Many of them expressed an interest in boxing and martial arts. They felt that if these activities were available it would help relieve some young people of the aggression they that often channel towards others.

The following issues regarding the lack of diversionary activities for young people need to be addressed on the estate:

- A clearer awareness of the needs of young people in the area and what they would like to do in their time out of school
- Areas are needed for young people to play ball games and congregate away from other residents
- Relationships between young people and older residents on the estate could be improved
- More structures activities such as youth clubs need to be available
- Younger children and older young people need somewhere to go where they will feel safe

3.7 Raising Aspirations

Figures from the indices of multiple deprivation indicate that the estate suffers from many socio economic issues such as low household income, skill levels and educational attainment, in addition to high unemployment. Please see figures in economic situation section on page 3.

Several classes already take place on the estate that are co-ordinated by the Tenants and Residents Association. These include arts classes and cookery classes. Computer classes take place in the Church Hall.

The following issues regarding raising aspirations need to be addressed on the estate:

- Encouraging people to take up educational opportunities that are available to them and ensuring people are aware of the range of options that are open to them
- Ensuring that opportunities for employment are made as available as possible for people on the estate

4.0 Identified Actions for Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

Key Priority	Project/Action	Lead Agency/ Others involved	Costs/Sources of Funding	Outputs	Outcomes	Timescales for Key Stages	Short, Medium, Long Term Actions	Progress Reports
1.1 Drugs	Introduction of needle safe	DAT St Anne's	No costs involved	1 needle safe in Morley	Reduction of discarded needles	Identification of site – June Safe in place - September	S	Regular updates to Area Committee Update to Morley Drug Action Group
1.2 Drugs	Identification of further ways to reduce discarded needles	DAT St Anne's Area Management	No costs involved	X number of needle information cards distributed X number of needles returned per month	Reduction of discarded needles	Identification of actions – June Implementation of actions – July onwards	S/M	Regular updates to Area Committee Update to Morley Drug Action Group
1.3 Drugs	Breaking the cycle project aimed at young people and adults on the estate	Morley Newlands Primary School, Breaking the Cycle Project, Area Management	Project funded by DAT and Morley Town Council	A number of young people and adults on the estate receiving education on drugs	Increased knowledge and awareness of drugs in the area	Project delivery - June	S	Report on success of project to Area committee in June / July

1.4 Drugs	Drugs outreach project for Morley spending some time on Newlands and Denshaws Estate	Morley Drug Action Group	Estimated costs - £1,000 for a pilot project Area Committee - Mice St Pauls Church £500	Number of people given information on drugs Number of drug users spoken to Number of drug users signposted to other support services	More drug users accessing treatment Greater awareness of extent of problem in the area	Brief put together – May Delivery of project – June / July with a view to creating a further project	S	Regular updates to Area Committee Regular reporting to Morley Drug Action Group
2.1 The Environment	Environmental Improvements of waste / unsightly land	Area Management, City Services, ALMO , Community groups	Estimated costs £2,000 - Capital Potential 106 Green Space money, Area Committee funding.	Three areas with significant environmental improvements	Greater pride in the area. Reduction in fly tipping / dumping on certain areas of land	Areas identified – June Plans drawn up for areas – July Improvements to be commenced – August on a phased basis	S	Regular updates to Area Committee
2.2 The Environment	Agency Interaction Days – Clean up, enforcement, LEAP environmental audits	Area Management, City Services, ALMO, Police local volunteers, Youth Service, Youth Offending Team voluntary and community organisations,	No additional costs	Two clean up days per year. Distribution of enforcement materials	Greater level of awareness amongst residents and young people of environmental issues Improvements made to identified environmental	Clean up days in summer, and winter on the back of LEAP Environmental Audits completed before LEAP week	S	Regular update to Area committee

		Newlands Community Church, Morley Newland Primary School.			hotspots			
2.3 The Environment	Self Help Gardening Scheme	Area Management , ALMO, City Services TRA, Social Services, Morley Elderly Action, Groundwork, the Youth Service	Costs unknown	Number of gardens tended	Improvement to look of estate, greater pride in area	Scheme to be established by June	M	Regular update to Area committee
2.4 The Environment	Plan of action to discourage dog fouling.	City services Area Management and other community groups and schools	No costs involved	Number of groups spoken to on issue Number of fixed penalty notices issued	Decreased amount of dog fouling on the estate Increased number of culprits identified	Plan to be in place – July Actions implemented - September	S	Update to Area Committee
2.5 The Environment	Environmental awareness poster campaign	Morley Newlands Primary School , City Services, Area Management	£500 - Revenue Area Committee Section 106	Number of posters put up around the estate	Increased environmental awareness Increased pride in the community	Design of poster September Decision made – November Posters erected – January / February	M	Regular updates to Area Committee

3.1 - Reducing Anti Social Behaviour	Security measures around Albert Drive shops	ALMO , Area Management, Morley Newlands Primary School, Community Safety	Security lighting - £4410+VAT Security gates and fencing £13,904 + VAT Repair work to land - £15,000 Total: £33,314 - capital Area Committee funding Section 106 ALMO funding possibility Education Leeds funding possibility	Area well lit Secure gating and fencing around the back of the shops	Reduction of anti social behaviour Area to be more visually attractive Reduction in fly tipping Improvement in safety of area	Final proposal – May Consultation – June / July Work to begin - September	S	Regular updates to Area Committee
3.2 Reducing anti social behaviour	Encourage reporting of ASB	Anti social behaviour unit , TRA	No costs involved	X Number of households leafleted	Increased awareness of how to report incidences of anti social behaviour	First leafleting to be completed by June then repeated on a regular basis	S	Regular updates to area committee
3.3 Reducing anti social behaviour	Victim support outreach sessions	Anti social behaviour unit	No costs involved	Sessions held twice a month for three hours at Morley Town Hall	Support for people who have reported or been victims of crime or ASB	Sessions to be set up by June	S	Regular updates to area committee

3.4 Reducing Anti Social Behaviour	Inter generational work	The Youth Service , Area Management, other community and voluntary groups.	Estimated costs: Hanging Baskets - £200 Cookery courses and wider project - £1000 £1,200 in total Area Committee funding - Revenue Youth Service funding	Hanging baskets to be cultivated Young people to utilise their skills on estate	Increased understanding between generations Increased skills and confidence for young people	Commence the planning of both projects in September Look to deliver the hanging basket project in spring 2006 Look to deliver the cookery project in September	M	Regular updates to Area Committee
4.1 Lack of diversionary activities for young people	Consultation with young people	Youth Service , Area Management, Schools	Estimated costs - £3,000 to set up projects identified - revenue Area committee funding Youth service funding	X number of young people consulted with	Increased number of diversionary activities that young people want	Consultation planned – May Consultation carried out – June Projects proposed - July Project implementation - September	S	Regular updates to Area Committee
4.2 Lack of diversionary activities for	Kick around area aimed at younger	Tenants and Residents Association ,	Estimated Costs £15,000 capital	A secure kick around area for young	Less conflict between young people	Consultation completed by June 2005	S	Regular updates to Area

young people	children	South Leeds Health For All, Area Management	Area Committee Section 106 funding	people closed off in the late evening	and residents Environmental improvement to estate	Work to begin September		Committee
4.3 Lack of diversionary activities for young people	Improvements to Lewisham Park	Youth Service , parks and countryside, area management, learning and leisure, city services	Estimated costs £10,000 - Capital Area Committee funding 106 Green Space Money	Improvements made to increase the number of young people using the park	Increased diversionary activities for young people Better use of open area	Start identifying improvements – June Project plan outlining improvements – August Look to start implementing the work - October	S	Regular updates to Area Committee
4.4 Lack of diversionary activities for young people	Cyber café tea time club for younger children 8 - 12	Youth Service , Newlands Primary School, Area Management	Worker to supervise session	X Number of young people going to cafe	Increased skills young people Extra diversionary activity	Commence work on project from September	M	Regular updates to Area Committee from September
4.5 Lack of diversionary activities for young people	Dance Classes – DAZL	DAZL , South Leeds health for All, Area Management	No additional cost	X number of young people at risk of being involved in ASB taking up classes	Increase confidence and skills of young people Health benefits involved.	Classes to have started by September	S	Regular updates to Area Committee

5.1 Raising Aspirations	CV Surgery	Area Management, Tenants and Residents Association	No additional cost	X number of people going to surgery	Increased number of people seeking	Look to have in place by September 2005	S	Regular updates to Area Committee
5.2 Raising Aspirations	Look at feasibility of outreach classes from Joseph Priestly college on the estate	Area Management, Tenants and Residents Association	No additional cost	X number of people taking up classes	An increased number of educational opportunities on the estate	Look to have place by September 2005	S	Regular updates to Area Committee
5.3 Raising Aspirations	Single parent advisor drop in sessions	Area management, Tenants and Residents Association	No additional cost	X number of people attending sessions	An increased number of single parents on the estate accessing advice and support	Look to have place by September 2005	S	Regular updates to Area Committee

Costs Proposed

Revenue

£500 – Poster campaign

£1,200 – Inter generational work

£3,000 – Diversionary activities for young people (estimated)

Total - £4,700

Capital

£2,000 - Environmental Improvements unsightly ground (estimated)

£33,314 – Albert Drive Shop Improvements

£15,000 – Kick around area, Newlands side of estate (estimated)

£10,000 – Improvements to Lewisham Park (estimated)

Total - £60,314

5.0 - Monitoring

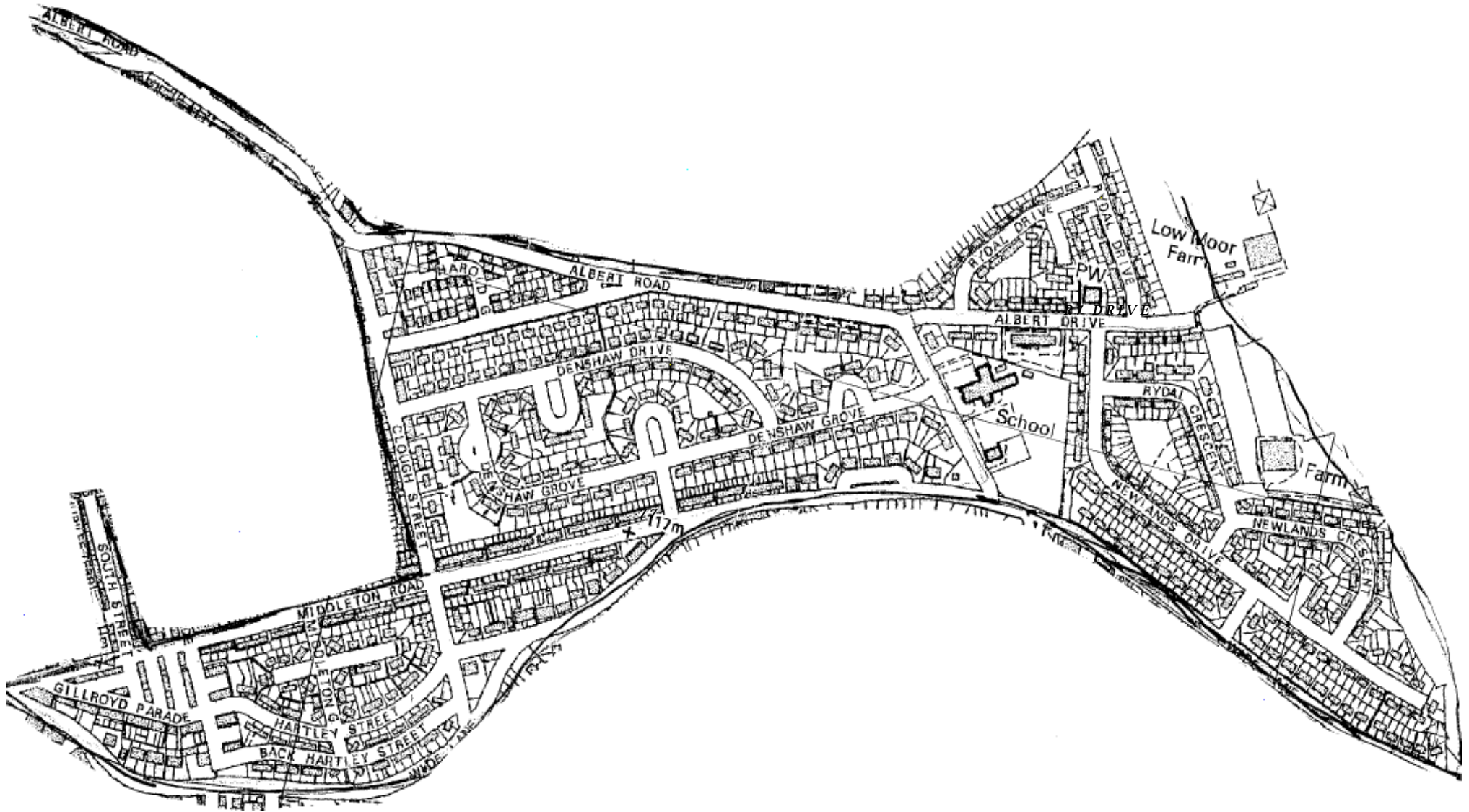
Once the plan is in place it is essential to have mechanisms to ensure it is being delivered effectively and within the set time frames. As Neighbourhood Improvement Plans are a new initiative for the Outer South Area Committee it is also important to ensure actions and the plan as a whole are having a positive effect on the neighbourhood in the ways which we intend them to. Due to this it is important that the plan be monitored effectively.

Once the plan has been agreed, regular steering group meetings will continue to take place on a quarterly basis. Those agencies who are taking the lead to deliver actions will be asked to report to the steering group on the progress they have made and how they intend to progress or amend the action if necessary.

A questionnaire will be sent to every house on the estate along with a pre paid envelope. This questionnaire will help to measure residents perceptions of life on the estate and their views on issues which the plan looks to address. Once the results from this have been collated, information gained from the questionnaire will be passed onto the steering group. This exercise will then be repeated approximately 12 months later. It is hoped that this will indicate to the steering group areas in which the plan has had some effect and areas which may need readdressing.

As mentioned in the consultation section, several consultation exercises have been carried out to aid us in putting this plan together and to ensure that actions in it address the concerns of the local residents as closely as possible. To assess how effectively the plan has done this it is hoped that these consultation exercises can be repeated twelve to eighteen months after the implementation of the plan to assess the effectiveness of the actions taken and see if attitudes have changed.

6.0 Appendices



Agencies Represented on Steering Group

- Leeds South Homes
- Morley Borough Independent Councillors
- City Services
- Local Residents
- The Tenants and Residents Association
- West Yorkshire Police
- Education Welfare
- Anti Social Behaviour Team
- Primary Care Trust
- Groundwork
- Newlands Community Church
- South Leeds Health For All
- South Leeds PCT
- The Youth Service
- The Development Department
- Newlands Primary School

Neighbourhood Improvement Plan
Eastleigh & Fairleigh Estate, Tingley
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1.0 Introduction

In September 2004 the Outer South Area Committee met for the second time, a major item on their agenda was the Outer South's Profile and Priorities Document. This substantial piece of work detailed a wide range of statistical information about the area including levels of deprivation, crime & disorder, community safety, benefits, education, housing, health, traffic & transportation and the environment. The document also profiled the existing service provision in terms of the above areas and therefore looked at the work of such agencies as StreetScene, Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, Police Community Support Officers, schools & further education establishments, Youth Services, Social Services, Highways and Metro. This body of information was then used to determine the priority issues that the Area Committee wanted to concentrate on. The 5 agreed priority themes are/were;

1. Working with Young People
2. StreetScene and the Environment
3. Community Safety
4. Priority Neighbourhoods
5. Town Centre Development

Out of the theme of Priority Neighbourhoods, 9 localised areas were identified using the Indices of Multiple Deprivation from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, along with consultation with locally elected members of Leeds City Council. The neighbourhoods highlighted were;

1. John O'Gaunts (Rothwell)
2. Parts of Oulton & Woodlesford (Rothwell)
3. Wood Lane Estate (Rothwell)
4. Eastleighs & Fairleighs, Tingley (Ardsley & Robin Hood)
5. Northfields (Ardsley and Robin Hood)
6. Newlands & Denshaws (Morley South)
7. The Harrops (Morley South)
8. Fairfax & Oakwell Estate (Morley North)
9. Springbank & Moorlands (Morley North)

These neighbourhoods were statistically represented as those suffering the highest levels of deprivation in Outer South Leeds. In the majority of cases mirroring social, economic and environmental deprivation historically linked with inner city areas. It was agreed that each of these areas would have a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) developed in conjunction with service providers and the local community. It was decided a phased approach would be the most appropriate means to deal with the development of the 9 Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

1.1 Aim

The aim of the NIP is to, through a variety of consultation methods, identify actions in conjunction with partner agencies, ensure the effective delivery of these actions and work to sustain the improvements made. The output of these actions will be improvements to the overall quality of life for residents of the area. The individual initiatives will be geared to adding value to and filling gaps in existing service provision, not instead of services the area should already be receiving.

2.0 Area Profile

2.1 The Area

The following information is set out to try to give an overview of the demographic make up of the Eastleigh Estate and identify some of the services and facilities available to residents.

The Eastleigh Estate is situated 5 miles to the South of Leeds City Centre, 5 miles to the North West of Wakefield and 3 miles to the South East of Morley. The area is bordered to the north, west and east by 2 of the region's major motorways. The M1, Junction 42 is 2 miles to the east while Junction 29 of the M62 is just 1 mile to the west. In addition to having easy access to the shopping centres of Leeds, Morley and Wakefield there is also the White Rose Shopping Centre just 2 miles away.

The Neighbourhood Improvement Area is bordered to the north by the A650 Bradford Road, stretching from Smithy Lane to Westerton Road (opposite Country Baskets). The southern boundary is Westerton Road until it meets the bottom end of Smithy Lane. The streets covered are;

Smithy Lane	Bradford Road (even nos. 164 – 232 & 62 – 96)
Old Hall Road	Greenwood Road
Fairleigh Road	Fairleigh Crescent
Thirlmere Drive	Leigh View
Leigh Road	Leigh Avenue
Eastleigh Drive	Eastleigh Court
Kirkwood Grove	Lindsay Acre
The Crescent	The Grove
The Avenue	Redwood Avenue
Westerton Walk	Garden House Lane
Westerton Close	Westerton Road (even nos. 6 – 176 & odd nos. 5 – 275)
Regency Gardens	

Please refer to Appendix 1 for map of the area.

The area has a mixture of private, owner occupied and council housing, the split being virtually 50:50. In line with the general make up of housing in the area there is a mix of terrace and semi-detached two storey, red brick builds, a high percentage of which have been externally rendered.

2.2 Statistical Information

2.2a A total of 2580 people live within the Neighbourhood Improvement Area, 30% of these are 19 years old or under and 21% are over 60.

The ethnicity of the area is predominantly White British (97%).

73% of the population state that they are Christian while a further 26% did not make any reference or claimed not to have a religious belief.

Out of a total of 1045 households within the Neighbourhood Improvement Area 35% are in receipt of some form of Council administered benefit.

Crime figures for the area are all below ward and city-wide levels with the exception of Criminal Damage at 38 per 1000 people, compared with 27.5 for the ward and 32 city-wide.

Appendix 2 gives a graphical representation of 2003/04 and 2004/05 levels of recorded crime for Beat 25 which includes the Eastleigh estate.

Appendix 3 shows comparative figures with Morley South Ward (data only available for old ward boundaries) and Leeds City-wide.

2.2b Deprivation Indices

The estate is ranked 5,898 out of 32,482 areas nation-wide according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation, this means that it is nationally within the top 20% most deprived neighbourhoods. This is the lowest ranking in the ward.

Education, Skills and Training Deprivation domain ranking is 2954, within the lowest 10% nationally and the only area in the ward to fall into this bracket.

Crime Domain ranking is 4911, nationally within the lowest 20%.

Living Environment Domain ranking is 371, within the lowest 10% nationally, and the lowest ranking in the Outer South Leeds area. The next lowest ranking within the ward is 2349.

2.3 Facilities

ØTransport – Regular buses to Wakefield (approx. 20 mins), Morley (approx 7 mins), Leeds (approx. 30 mins), White Rose Centre (approx. 10 mins).

ØSchools/Colleges – Blackgates Junior (Smithy Lane), Westerton Primary (Westerton Road), Woodkirk High (Rein Road) and West Ardsley Adult Training Centre.

ØDoctors – one surgery on Leigh View (6 doctors).

ØDentist – surgery on Bradford Road.

ØPharmacy – on Bradford Road.

ØFood Shops – grocery/Off licence and Newsagent/Grocery shops on Fairleigh Road. Co-op on Bradford Road.

- ØLibrary – new library opened in September 2004 having been relocated from Easleigh Drive to Bradford Road.
- ØWest Ardsley Youth Centre – used by a mixture of local groups.
- ØChurches – There is one church within the NIP area, Church of the Nazarene on Thirlmere Drive which has facilities that can be used by local groups. At the time of writing this report only a weekly Mums & Tots session runs.
- ØThere are no local sports centres, either Rothwell, Morley or Middleton would have to be accessed.

2.4 Existing Service Provision

There are a number of key agencies who deliver services in this area, along with a small number of community groups who run regular sessions.

2.4.1 City Services

The StreetScene division of City Services includes refuse collection which takes place on Monday of each week. Green bin collection on a 4 weekly cycle. Street sweeping which for the majority of the NIP area is a 3 week cycle taking place on Thursdays, a few streets however only get swept one Saturday in every 6. The service aims to empty public litter bins 3 times per week. Litter picking is on a report only basis. Finally, as with the city as a whole there is the bulky item collection service which offers residents 13 collections per year for the disposal of larger household goods.

2.4.2 ALMO

Leeds South Homes is responsible for the management of 517 tenancies, a mixture of houses, flats and sheltered accommodation, accounting for just under 50% of the total 1045 households within the NIP area. The ALMO employs an Estate Management Officer (EMO) who regularly has a presence in the area and holds fortnightly surgeries at which council tenants can raise issues or concerns. Leeds South Homes also has an Estate Caretaker Team who are deployed on an 'as and when' basis to deal with bulky collections, tidying up problem gardens and general outdoor maintenance of ALMO managed areas.

As part of South Leeds Homes' 5 Year Capital Programme council housing on the estate will be undergoing substantial improvements during financial year 2005/06. These include such things as re-roofing, re-wiring, new kitchen, bathroom and internal doors, it is important to note that not all household will get all work carried out.

2.4.3 Police

Since the introduction of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) during 2003/2004, the local policing division of Morley has been able to input more resources into the Eastleighs & Fairleighs area of their patch. There is one Police Constable and 3 PCSO's who cover Tingley, East and West Ardsley. The PCSO's are helping to increase policing visibility on the street and especially around locations where incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour have been more prevalent.

2.4.4 Learning & Leisure

Within the NIP area the Parks & Countryside division of Learning & Leisure have one site they are responsible for. Smithy Lane Recreation Ground, located at the western boundary of the area. This is the only area designated for recreational purposes in the neighbourhood, although there are other grassed locations which could also be used for play.

Learning & Leisure also have management responsibility for the West Ardsley Youth Centre which is used by Youth Services as a base for the Area Youth Worker. Intermediate and Senior Youth Clubs are held at the centre on Wednesday evenings, 4.15pm to 6pm and 6.15pm to 8.30pm respectively. The centre is also used by a number of community groups as a venue for their activities, these include Eastleighs Senior Citizens Club, Mums & Tots, Dance Action Zone Leeds (DAZL) and Tingley Brass Band.

2.4.5 Signpost Project

This is a pilot project established to carry out work in Tingley, Outer South Leeds and Middleton Park in Inner South. The purpose of Signpost is to work with young people in danger of becoming, or who are already involved in low level anti-social behaviour (ASB). A holistic approach is taken whereby Signpost staff work not only with the young person but their immediate family. They look at reasons for the behaviour and address how this can be turned around. Referrals to the project are taken through a number of channels but predominantly the police, ASB Unit, Social Services, ALMO and Youth Services. Funding has been guaranteed until March 2006.

2.4.6 Community Groups

There are only a few community groups in the area. The Eastleigh Senior Citizens Club and the Tingley Leisure Group are both well established, providing a social setting for older members of the community. Both groups use the West Ardsley Youth Centre as their meeting place. The Eastleigh Senior Citizens Club meets every Wednesday 1pm till 3.30pm and Tingley Leisure Group meet once a month to listen to talks from guest speakers. There are also 2 Mums & Tots groups in the NIP area, one runs from the West Ardsley Youth Centre on a Wednesday morning 9.30am to 11am. The second is held at the Church of the Nazarene, Thirlmere Drive on Monday afternoons 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

2.4.7 Teenage Health Bus

The South Leeds PCT Teenage Health Bus is stationed in the NIP area every other Monday 5.30 to 6.30pm. It provides advice and information to young people on all aspects of health. Between September 2003 and August 2004 the bus visited the estate on 31 occasions and recorded visits over this period by 129 boys and 134 girls, a total of 263 (figures may include the same person counted more than once as visitors per week totalled and the same person could have visited on any number of the 31 occasions).

3.0 Consultation Process

The aim of the community consultation process was to work in partnership with the local community to ensure that the priority issues addressed through the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP), reflected the major areas of concern of residents. It also aimed to encourage local community members to become involved in the process of developing and delivering improvements along side relevant sections of Leeds City Council and other agencies.

3.1 Summary

The process used 3 methods of consultation;

3.1.1 Steering Group – including representatives from the local community, schools, Youth Service, Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, South Leeds PCT, Leeds South Homes, Library Services, the Police (beat officers and Neighbourhood Watch), Signpost Project and Local Councillors. The group began by looking at what existing services are available in the area, identifying gaps in this provision, discussing how these gaps could be filled and what resources each party could input into the process of delivering change.

3.1.2 Consultation Event – the aim of the event was to gain agreement from the local residents on what priority themes the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan should include and what initiatives/changes needed to be instigated in order to improve the area. It also aimed to get a commitment from community members to participate in the delivery of change and the sustaining of improvements. Attendees were asked to put forward their views and ideas through small workshop sessions which were then fed into the NIP. Leaflets were delivered to each house within the NIP area the week running up to the consultation event.

3.1.3 Focus Groups – held to gather information on the main issues that specific groups of residents have about the estate. It was proposed that existing groups within the NIP area be accessed, including the Eastleigh Senior Citizens Club, West Ardsley Youth Club, Mum and Tots, Woodkirk High School and others as identified. A variety of different techniques were devised for running the groups dependant on the target audience, for example, questionnaires, interactive exercises for young people and discussion forums.

3.1.4 In addition to the above methods it was also intended to distribute a postal questionnaire to all households within the NIP area. At the time of writing this report the questionnaire has been devised but not mailed out due to a number of logistical problems.

3.2 Analysis

The statistical data gathered to form the bulk of the Area Profile clearly indicated that a number of issues such as young people and the environment were significantly higher in the Eastleigh & Fairleigh Estate than other parts of south Leeds. These issues were reiterated and reinforced throughout the consultation process from the first Steering Group meeting, through the community event to the various focus groups. For an overview of comments received during all the consultation methods see Appendix 4.

Issues surrounding young people and ASB was a key concern for those not classed as 'young people'. However there was recognition that the problems were due to the lack of activities and play facilities in the area. Young people were also able to identify that playing on the street and congregating in numbers may cause annoyance and intimidation to other residents, but it was argued that there was no where else for them to go. The parade of shops on Fairleigh Road would appear to be a meeting point for local youngsters. Whether just hanging out or misbehaving other residents report often feeling uneasy walking passed these groups.

Another major concern for the young people engaged with was safety. Although most professed to feeling safe within their neighbourhood because people know each other and 'look out for one another'. They also expressed concern about 'gangs' of other youngsters hanging around, causing trouble, being intimidating and perhaps drug taking in the ginnels around the estate where there is no lighting, heightening their feeling of intimidation.

A number of older residents consulted with said that they would like to undertake some form of intergenerational work, perhaps with them taking a mentoring/advisory role and young people carrying out the physical aspects.

Young people themselves wanted more to do in the early evening and on weekends. Simple things such as being able to play on grass areas (which they can't currently do due to dog fouling issues) would be viewed as an improvement for them. There was a lot of support for increasing the number of sporting activity in the area whether structured through classes or unstructured such as a kick about area or basketball court.

There was also a consensus from all the young people consulted with that they would be willing to get involved in the delivery of projects or initiatives such as clean up days or building an area to hang out.

The young people who attended the focus group at Woodkirk High School said that they did not know where to find out about clubs and activities in their area. Most relied on word of mouth from friends and family to learn about what was going on. When posed with the question of how they could most easily access this information a resounding response was 'the internet', a paper directory was also viewed as a good medium to find details.

In addition to there being a lack of facilities for young people there is also no play area for younger children. This means that parents wishing to take their children to a playground with swings and slides have to walk to the nearest park on Hesketh Lane which takes 20-30 minutes.

It was evident that all those consulted with thought that the environment could be significantly improved through action against fly tipping, littering, dog fouling, improvement to the local shop fronts and the general tidiness of gardens.

Smithy Lane Recreation Ground suffers severely from dog faeces being left by dog owners which has meant that young people in the area cannot use the ground. In summer 2004 coaching sessions with Leeds United, paid for by Youth Services had to be cancelled due to the problem of faeces on the field. The coaches from Leeds

United refused to carry out the sessions because of the health hazard causes by the state of the area.

The old library site between Garden House Lane, Eastleigh Drive and The Avenue is a large area that suffers regularly from fly tipping. Similarly, Westerton Road at the bottom of Garden House Lane borders onto a farm field where bulky items are dumped down the embankment. As with a lot of areas general litter is also an issue and if reduced would help to raise the impression of the area.

Untidy gardens were also mentioned by a number of residents. Some gardens were just viewed as overgrown and unkempt, whereas, with others it is household rubbish being left outside. There are potentially 2 issues here, one is inability to tend to the garden through age or disability, the other is apathy.

Residents did not appear to view the lack of a community/residents association as a problem, however they did see the benefit that could be derived if such a group were established and supported in an effective way. There was also a lack of knowledge about what being involved with an association would entail, which made people wary of volunteering.

It would appear that many people in the area have a wide support structure in terms of family and friends but no formal vehicle through which issues can be raised, discussed and actions taken.

The area also does not have any annual event such as a summer fair or community day, other than a travelling fairground that sites itself just off Bradford Road for a week each August.

A number of residents also stated that the local shops on Fairleigh Road were not providing for the community's needs. A number of years ago there used to be a bakery and other shops that were well used. Now there is a Newsagents, Off Licence, Fish and Chip Shop (that is reported not to open) and a Pizza takeaway.

Older residents in the area stated that they did not venture out in the evenings as they did not feel safe. This was largely due to young people on the streets who can sometimes be verbally abusive.

Even though the area has 2 well established groups for pensioners and older residents, Eastleigh Senior Citizens Club and Tingley Leisure Group, not everyone is aware of their existence. The Senior Citizens Club is running at full capacity with demand outweighing the numbers they are currently able to facilitate. Suggestions made included holding whist drives, craft events, dance sessions, first aid courses and a luncheon club.

3.3 Conclusion

From the information gathered it is very evident that issues are not exclusive to different ages and sections of the community. What affects one generation or group affects others in varying degrees as well.

The process also highlighted the difficulty in differentiating between those young people harmlessly hanging out with friends and those who may be likely to cause a

nuisance to others. This is something that is exacerbated by media coverage which generally portrays young people in a negative light. Equally so, young people may only ever have unconstructive interaction with older people telling them off. Therefore addressing the issue of understanding between different generations is essential, intergenerational work can deliver multiple benefits throughout the community.

Recognition was given by older residents and the Mums & Tots group for the work that Youth Services carries out at the youth centre given the limitations that it has to work with in terms of staffing resources.

What did come across during the consultation was that the majority of people really liked living in the neighbourhood and that if their concerns could be addressed then they would be very happy with the area. Additionally, there was a great willingness to get involved in making improvements which hopefully will carry over from the consultation into delivering actions.

All individuals consulted with were enthusiastic for improvements to be made, however some were sceptical about how effective this would be due to feelings that they had seen similar things tried with minimal or no impact in the past.

4.0 Key Priorities for Action

4.1 Young People

There appears to be a lack of 'things to do' in the area for young people which could have links with the issue of ASB in and around the estate. With no usable recreation area or facility to access on a daily basis (other than the Youth centre on Wednesday evenings) young people gather and do their socialising on the street which is where conflict arises with other residents of the area.

4.2 The Environment

The area has recently been down graded by Leeds South Homes from red to amber according to their traffic lighting system. This means that there have been improvements in the area across a number of issues, one of which is the environment (others are such things as ASB). Due to the high levels of fly tipping, litter and dog fouling in the area there is the need for a lot of enforcement and education to take place in order to make improvements.

4.3 Community Involvement

No residents or community association exists in the area, although attempts have been made to establish such groups in the past unfortunately with limited success. As detailed in Section 2.4.6 there are a small number of community groups, however at present they run in isolation to one another and the community as a whole.

4.4 Older People/Parents

This theme covers quite a wide base but it was thought that if issues facing young people were to be a priority then conversely those impacting on older people and parents (especially single parents) should be looked at. Addressing issues of social isolation and safety is a priority as identified through the consultation process.

5.0 Action Plan

Priority	Project/Action	Lead Agency/ Others involved	Costs/ Sources of Funding	Outputs	Outcomes	Timescales for Key Stages	Progress Reports
High Priority Short Term)	CAVA - A Crime and Grime Initiative for South Leeds. Multi agency approach to tackling problem areas. Co-ordinating resource deployment so that all agencies concentrating in one area during a set time. Agencies not being asked to put extra resources into the area, just to input what they would normally do during a set time frame. See Appendix 5 for operation brief and full timetable of action	Community Safety. Police, Fire Service, ALMO, StreetScene, Enforcement, ASB Unit, AMT	No direct cost implications other than officers time and those incurred as part of the partner agencies normal duties.	Enforcement notices served on houses with problem gardens. Rent arrears collection. Fly tipping and bulky items removed. Household fire safety checks. Leafleting and speaking to residents regarding the Community Clean up Day. All agencies to carryout their work.	Increased awareness of local residents in matters of enforcement, fire safety, ASB, community safety and other council services. A cleaner living environment for local residents. Local residents getting involved in cleaning up grot spots near their homes.	1 st April, environmental audit. 13 th April 2005 CAVA begins. 4 th May 2005 debrief meeting will all agencies and planning session for the follow up week. Monday 6 th June environmental audit W/c 13 th June 2005, 2 nd week of activity begins. W/c 20 th June 2005, review of the operation.	Minutes Minutes & operation review report.
High Priority Short Term)	Community Clean up Day. With possibility of setting up as a regular quarterly or twice yearly activity.	AMT, Youth Services, Youth Offending Team. StreetScene to supply necessary equipment.	£100 for food & refreshment supplies. Sandwiches & drinks for 25 being provided free of charge by Greggs	Identified sites cleared of small items of litter and waste. Material viable for recycling collected separately.	'Grot spots' cleared and in state to allow grass cutting and potential use by young people. Environmental impact as viable waste sent for recycling.	13 th /14 th /15 th April, leafleting and door knocking in the area W/c 18 th April, environmental check of the areas designated for the clean up	Initial review report compiled 25 th April. Overview go to Area Committee

Priority	Project/Action	Lead Agency/ Others involved	Costs/ Sources of Funding	Outputs	Outcomes	Timescales for Key Stages	Progress Reports
			<p>£75 for production of promotional leaflets.</p> <p>Funding from AMT for food; ALMO printing leaflets free of charge; City Services in kind through loan of equipment.</p> <p>REVENUE Consultation budget</p>	Entry into Leeds Community Pride Award.	<p>Raised awareness among residents on environmental issues.</p> <p>Increased sense of community pride.</p>	<p>post leap week.</p> <p>Initial clean up on 23rd April 2005.</p> <p>W/c 25th April, review of the success of the clean up and future dates set.</p> <p>Entry form for the Community Pride Awards completed and submitted.</p>	
<p>Environment</p> <p>Short Term)</p>	Smithy Lane Recreation Ground - clean up and enforcement around dog fouling issues so that young people can make use of the area during the summer holidays.	<p>Dog Warden, Parks & Countryside</p> <p>Area Management</p>	Funding to be negotiated with Parks & Countryside and Dog Warden.	<p>Site is cleared of any present dog faeces.</p> <p>Increased warden patrols with on the spot fines for those not clearing up after their dogs.</p> <p>Installation of a disposal unit for dog faeces at both entrances to the site.</p> <p>Increased prominence of 'no dog fouling' signs.</p>	<p>The area has a significant improvement in the amount of dog faeces being left on the site.</p> <p>Increased awareness of dog owners as to how their actions impact on other, potential users of the site.</p> <p>Young people are able to use the site for recreation and play purposes.</p>	<p>Clean up of dog faeces by end April 2005.</p> <p>Ongoing patrols by the local dog warden (already under way).</p>	<p>P&C updates</p> <p>Fortnightly updates as to activity at the site.</p>

Priority	Project/Action	Lead Agency/ Others involved	Costs/ Sources of Funding	Outputs	Outcomes	Timescales for Key Stages	Progress Reports
Young People Short Term)	Smith Lane Recreation Ground – in conjunction with the above project. Pupils from Blackgates Junior School to design posters to support the anti dog fouling issue. Posters to be printed and put up around the area with particular emphasis on the recreation ground.	AMT & Blackgates School. Dog Warden, Parks & Countryside.	£500 max. for the printing of posters and possible display board on the recreation site. REVENUE WELLBEING BUDGET	Posters displayed at various points throughout the area, most predominantly at both entrances to the ground.	School children get involved in educational awareness campaign and spread the word to family and friends. Significant decrease in the number of incidents of dog fouling.	Blackgates to begin work with pupils in April. Posters to be designed and collected by Friday 13 th May. Printing and posting to take place no later than 31 st May 2005.	Dog ward to gauge impact of posters through talking with dog walkers. Warden to update as part of the fortnightly report on activity.
Local Environment Short Term)	Shop fronts -improvements on Fairleigh Road. Clean and tidy up of the facades of the businesses in these premises and the surrounding area.	Enforcement & Asset Management. AMT, ALMO, StreetScene	General maintenance costs of repainting/ tidying up the fronts. Investigate the leasing agreements to see who responsible for such up keep. Cost as yet unknown.	Cleaner, tidier, more attractive shop fronts. Grass cutting on verges around the shops. Clearance of litter and rubbish from the area.	Enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the area. Increased use of the shops by local residents.	Identification of who responsible for the shop front maintenance by end April 2005. Discussions with relevant party(s) on improvements required and planning of work schedule.	Update of action to be taken in June/July 2005.
Local Environment Medium Term)	Gardening schemes - where by residents not able to tend their gardens due to disability or old age can pay a nominal fee to have maintenance work carried out.	AMT & Area Committee Working Group on Gardening Services ALMO.	Cost as yet unknown, Working Group to price up different models. Estimated cost per garden including	Gardening service available to the elderly and disabled across the area. Well managed, cleaner gardens.	Well maintained gardens less likely to attract attention of would be thieves and burglars. Increase in mental and/or physical wellbeing of	21 st April 2005, Working Group meeting to look at options for a service(s). Most appropriate model decided upon by end June	Update to June/July Area Committee and agree the later part of the year (Sept or Dec).

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			overheads has been given as £20-25 per visit. Sources of potential funding yet to be identified.		householders. Raising the attractiveness of the area by not having unkempt gardens.	Planning & development around the agreed model June to October 2005.	
Medium Term)	Community Garden – development, design and delivery of a small community garden (possible site next to the new library)	AMT Groundwork, Library services, ALMO	Costs as yet unknown, but would most likely involve application to the AC for capital wellbeing funds. Potential location identified but not established if already signposted for another development.	Place for local residents to sit and enjoy a garden environment, socialise and relax.	Increased sense of community ownership and pride in the area. Potential increased useage of the West Ardsley Library.	Establish any existing intention for the site by end April 2005. Dependant on outcome of above either; 1. Enter into talks with relevant LCC department as to feasibility. 2. Identify any alternative site that may be viable. May/June '05	Update of site feasibility to AC in June/ July 2005 Progress report to / in Sept or Dec '05.
Short Term)	Dance Action Zone Leeds (DAZL) – support the continuation and expansion of the sessions running from West Ardsley Youth Centre. Weekly sessions and 8 days of holiday activity per year.	DAZL & AMT. Youth Services	£3,150 for weekly sessions and holiday programme. £2,375 sort, and approved in Feb 2005 by Area Committee. £500 sort from Awards for All,	14-16 year olds encouraged to undertake Junior Dance Leaders Awards. Socialising in a supportive atmosphere. Regular and supervised exercise.	Attendees will develop teamwork skills and a sense of community. Increase physical fitness, flexibility, co-ordination and overall health. Develops creativity, confidence,	Classes already established. Promotion of classes to increase numbers attending, April/May 2005.	Update to AC

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			plus £275 from South Leeds PCT		determination, and a sense of achievement.		
Young People Short Term)	Martial Arts Classes – establish a weekly teaching/training session for martial arts at West Ardsley Youth Centre	Leeds Martial Arts College. AMT, Youth Services	Admission fees to cover running costs. Potentially funding for new equipment from Wellbeing budget.	Weekly coaching sessions with qualified teacher. Regular physical exercise.	Increase in physical fitness, flexibility, co- ordination and overall health. Rise in self esteem of kids.	Leeds Martial Arts College to be approached – April 2005 Viability study – April/May '05 Classes to commence – June '05	Update to AC in Jun /July 2005
Young People Medium Term)	Recreation Facilities – installation of equipment such as a youth shelter, ball wall, basketball court, goal ends, swings and young children's play equipment.	Parks & Countryside Youth Services, AMT	Approx. £40,000 CAPITAL WELLBEING BUDGET Negotiation for funding split 50:50 between P&C and AMT.	Local area designated for play can be used by all ages.	Young people off the streets and therefore not clashing with other residents. Drop in incidents of ASB	Feasibility study by end May 2005 in conjunction with P&C dept. Progression to implementation and installation if possible by end August 2005.	Regular updates to AC
Young People Short Term)	Lighting on Smithy Lane Recreation Ground so that can be used on winter evenings .	Parks & Countryside AMT,	Quote would need to be obtained.	Ground is useable on winter evenings.	Reduction in young people playing in the streets. Young people feel safer using the ground on evenings.	End June 2005, feasibility study completed. If possible lights installed before winter 2005.	Update through N progress report.
Community Involvement Short Term)	Intergenerational Work – setting up workshops and activities where all generations can work together in a neutral environment to get to know one another.	Youth Services, Eastleigh Senior Citizens Club and Tingley Leisure Group. AMT, Mums & Tots,	Costs would be minimal as groups already exist. May signpost groups to small grants fund if in need of some funding.	Young and old learning new skills. How to work with people of different ages and in a team.	The community has a heightened awareness of matters affecting all generations and therefore understand each other better.	Talks with groups to take place in May/June. Activities for summer holidays July/ August.	Regular updates from groups involved. Regular updates.

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	Examples could be older people teaching young people how to knit, sew, cook, do woodwork, play cards. Young people could teach older generations how to use a computer.	Woodkirk High School and Blackgates Junior School			Reduction in incidents of ASB. An increased sense of community spirit.	Ongoing programme on a fortnightly or monthly basis.	
Community involvement Short Term)	Formation of a Tenants & Residents Association.	ALMO (Tenants & Residents Association co-ordinator) AMT	Cost of set up would be covered through grant from Leeds Tenants Federation. Plus TRA officer time	Community has a formal means through which to raise issues and ensure that local views are heard. Ability to respond to issues quickly, as a group and through the most appropriate channel.	Increased community awareness of matters affecting them and how to effectively with these. Increased community pride and sense of ownership of the area.	May 2005 – at Community Day get volunteers to look at setting up an association. June – TRA co-ordinator to meet with volunteers July/Aug set up commences	Update to July AC TRA co-ordinator update AI
Community involvement Short Term)	Establishment of Neighbourhood Watch groups across the NIP area.	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	No set up costs would be needed. All required material supplied by NWC	Regular meetings. Increase in awareness of how to protect property and belongings.	Decrease in acts of crime in the areas. Residents feeling safer both in their homes and when out in the area.	May 2005 – at Community Day get volunteers. June/July – begin setting up groups.	Update to July AC o progress : regularly there after NWC to update AI
Community involvement Short Term)	Local newsletter published on a quarterly basis with details of happenings in the area and lists of up and coming events. Also could incorporate useful information from the Council or other agencies.	AMT but multi agency in the first instance with handover to TRA once established. All agencies can have input.	Approx. £500 for the first edition, thereafter funded through the TRA. REVENUE WELLBEING BUDGET	Regular information sharing mechanism. Access point for informing residents of local initiatives.	Increased awareness of the community about what is going on locally. Ownership of local issues both positives and negatives	First newsletter to be published within 2 months of TRA being established – by end August 2005.	Regular updates to AC. TRA co-ordinator update AI

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Community volvement Medium Term)	Drop in Centre – somewhere residents can go to get information about a range of services such as housing, health, transport, finance, benefits, training, employment.	AMT & ALMO Any agency wishing to could have input.	Min. £1000 if some where like the library or youth centre up Max £40,000 if independent venue needing refurbishment. REVENUE	Advice & information easily accessible. Ability to deal with issues quicker as one reference point. Socialising point.	Increase in community pride & ownership of problems.	Potential locations identified and feasibility study done – End June 2005. Up and running by March 2006	Regular updates fr AMT to A
Community volvement Short Term)	Community Fun Day – launch of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan and CAVA operation.	AMT & Community Safety. Youth Services	£500 funding REVENUE WELLBEING BUDGET Actual cost estimated, around £200.	Feedback to residents on how their involvement in the consultation process helped to shape the NIP. Fun things for young people to do e.g. assault course, inflatables.	Raised community awareness of the NIP and the planned actions. Volunteers from the community to get involved with delivering the actions.	Saturday May 14 th 2005. W/c 16 th May, review meeting.	Update to June AC.
Order People/ parents Short Term)	Outreach classes – on such things as applying for jobs, CV writing, literacy and numeracy.	Joseph Priestley College AMT	It would be expected that JPC cover this cost. With max £1000 REVENUE WELLBEING BUDGET.	Learn how to write an effective CV, be a good interviewee. Improvement in adult numeracy and literacy.	Raising aspirations of those seeking employment. Increased employment for local residents.	Talks with JPC - May 2005. Classes to commence September 2005	Update to July AC a then as p of the ove NIP progr report
Order People/ parents Short Term)	Promotion of evening classes that run in the area e.g. Woodkirk High School	Joseph Priestley College, AMT ALMO	JPC to cover cost of promotion.	Increased number of local residents enrolling in the classes.	Raising aspirations and mental well being of the local community.	Talks with JPC – May 2005. Promotion to take place in the run up to enrolment at the beginning of Sept.	Update to AC in Decembe based on enrolmen figures.

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iscellaneous edium Term)	Lighting in ginnels at back of Smithy Lane and around Lowry Road.	AMT Need to identify responsible LCC department for this.	Unknown at current time.	Lighting in ginnels.	Residents feel safer using the ginnels. Decrease in ASB incidents in the ginnels.	Identify who responsible by end May 2005. Establish viability by end July '05.	Update through N progress report.
iscellaneous	Pedestrian crossing outside the Smithy Lane entrance to Blackgates Primary School.	Development – Traffic Management Highways, AMT	Approx. £40,000 funded through Development Department.	Pedestrian crossing on Smith Lane.	Safe environment for children & parents to cross Smithy Lane by the school. Increase in number of children walking to school. Decrease in the number of pedestrian accidents in the vicinity.	Vehicle/Head counts carried out October 2004 by Highways. Findings to go to Development's Crossing Review Panel during 2005.	Regular updates fi Developm to AMT.
iscellaneous edium Term)	Traffic Calming Measures – look at initiatives that will help to decrease the speed at which motorists drive down Westerton Road, Smithy Lane, Constable Road and Fairleigh Road.	Highways AMT	Cost unknown. Funding sources – highways.	Speed reduction measures installed.	Decrease in speed of motor vehicles. Residents feel safer.	Feasibility study to be completed by end September 2005	Update through N progress report.

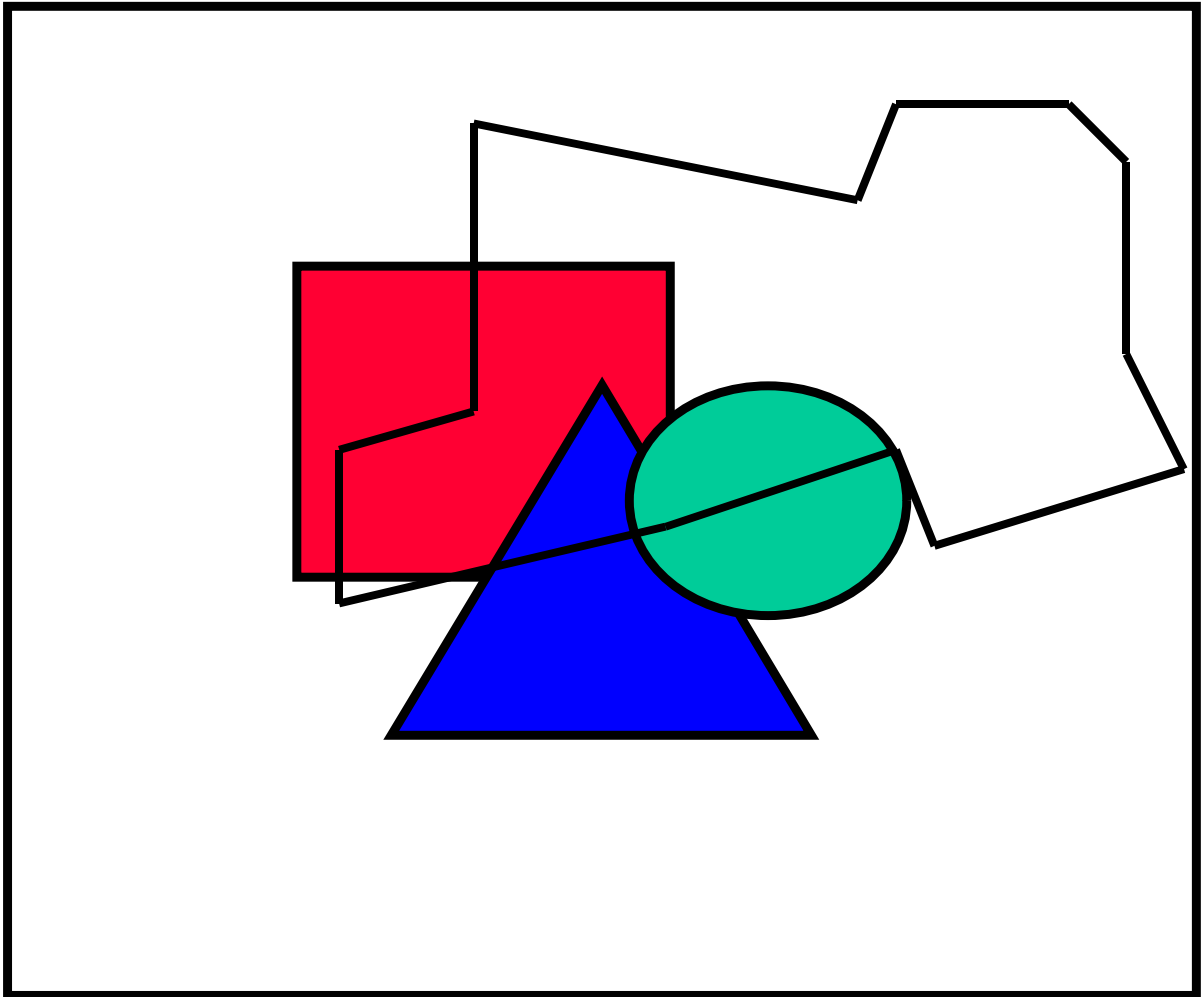
6.0 Monitoring & Evaluation

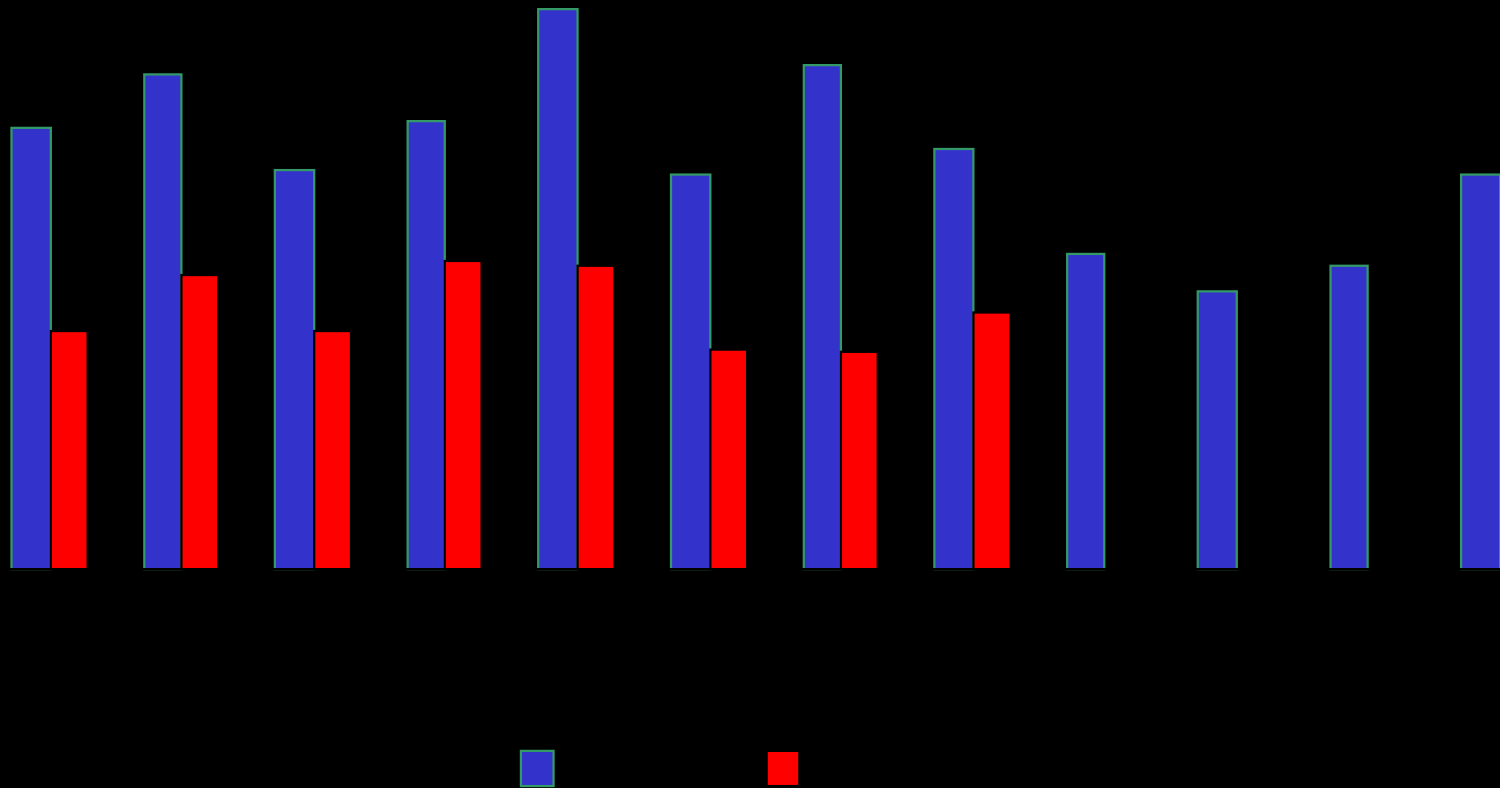
The Neighbourhood Improvement Steering Group will meet from April 2005 quarterly, with smaller project groups meeting on a more regular, as and when basis. An action monitoring report will be produced for each quarterly Steering Group meeting. This can then be used to form Area Committee updates when required. The monitoring and evaluating process will be ongoing throughout the duration of each action.

As mentioned in section 3.1.4 it is intended that a postal questionnaire be sent out to all residents within the NIP area. The questionnaire asks for issues to be rated according to their significance/concern to residents. The results will be used as a benchmark with a similar exercise being carried out in approximately 12 months time. The 2 sets of results can then be compared to conclude if there has been any shift in the communities opinions on individual issues. The findings will form the basis for measuring the success of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.

In addition to the above, contact will be maintained with the local community throughout the delivery of actions. This will be done using contacts gathered during the consultation process, along with any residents who wish to become involved at a later date.

7.0 Appendix





Eastleighs & Fairleighs - Ardsley

Age Groups	Eastleighs/Fairleighs %	Ward (Morley South) %	Leeds Citywide %
0-4	6.55	6.38	5.71
5-15	18.14	14.97	14.29
16-19	4.84	4.43	5.51
20-29	10.85	12.97	15.23
30-59	38.64	43.67	39.3
60+	20.81	17.59	19.96
All Ages (total population)	2580	29239	715402
Ethnicity	%	%	%
White British	97.07	96.09	89.16
White Irish	0.54	0.62	1.2
Other White	0.35	0.61	1.49
White & Black Caribbean	0.58	0.29	0.64
White & Black African	0.16	0.03	0.12
White & Asian	0.39	0.17	0.35
Other Mixed	0	0.16	0.24
Chinese	0.08	0.32	0.48
Indian	0.19	0.92	1.72
Pakistani	0.66	0.21	2.11
Bangladeshi	0	0.02	0.35
Other Asian	0	0.12	0.33
Black Caribbean	0	0.23	0.94
Black African	0	0.06	0.34
Other Black	0	0.02	0.16
Other Ethnicity	0	0.13	0.35
Religion	%	%	%
Christian	72.86	74.49	68.86
Buddhist	0	0.15	0.22
Hindu	0	0.49	0.58
Jewish	0.04	0.07	1.16
Muslim	0.62	0.5	2.99
Sikh	0.08	0.39	1.06
Other Religions	0.35	0.27	0.21
No Religion	15.32	16	16.79
Not Stated	10.68	7.65	8.12
Council Administered Benefit	%	%	%
All Households	35.28	18.14	22.41
Households with residents exclusively over 60	20.12	10.98	10.74
Households with dependant children	8.92	2.68	4.07
Lone Parent Households	6.74	0.72	1.22
Single People (under 60)	4.06	2.8	5.35
Couples with no dependant children	2.18	0.96	1.03
People in Households on Benefit	24.15	12.75	15.05
Children in Households on Benefit	28.39	12.02	21.08
Housing	%	%	%
Council Tax Band A	87.27	44.25	41.7
Council Tax Band B	7.27	17.26	20.26
Council Tax Band C	1.72	21.2	18.98
Council Tax Band D	1.24	9.38	8.45
Council Tax Band E	1.91	5.6	5.62

Council Tax Band F	0.29	1.66	2.81
Council Tax Band G	0.19	0.63	1.97
Council Tax Band H	0.1	0.02	0.2
Vacant Properties	3.44% (36)	3.2% (407)	4.28% (13,316)
All Occupied Properties	96.56% (1009)	96.8% (12,322)	95.72% (297,493)

Recorded Crime	Rate per 1000	Rate per 1000	Rate per 1000
All Reported Crime (per head of population)	132.17	139.44	182.22
Domestic Burglary (per household)	23.92	28.13	54.57
Vehicle Crime (per head of population)	28.29	39.13	39.53
Criminal Damage (per head of population)	38.37	27.53	31.66

Educational Attainment	Number	Number	Number
No. GCSE Entrants	16	278	7482
No. Pupils attaining 5+ GCSE at grade A*-C	6	135	3343
Percent attaining 5+ A*-C	29.41%	48.56%	44.68%

Coronary Heart Disease Mortality	Number	Number	Number
No. of all deaths from CHD	37 (1.4%)	278 (0.95%)	7432 (1%)
No. of Deaths Under Age 75 from CHD	11	n/a	2744

Community Consultation Outcomes

What is good about the area?

- Woodkirk and Westerton schools
- Transport – good bus services to other areas
- Play Groups – Playdays in Morley, Mums & Tots in West Ardsley Youth Centre and the Methodist Church on Westerton Road
- Feels safe
- A friendly area
- Nice area just needs a clean up.
- A lot of good people in the area.
- Black Prince bus service
- Familiarity
- Good access to the motorways
- Tingley Youth Club
- Feel safe as people know one another, have family and friends looking out for you.
- Know a lot of people in the area.
- Eastleigh Senior Citizens Club
- Police presence
- Nice area

Environment

- Westerton Walk – lots of fly tipping on the side of the road opposite Garden House Lane in the field. Been reported several times but doesn't get cleared away and when does there is more within a few days.
 - Ø No bin outside the Chinese takeaway
 - Ø Need to try and identify who is doing it
 - Ø Enforcement signs need to be bigger
- Fly tipping also a problem at the following locations;
 - Ø The Bulls Head (closed down pub on Bradford Road)
 - Ø The old playing area between The Crescent and Bradford Road
 - Ø The site of the old library and around the back of The Avenue
- Trees by the bus stop on Westerton Road (bottom of Garden House Lane) are over grown which makes it difficult to walk by the road. No pavement so if walk on the side, either on road or on mud/earth/
- Education in schools surrounding waste and the environment
- Clean up day would be welcomed, older people glad to get involved in making refreshments (intergenerational work)
- Dog warden increased patrolling and publicising of fines being given out.
- Horse fouling is also a problem caused by riders from local stables (?)
- Dog fouling on pavements, parks and grass verges. Difficult for people with prams/wheelchairs.
- Gutters used to get cleaned every 2 weeks, doesn't seem so often now.
- Two houses next to the Co-op on Bradford Road have been derelict for years and set alight numerous times. Privately owned.
- Untidy gardens in the area, make the place look a mess. Often old cars just been dumped in gardens, left to rust.

- Drains – outside 17 Smithy Lane an issue as smells and never gets cleaned out.
- Too many privets and hedges in gardens that are not maintained, would like walls or fencing.
- Ginnels, e.g. between Old Hall Road and Westerton Road, are filthy and need cleaning out.
- **General street litter needs to be tackled**
- Want parks cleared of litter and dog dirt so that can play on them.
- Although don't drop litter themselves a couple did not see as a problem.
- Footpath on Rein Mews (an unadopted street) has fallen twice and ended up in hospital.
- Footpath between Perth Drive and Lowry Road needs improving
- Drainage problems on Westerton Close need to be tackled.
- Pathway between Leigh View and Eastleigh Drive, lots of fly tipping so got fenced off. Now pensioners have to walk along way around to get to the doctors surgery.
- Snicket between Old Hall Road and Westerton Road a problem in terms of litter.
- Grass cuttings are left on the pavement and verges when gets cut, why can't be taken away?

Community Involvement

- Neighbourhood Watch, could set up a few in the area
- Residents Association, would like to know more about what this entails. Maybe bring in a speaker from another group to talk about what they have done and what is involved.
- Community Youth Forum, could link in with older people's group to undertake intergenerational work.
- Newsletter (from Residents Association?)
- Would need to start showing results so that people will get involved. Dispel people's cynicism.

Young People

- Need discipline at home and be taught respect
- Good things around the area like Totally Tingley magazine. Young people would like this to be followed up with the talked about film project that they could involve residents of all ages in.
- Run joint projects with older people giving ideas and advice and young people doing the physical aspects.
- **Want safe places to hang out, somewhere away from people telling them to move on.**
- **Police or residents tell them to move on all the time even if doing nothing.**
- **Realise that people get scared seeing gangs of young people but they have nothing else to do but hang out on the streets.**
- **Don't know where to find out about what there is to do in the area. Rely on word of mouth from friends and parents.**
- **The area lacks things for young people to do.**
- **Cause a nuisance with anti-social behaviour and vandalism.**

Anti Social Behaviour

- Diaries have worked well
- Problems around The Avenue, fencing being pulled down and intimidation
- Drugs issue, needles found on the estate
- Problems around the Chinese takeaway on Westerton Road
- Cars being driven onto wasteland around the area.
- Groups of 2 to 20 young teenagers gathering at the top of Smithy Lane from tea time till about 11pm, drinking and swearing.
- Trees in front of the shops being chopped down by young people
- Phone box that was by the shops has been removed due to the constant vandalism.
- Fireworks being let off nightly in the winter months only (?)
- Neighbourhood disputes/problems – playing loud music late at night into the early hours of the morning.
- Cars speeding along Smithy Lane and Fairleigh Road
- No lighting in the ginnels around Lowry Road where a lot of young people hang out.
- Aware of drugs being taken and sold, specifically referred to 'spliffs'

Facilities/Services

- Area used to have good local shops but now very limited, no local bakery or green grocers except the Co-op and that is on the other side of Bradford Road.
- Shops on Fairleigh Road look a mess.
- Only one post office on Westerton Road
- New library not open enough, people go but usually shut. Just as easy to go to Morley library at the same time as doing shopping.
- Crafts and dancing facility would be welcomed. Somewhere to socialise and can hold things like Whist drives.
- St. John's ambulance do first aid courses in Morley but too far for young people to travel.
- People not aware of what is already in existence, e.g. some not aware of the Tingley Leisure Group for have been going for 20 years.
- No parks or play areas nearby other than Smithy Lane but too much dog dirt, broken glass and rubbish. **Need dog litter bins.**
- Bus shelters wanted, at the moment only bus stops.
- No luncheon club for pensioners in the area. Stopped when the old library closed. Mrs Taylor used to run?
- Bus frequency is an issue, only 1 an hour into Morley and Wakefield
- Want a football pitch, park or basketball court where can play.
- Realise that equipment gets vandalised but that because is usually for younger children like swings and slides which older teenagers would not play on.
- Buses good in terms of access but not very reliable.
- Need a gardening service for the elderly.
- No bus into Batley
- Only 1 bus an hour into Morley from Westerton Road

General

- Don't feel safe to go out in an evening
- On winter only the main roads get gritted so older people won't go out as it is too slippy.
- Parking of cars on pavements when dropping off and picking up children from school.
- No crossing on Smithy Lane, difficult to cross
- Cars being parked on grass verges which makes a mess of the grass.
- Gangs of 'chavs' mean that some young people avoid certain areas as they feel intimidated/scared of these.
- There is a grassy area to the back of Costcutters where kids play.
- Feel that all young people are perceived as up to no good and 'thugs', but just got no where to go.
- Would get involved in local project to clean up the environment, building something in the area.
- Don't go out at night, and don't think would whatever improvements were made.

Information requests

- Would like to know how often PCSO's patrol the area.
- Want information on Access Bus
- Information wanted on Morley Wheelers

Proposed Actions

- Would it be possible to create parking on Westerton Road?
- Would it be possible to have a barrier put up on the area in front of the garages on Smithy Lane as used by parents before and after school and during football sessions.
- Could speed limits be reduced to 20 mph or speed reduction initiatives like speed bumps or chicanes. (Smithy Lane, Westerton Road, Constable Road)
- Newsletter to publicise what going on in the area – get young people to do it with input from some older residents (intergenerational work)
- Ask young people what they want to do e.g. youth shelter
- Talk with parents to get young people interested.
- Smithy Lane Recreation Ground – get cleaned up and have as a play park with facilities like ball walls, goal ends etc (Hesketh Lane is the nearest but about 30 mins walk away).
- Stop people leaving dog dirt on Smithy Lane recreation ground – put up notices, push on enforcement early morning and early evening have dog warden patrolling.
- Get site cleaned up and grass cut regularly.
- Get locals involved in clean up day.
- Gardening service – at a reasonable price
- Landscaping the area in front of the shops on Fairleigh Road.
- Ensure off licences do not sell alcohol to the undreamed.
- Start a community association.
- Encourage people to act more responsibly.
- Skatepark for older kids.

- Lighting on the Smithy Lane Recreation Ground as non at present so young people wary of using at night.

- **Community Consultation Event**
- **Mums and Tots Group**
- **Garden House Lane Residents**
- **Youth Club**
- **Senior Citizens Club**
- **Woodkirk High School**

Leeds Community Safety

CAVA – A CRIME AND GRIME INITIATIVE FOR SOUTH LEEDS

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of suggested areas, timescales and resources for “Cava”. It outlines planned activity in several geographical areas by key agencies namely Police, Leeds South Homes, City Services, Environmental Health, Leeds Community Safety and South Leeds Area Management Team. It makes recommendations for areas that would benefit from a period of co-ordinated activity.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 This operation is similar to an initiative in East Leeds known as Operation Banrock. Operation Banrock is a Police lead initiative that draws together agencies to support local people to achieve a safe and clean neighbourhood. It targets areas the size of police beats over three days per month and has success in reducing crime in those areas.

2.2 Cava will target a wider range of resources over a longer period of time in order to achieve longer lasting results. Banrock operations took place over several days and then moved onto the next target area. Cava will link up longer term pieces of work in a smaller number of neighbourhoods to have a more significant impact. As far as possible, Cava will fit in with existing planned work in order to avoid duplication. It will not require any additional resources to be moved into the target areas rather it will improve the way that these resources are used in partnership.

2.3 There are a wide range of potential activities that could be carried out as part of the Cava programme.

- Tackle priority crimes within the division
- Reduce incidents of ASB
- Provide re-assurance to local residents by producing newsletters, providing information and through a visible agency presence.
- Address underlying environmental issues
- Inspect and enforce legislation in relation to private landlords
- Improve the security of residents properties
- Health promotion
- Truancy sweeps and focussed activity for young people
- Improve access to training and employment

- Address issues of debt and poverty
- Deal with problems caused by untaxed and abandoned vehicles
- Promote Neighbourhood Watches, residents associations and other organisations such as local “in bloom” groups.

3.0 PLANNED ACTIVITY – LEEDS CITY COUNCIL CITY SERVICES

3.1 Leeds Environment Action Programme (LEAP) is scheduled to carry out work in each ward every eight weeks. LEAP will be in wards in the south wedge on the following dates:

- Morley South, Morley North, Beeston & Holbeck and Middleton Park
10/01/05; 14/03/05; 16/05/05; 18/07/05; 19/09/05
- City and Hunslet, Rothwell and Ardsley & Robin Hood
07/02/05; 11/04/05; 13/06/05; 15/08/05; 17/10/05

3.2 The LEAP programme deals with reports of environmental “grot-spots” that are not covered by the routine cleansing services. Referrals can be made direct to LEAP and will be dealt with the next time LEAP is in the area.

4.0 PLANNED ACTIVITY – LEEDS CITY COUNCIL SOUTH LEEDS AREA MANAGEMENT TEAM

4.1 Neighbourhood Improvements Plans (NIPs) are to be written for 21 priority areas across south Leeds. It has been agreed that six areas (three in inner south, three in outer south) will be dealt with in the first phase of this process. Those six areas are: Beeston Hill/Holbeck, Manor Farms, Cottingley, Newlands/Denshaws, Eastleighs/Fairleighs and John O’Gaunts. Development of and consultation on Draft Action Plan will be completed on all six areas by April 05. Short term actions will be delivered in those areas through to November 05.

4.2 Each NIP will seek to address priority issues in the local neighbourhood. It will contain a neighbourhood profile, which will clearly identify the key issues that will need to be effectively addressed in order to help improve the overall quality of life for the residents of the area.

4.3 Community consultation and engagement will be at the heart of the process. At the each stage of the plans development, community organisations and where possible communities of interest within the relevant neighbourhood would be identified and contacted. The process would be explained, and community views and concerns fully reflected in the plan.

4.4 South Leeds Area Management Team is the management organisation for the Signpost project. Signpost is a multi disciplinary project that aims to reduce ASB by working with individuals and their families in a

preventative/diversionary way. It concentrates on young people aged 10 –14 in Beeston Hill and Eastleigh/Fairleigh areas.

5.0 PLANNED ACTIVITY – LEEDS CITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 5.1 The main area of focussed activity above routine enforcement is in the Manor Farms. To date the EHOs have carried out an environmental audit of the area which was followed up with a door to door survey of residents. The survey identified local concerns and residents were signposted onto the appropriate organisations to that these issues could be addressed. The team will continue to work with partner organisations to address public health issues in the area.
- 5.2 The nature of routine enforcement work that can be carried out by Environmental Health takes place over a longer period of time and therefore needs to be scheduled in advance. Taking action against landlords of empty properties for example takes several weeks so the impact is less visible than the actions of other agencies. However, Environmental Health would be willing to take timetable action in key areas to fit within a planned schedule.

6.0 PLANNED ACTIVITY – HOLBECK DIVISIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

- 6.1 The issues of crime and ASB in the Manor Farms are being addressed via the Panels action planning process. Key actions in the area include setting up a community house, supporting the Police in enforcing the Dispersal Order and working with the community association to produce a local newsletter. Preventative work in the area includes extra youth work sessions at Manorfield Hall, referrals to PAYP and YIP. PCSOs are concentrating on the Manor Farms by using Smart Water to mark residents property in order to reduce burglary. BRIL are continuing to proactively target harden properties in the Manor Farms.
- 6.2 The key issue of concern in Holbeck is the perceived increase of street prostitution. A local action plan is being developed by a group made up of Councillors, local residents and support officers. The plan aims to provide a way in which enforcement, support, prevention and community engagement can be monitored. The nature of the issues has required intensive resourcing by the Police that is unsustainable in the long term. The planning group is seeking to implement other actions that will support the reduction in policing over the next few months.
- 6.3 Action plans are being developed to address issues of ASB in the Fairfax estate and in Beeston Hill. It is likely they will be similar in scope to the established plan on the Manor Farms

7.0 PLANNED ACTIVITY – CITY AND HOLBECK DIVISION WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

- 7.1 In addition to routine policing and involvement in partnership activities, the Police have identified two geographical areas that will benefit from a focussed police response over the next year.
- 7.2 The Manor Farms is subject to a Dispersal Order that will remain in force until June 05. The resources used to enforce this Order are flexible and in the first two weeks have included CPT officers, PCSO's, Motorway ANPR team, OSU and the Divisional Uniform Officers. Although this level of policing cannot be maintained throughout the life of the Order, there will be a higher than usual level of police presence on the estate. The ASB team will continue to monitor reports with regards to using Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Anti Social Behaviour Orders.
- 7.2 The Eastleighs which needs to include the Tingley estate of the Poppletons and Heatherdales. This area is problematic with youths causing nuisance and disorder. The ASB Police team and ASBU Council team are actively engaged in targeting known problem causers. This problem is also being addressed by Morley CPT with Community Officers, PCSOs, Specials and Traffic motorcyclists. The Crime Reduction officer is exploring issues of concern in footpahts and back alleys to see if there is anything that can be done in relation to these. The problems in this area are likely to continue and may increase in the spring and summer months. Dependant on the problems a Dispersal Order may be considered as an appropriate solution.
- 7.3 The Police recognise that areas such as the Newlands/Denshaws, Cottingley and John O'Gaunts have issues around crime, ASB and youth nuisance. Whilst they would be willing to participate in multi-agency activity on these estates, they are not priority policing areas at this time.
- 7.4 In addition to the resources being deployed in the Manor Farms and Eastleighs areas, the Division will have extra support from the DVLA. During weeks commencing 10th January, 14th February and 14th March the DVLA and CPT will target the priority areas to remove all non taxed, uninsured and problematic vehicles.

8.0 PLANNED ACTIVITY – LEEDS SOUTH HOMES

- 8.1 Leeds South Homes have published a five year plan for making improvements to the majority of the housing stock in the area. Improvements will be made to five key standards of doors, windows, kitchens, heating and insulation. All new doors and windows will be

high security with burglar alarms and smoke alarms also being fitted as part of the security improvement works.

- 8.2 Key areas for Leeds South Homes in 05/06 include: Hunslet, Beeston Hill, Cottingley, Manor Farms, John O'Gaunts, Morley, Tingley and West Ardsley.
- 8.3 Other resources that could be used to supplement the Cava initiative include the use of Environmental Caretakers either as part of the audit or in carrying out the clean up activities. Consultation through the Tenants Compacts and/or Sounding Board. Anti poverty measures such as promoting Credit Union or the partnership with Youthbuild to get young people into construction training and employment.
- 8.4 Leeds South Homes have said they would be keen to develop a reward scheme for good tenants. They would also like to explore ways in which tenants who give evidence against nuisance neighbours can be better protected and supported.

9.0 PLANNED ACTIVITY – COMMUNITY GROUPS

- 9.1 The key to successful regeneration is to ensure that local residents are central to the delivery of local plans. There are established networks of residents groups that address issues of concern to their members. Increasing their opportunities to get involved in community clean ups or expanding the network of Neighbourhood Watch schemes gives opportunity for community engagement in planned programmes of improvement.

10.0 PLANNED ACTIVITY – SOUTH LEEDS PRIMARY CARE TRUST

- 10.1 No information available.

11.0 PROPOSED AREAS AND DATES

- 11.1 The table below shows the dates during which each agency is active in the key areas (Appendix one). The Manor Farms and the Eastleighs/Fairleighs will be targetted by the majority of the agencies over the next year. It is therefore recommended that these two areas are considered for the Cava initiative. The bulk of the input is likely to be throughout the summer months therefore it's suggested that Cava is planned to take place between April and June 05.
- 11.2 Secondary areas that will be the focus of co-ordinated planning are Beeston Hill and Holbeck. The timescales that are already set for these areas are for actions to take place between June and September 05. It is recommended that Cava initiatives take place in these two areas during June to September 05.

- 11.3 It is recommended that a review takes place at the end of each phase and a final review in September of the whole initiative.
- 11.4 The remaining areas of Cottingley and Hunslet are not recommended for consideration as Cava areas at this point. However, there are planned housing works in parts of Hunslet and the development of a NIP in Cottingley so it may be appropriate to use the partnership to establish mini initiatives of multi agency activity. A quick win could be achieved in both these areas by linking in the LEAP programme and the DVLA/police activity. LEAP and the DVLA could work together during week commencing 10th January and 14th March in Cottingley. LEAP will be in the City and Hunslet ward during week commencing 7th February and DVLA could be deployed in the Hunslet area during the week of 14th February.

12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 That the District Partnership Core Group gives consideration to this proposal and subject to the groups support approves the choice of areas and times for Cava initiatives.
- 12.2 That the group agrees a lead agency to co-ordinate planning groups for the target areas. Each planning group will review the specific issues in each area and ensure that key partners are represented from other agencies as appropriate. Consideration should be given to using existing meetings or forums to plan the initiatives in order to avoid duplication of resources.

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Area Community Safety Co-ordinator
January 05

Appendix one

	LEAP	Police	Area Management Team	Leeds South Homes	Environmental Health	DCSP	Community groups	South Leeds PCT
Manor Farms	Jan, March, May, July & Sept 05	Dec 04 – June 05	Jan – Apr 05 develop plan. Apr – Aug 05 deliver actions	05/06 – 319 properties to be improved.	05/06 – conclusion of environmental impact project.	Action plan to be reviewed in April 05.		No information available
Beeston Hill	Feb, April, June, August, Oct 05	Ongoing	Jan – Apr 05 develop plan. Apr – Aug 05 deliver actions	07/08 – 325 properties to be improved.	Routine activity	Action plan to be set up for initial period of six months.		No information available
Holbeck	Jan, March, May, July & Sept 05	Ongoing – to be reviewed in April 05.	Jan – Apr 05 develop plan. Apr – Aug 05 deliver actions	08/09 – 906 properties to be improved.	Routine activity	Prostitution action plan in place until April 05.		No information available
Eastleighs/Fairleighs	Feb, April, June, August, Oct 05	Summer 05.	Nov 04-Mar 05 develop plan. Apr –Nov 05 deliver actions.	05/06 – 608 properties to be improved in Tingley and West Ardsley	Routine activity	No ongoing work.		No information available
Cottingley	Jan, March, May, July & Sept 05	No additional operations	Jan – Apr 05 develop plan. Apr – Aug 05 deliver actions	06/07 – 856 properties to be improved.	Routine activity	No ongoing work.		No information available
Hunslet	Feb, April, June, August,	No additional operations	Dec 05- Apr 06 develop plan. April – Aug 06	04/05 – 282 properties in Hunslet	Routine activity	No ongoing work.		No information available.

	Oct 05		deliver actions	Area and Hunslet Carr. 08/09 – 840 properties in Hunslet Hall and Hunslet Moor.				
John O'Gaunts	Feb, April, June, August, Oct 05	No additional operations	Nov 04-Mar 05 develop plan. Apr –Nov 05 deliver actions.	04/05 - 277 properties to be improved	Routine activity	No ongoing work.		No information available.
Newlands & Denshaws	Jan, March, May, July & Sept 05	No additional operations	Nov 04-Mar 05 develop plan. Apr –Nov 05 deliver actions.	05/06 – 1378 properties in Morley area to be improved.	Routine activity	No ongoing work.		No information available.

Eastleighs/Fairleighs/Painters Cava

<p>21st March</p>	<p>Pre-briefing: Agree partner actions Police, Leeds South Homes, LCS, AMT, ASBU, Fire Service, Victim Support, City Services, Neighbourhood Watch,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ü</p>
<p>Friday 1st April 9-12 meet at WAYC.</p>	<p>Environmental audit –AMT. <i>AMT have already carried out audit – review actions done on that list and add new ones as appropriate.</i></p>	<p>Contact Dayle Lynch for more info - 3951655</p>
<p>Wed 13th – Fri 15th April</p> <p><i>Meet at Westerton Road sheltered scheme on Westerton Walk/Close at 10.00 on Wed 13th April.</i></p>	<p>LEAP – carrying out community clean up, graffiti removal, highways issues (street lights), needle removal, road sweeps and bulky item removal. Discuss with Highways if vehicles can be voluntarily surrendered that week.</p> <p>ASBU – deliver leaflets, revisit ABC's or warnings already issued (joint visits with Police and Leeds South Homes).</p> <p>Leeds South Homes – joint visits with ASBU and Police. Warnings re rent arrears and untidy gardens to be served.</p> <p>Police – Expected high visibility policing to support introduction of Dispersal Order. Execute civilian warrants for unpaid fines or any other warrants. Possible ANPR operation. Trading standards test purchases. Patrols in Hollerton Lane during early evening.</p> <p>Community Safety – Mobile CCTV van to be deployed on 14th and 15th April from 4pm to 2am. ASBU/PCSO support to be agreed for van.</p> <p>Environmental Health – LSH to report two empty properties near the Co-op for further action.</p> <p>Signpost – Referrals to Signpost if ASB warnings issued.</p> <p>Fire Service - 2 vans with a crew of 2 for the first day of Cava. Paul to attend and organise them to leaflet and carry out an arson audit.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch – Leafleting.</p> <p>Area Management Team – Promoting clean up on 23rd April on Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th week of action. Door knocking in specific areas around clean up locations. Youth Offending Service to leaflet the rest of the area.</p> <p>Parkswatch patrols – Info sent to Stuart Inman about Cava op. Stuart to confirm when officers can be deployed.</p>	<p>Roger Foyle (07891 270251) /Brian Hartley</p> <p>Gillian Carr (2145387)</p> <p>Sharon Rhodes 2477114 (not a public number)</p> <p>Sgt Phil Leather/Sgt Chris Beddiss 2382034</p> <p>Gerry Shevlin 3951658</p> <p>Sharon Rhodes 2477114*</p> <p>Munaf Patel 2776357</p> <p>Paul McCartney 01274 385435</p> <p>Di Winder 2382045</p> <p>Dayle Lynch 3951655</p> <p>Stuart Inman</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd April</p>	<p>Community clean up – organised by Area Management Team with support from Elected Members. Meet at West Ardsley Youth Centre at 10.30, clean up on three sites with soup and sandwiches at the end.</p>	<p>Dayle Lynch</p>
<p>Wed 4th May at 10.00 at Morley Town Hall</p>	<p>Post enforcement review – collate list of actions carried out and compare with requests made via environmental audit. Review work done and agree input for next phase. Make note of undone tasks for second phase of enforcement. Update on</p>	<p>Gerry Shevlin</p>

	<p>planning for community day. Agree date and support for second environmental audit.</p>	
May	<p>Service promotion – Agencies to promote their services to the community. Aim is to set the scene for ongoing activity eg increased number of Neighbourhood Watches or local groups.</p> <p>Joseph Priestley college – promote classes available to local people. Emphasis on basic skills, DIY and parenting.</p> <p>Job Centre Plus – promote the support they can offer to get people back into work and/or training (agreement about targeting information needs to be reached).</p>	
14th May	<p>Community day – to give and receive feedback of local residents about actions that have been carried out in addressing ASB. To launch Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for the area.</p> <p>Signpost – Consultation with young people about Dispersal Order and other issues affecting them locally. Staff available to promote service.</p>	<p>Dayle Lynch</p> <p>Munaf Patel</p>
30th May – 3rd June	<p>2nd Environmental audit - Focus on assessing change after first phase and highlight repeat/new actions.</p>	Dayle Lynch
<p>W/c 13th June</p> <p><i>Second week of high visibility enforcement</i></p>	<p>LEAP –</p> <p>ASBU</p> <p>Leeds South Homes –</p> <p>Police –</p> <p>Education Welfare/Police –</p>	<p>Actions to be agreed at meeting on 4th May.</p>
W/c 20th June	Review of operation – all partners	

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NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLAN –

JOHN O’GAUNTS, ROTHWELL

Introduction and Background

This is the neighbourhood improvement plan for the John O’Gaunts estate in Rothwell, Leeds. The plan has been developed through a partnership involving a range of agencies that are responsible for delivering services on the estate. The aim is that through delivery of the actions set out in this plan, some of the problems and concerns faced by local people will lessen, and the overall quality of life in the neighbourhood will improve.

The need for a neighbourhood improvement plan was identified by the Outer South Leeds Area Committee. One of ten such committees, spread across the Leeds City Council area, the Outer South Committee is made up of the twelve Leeds City Council ward councillors for the wards of Rothwell, Ardsley & Robin Hood, Morley South and Morley North. The committee met for the first time in July 2004, replacing the former Community Involvement Teams for Richmond Hill and Rothwell, and Morley North and South.

The main aim of Area Committees is to enable the delivery of more effective and efficient services tailored more closely to local need. To help decide on the best way to go about this, the Outer South Area Committee developed a profile and priorities document of the whole of the Outer South Area, gathering and assessing all the information available on service delivery and issues of concern in relation to service delivery across the four outer south wards.

From this, the committee agreed at its meeting in September 2004, to adopt five priority themes for action, one of which was Priority Neighbourhoods, more specifically, “ to address problems in neighbourhoods identified as suffering relatively high levels of deprivation, and in which there are recurring and inter –related issues relating to anti-social behaviour and a poor environment”.

From a detailed assessment of available information, the committee agreed at its October 2004 meeting to concentrate efforts on nine neighbourhoods across the Outer South area. John O’Gaunts is one of the nine neighbourhoods identified. (A list of the nine neighbourhoods, and the timetable for improvement plan development and delivery is attached at appendix one).

It was further agreed that a neighbourhood improvement plan would be developed and delivered in each of the nine neighbourhoods, through a partnership made up of all the key service deliverers into each neighbourhood together with representation from and consultation with the local community.

The aim would be to improve each neighbourhood through identification of the key issues or problems in each, what additional action should be taken to address those problems, and how such action could be brought about. The partnership for each area would then oversee the implementation of the actions through monitoring progress, and the overall process.

In each plan actions would be prioritised, according to the level and nature of problem they aim to address, and would be identified as realisable in the short, medium or longer term. Each improvement plan would contain the following key sections:

1. Neighbourhood Profile
2. Summary of the Consultation process
3. Key Priorities for Action
4. Actions Timetable
5. Monitoring and Evaluation

John O'Gaunts – A Profile

Location and General Description

John O'Gaunts is a small housing estate of 309 properties, located in the north east of the Rothwell ward. The A369 Leeds Road dual carriageway separates the estate from streets leading to Rothwell town centre (a 10-15 minute walk from the estate). To the north of the estate there are farm fields and Rothwell Country Park, adjacent to the M1 motorway. To the south east of the estate Holmsley Lane separates the estate from the Woodlesford area of Rothwell.

The houses are spread across twelve streets, and unusually, four of the streets are separated from the rest of the estate by two large football fields, with a community centre in the middle.

Demographics

At the time of 2001 Census, there were 1,253 individuals residing on the estate, and most notable are the relatively large proportions of young people in the neighbourhood compared with Rothwell ward and the city as a whole – 10.93% , 0-4 year olds (137), and 18.27% 5-15 year olds(229).

Over 97% of residents were White British, and 66% classed themselves as Christian. The largest other ethnic group was Indian , at 1.11%, and 1.04% classed themselves as Sikh.

A full demographic and ethnicity table is attached at appendix two.

Housing

The vast majority of the housing on the estate was built in the 1920s and 1930s, and the vast majority (272 of 309 properties), remain within the ownership of Leeds City Council and managed by Leeds South Homes. Most are brick built terraced three bedroomed properties, with a small garden area to the front, and large garden area to the rear. There are also some 2 bedroomed bungalows and 1 bedroomed flats.

79% of the housing is in Council Tax band A, compared with 31% across Rothwell ward, and 42% across the city. * The remainder of properties are in bands B and C, with none on the estate in bands D and above.

As at 31st March 2005, there were 7 void properties on the estate, but all of these had been allocated to a tenant.

In October 2004, a programme of improvements to the Council owned properties on the estate was started. This means that each council owned property will benefit from:

1. Kitchen refurbishment according to tenants choice
2. Electrical rewiring
3. Window replacement , with PVCu windows, and double glazed where they are not .
4. External doors replacement.

Central heating will be offered to tenants through the Heatlease scheme, and as part of that scheme, additional insulation will be supplied.

*Source Council Tax Records, September 2002

Facilities

The following facilities are present on the estate:

Rose Lund Community centre, with two community rooms and kitchen.- LCC Learning & Leisure owned and managed
Temple Lawn Community Centre – meeting room within sheltered accommodation for older people- Leeds South Homes managed
Playground area with softplay surface attached to the Rose Lund centre
Basketball hoop

Less than 5 minute walk – Rothwell Country Park – open park area – no play facilities.

Shops –

Mini-market attached to petrol station.
2 general grocer/off licence shops.
1 post office

1 chip shop
1 pub
Labour club.
2 football fields, which can be used when Rothwell Town football club is not playing or practising on the grounds – no goalposts

Economic Profile

The proportion of households in receipt of some form of council administered benefit is more than double the rate for Rothwell ward as a whole (37%as opposed to 18%), and of particular concern is the number of children in households on benefit – 49%or half of all the children on the estate , compared with the Rothwell ward rate of 12%, and the citywide rate of 21%.

In the National Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), one of the two Super Output Areas(SOA's) within John O'Gaunts ranks within the worst 20% of SOA's in the country, in relation to 'Income Affecting Children'.

On average, between 33-40% of young people from the estate, gain 5 or more GCSE's grades A-C, compared with 47% Rothwell wide, and 45% citywide.

In the IMD, one of the 2 John O'Gaunts SOA's falls within the worst 20% in the country in relation to education, skills and training deprivation.

Health

Available data relating to health is extremely limited, with the only ' hard' data relating to the number of deaths on the estate from coronary heart disease between 1997 and 2001- 12.

In relation to the health deprivation and disability domain, the 2 John O'Gaunts SOA's are not in the worst 20 or 10%, and indeed are at a similar level to the SOA's in some of the more affluent SOA's in the rest of Rothwell.

There is anecdotal information from those working with families on the estate, in relation to some health issues for some families, linked to lack of healthy eating, lack of regular exercise, and relatively high levels of smoking.

Crime and ASB

In the IMD, the 2 SOA's covering the estate fall into the worst 10% of SOA's in the country.

The most recent official crime statistics for the estate are from 2002, which did show overall crime levels on the estate as higher than Rothwell ward as a whole – 143 per 1000 population, as opposed to 118 for Rothwell ward as a whole.

Domestic burglary is much higher – at 54 per 1000, as opposed to 30 for the whole of the ward, and criminal damage higher, at 45 per 1000, as opposed to 24 for the Rothwell ward. Vehicle crime is however lower than for the whole ward.

It has not been possible to source official statistics relating to levels of anti-social behaviour on the estate, but the South Leeds Anti- Social Behaviour Team, and the Rothwell policing team have had to deal over the course of 2004, with a high number of complaints about anti-social behaviour involving a group of up to twenty young people on the estate, aged between 9 and 21.

These young people gather together and cause trouble in three main locations on the estate:

- In and around the Rose Lund centre which has been broken into, the playground area set alight, the windows, doors and roof vandalised, and a series of disturbances involving abuse to the staff in the centre.
- The low wall at the junction between 4th Avenue and Temple Avenue, with resident at 42, 4th Avenue being the target of repeated taunting and abuse, and the garden fencing destroyed and young people running through and littering the garden
- The grassed area around the Temple Lawn Community centre, and sheltered flats for older people. The community centre has been the target of repeated vandalism, windows being smashed, and levered out, the front doorway vandalised, and fire raising outside the warden's flat, and in a nearby garden of a void property.

4/5 ringleaders have been identified, and in 2004, 4 anti-social behaviour warnings were issued and 2 anti-social behaviour contracts. In March 2005, there is one Anti-Social Behaviour Order being sought.

The Environment

Although John O'Gaunts does not fall within the worst 10 or 20% of SOA's in relation to the living environment, there are undoubtedly a number of factors that make the estate's environment poor in a number of respects .

An environmental audit was carried out in the final week of March, and 72 required actions identified. These fell into the following categories:

- Ginnels – virtually all the ginnels on the estate are overgrown and full of rubbish and fly-tipping. Those with hedges at the sides, need the hedges reduced in height. The ginnels between Temple Avenue and Crescent Avenue, and the ginnel to the rear of Temple Avenue, and adjacent to the open fields are especially bad.
- Unkempt, overgrown and rubbish filled gardens – The gardens on the estate are large, and virtually each property has a small area to the

front and a very large area to the rear, with most surrounded by privet hedging, and in many cases broken down and rotting wooden fencing. Older residents mostly cannot cope with maintaining their garden, and these are often overgrown . Over 40 of the actions identified in the audit relate to issues on gardens. Some owners have unilaterally foreshortened their rear gardens to create a more manageable area.

- Litter hotspots – 1.The open grassed area around the Temple Lawn sheltered accommodation, and the ginnels leading into that area are littered with rubbish.
2. The play areas and pathways round the Rose Lund centre, and the area to the rear and side of the Rothwell Town Football Club storage , to the side of Rose Lund are full of litter and the latter overgrown and full of fly-tipping.
3. The hedges along the side of the football fields are full of litter at the base.
4. The car park for the Labour club has litter all around the edges, and is full of broken glass.
- Overgrown hedging- there is a massive amount of privet hedging throughout the estate, and all down the side of the football fields and most of the ginnels. It seems to be perpetually overgrown. Rubbish collects in the base especially at the pavement edges and in the ginnels.
- Broken down fencing – as detailed above, the wooden fencing around many of the gardens is broken down and rotting, and this has an adverse affect on the overall streetscene.

Service Delivery

Leeds South Homes

Manages all the council owned properties on the estate, collecting rents, and dealing with rent arrears, enforcement in relation to breach of tenancy.

It also manages lettings, voids and under occupation.

Leeds South Homes responds to tenants complaints, and requests for repairs, and from October 2004 has been implementing a comprehensive programme of improvements to the properties on the estate, detailed in the section above on Housing.

Leeds South Homes also manages the external environment in relation to grass and hedge cutting on Neighbourhoods & Housing owned land. This work has been contracted out to a private company.

Leeds South Homes also supports tenant involvement and consultation, through the development and support of Tenants & Residents organisations, and through inclusion of residents on their consultation panel.

There is an estate management officer allocated to the estate, and he regularly visits the estate to deal with tenants queries and complaints, and to assess the environment. There is a South Leeds team of estate caretakers employed and managed by Leeds South Homes and this team can be directed to address environmental hotspots, as well as clean out void properties.

Leeds South Homes also employs and manages a warden for the Temple Lawn sheltered accommodation for older people.

Neighbourhood Warden – There is a neighbourhood warden on the estate on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Employed by Leeds City Council Neighbourhoods & Housing, he patrols the estate, and responds to residents issues in relation to the environment and anti-social behaviour. He also identifies from his patrols issues to be addressed, and brings in other departments and agencies to address these. He also has a project development and delivery role aimed at addressing issues such as the underlying causes of anti-social behaviour.

City Services- Street Cleansing – each street on the estate is mechanically swept once a week, and the scheduled day is Wednesday.

Rubbish removal – domestic waste is uplifted once per week, and green waste collected once every four weeks.

Bulky Item removal – residents can phone in requests for uplift to the call centre, or report items to the neighbourhood warden. Items are left in a pre-arranged spot, and uplifted at the next time the collection service is available in the area. 13 collections per year are offered for the disposal of larger household goods.

Public Litter Bins – These are all to be replaced in 2005, but are on a schedule for emptying 3/4 times per week.

LEAP team – Once a month, for a period of a week each ward in the city can request additional removal of litter and fly-tipping from pre-identified hotspots. Two men with equipment and pick up truck can be directed during the pre-set week to hotspots in the ward.

Ginnel Clearance Team – There is only one team to cover the whole city, and response to requests will depend on availability.

Graffiti Removal – This service will remove all graffiti of a racist nature, but all other graffiti removal is subject to survey and acceptance of a quotation.

Gully Cleansing – This service aims to service each gully relating to a road for which Highways has responsibility, once every eight months.

Enforcement Service – there is a dedicated team of enforcement officers to deliver enforcement related to litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling, domestic waste issues and lots more. Unless an area is to be targeted, requests for action will be responded to depending on availability and priority status.

Highways Department – is responsible for the maintenance of the roads, street lighting, pavements and street signs across the estate. There is an all year round, 24 hour emergency response service.

Learning & Leisure - Youth Service has a remit to work with 13 – 19 year olds, and engage them in positive activities that will “facilitate their personal and social needs in an informal educative context”. The service has 126 hours allocated for the Rothwell ward, to work with up to 371 young people aged 13-19.

Since October 2004, there has been no youth club provision in the Rose Lund Centre. Since the start of 2005 there have been regular weekly outreach sessions with young people on the estate, to identify with them the type, frequency, timing and location of a resumed provision.

There are issues relating to the security of the Rose Lund centre that have not as yet been fully resolved, and the Youth Service has requested the necessary works be completed prior to a regular resumption of the youth club activity in the centre.

Parks & Countryside – this service within Learning & Leisure is responsible for the development and maintenance of recreational grounds and play parks across the city.

In essence Parks & Countryside cut the grass and maintain the 2 football fields, and are developing proposals to extend the changing facilities in the Rose Lund centre.

Baby Clinic- Rothwell based health visitors run a baby clinic in the Rose Lund centre on the first Friday of every month. These include health education sessions relating to the babies and the mothers.

Rose Farm Early Years Centre – runs outreach sessions in the Rose Lund centre each Wednesday and Friday from 9am – 12 midday, for families on the estate with children under five. In partnership with health visitors and Joseph Priestley college, the centre works with parents to help build confidence, and enable access to training. The children are supported in early development through advice to the parent and through educational play. 26 families from the estate use the service, which includes a very successful toy library housed within the Rose Lund centre. The centre also runs holiday sessions for children aged 3-9.

Rothwell Live At Home Scheme- provides support to older people on the estate, through social events, visits, and a lending library.

South Leeds Primary Care Trust – Health Bus The health bus visits the estate on a fortnightly basis. Young people from the estate can drop into the bus and ask the workers for advice and information on all aspects of health.

South Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Unit – Through telephone referrals from residents, and from referrals from other agencies, an anti-social behaviour officer will visit those concerned about anti-social behaviour and take statements, and give advice on reporting on and keeping evidence of anti-social behaviour. If possible and necessary action will be taken such as warnings, anti-social behaviour contracts, and ultimately anti-social behaviour orders.

Consultation

Since 2001 there have been three consultation exercises on the estate:

1. In March 2001, Groundwork Leeds carried out what is known as a participatory appraisal on the estate. Using what is known as an H form, with a map in the centre, and indicating where they lived, residents by going house to house were asked their opinions about living in the area, and their ideas for making it better.

68 residents responded, with low representation from under 18's and between 45 – 65.

The main issues raised by residents were, in priority order:

- a) litter, mess and muck – litter in the streets, and dumped in neighbours and empty properties gardens
- b) drugs and needles
- c) asb from other residents- belief amongst some that problem tenants were allocated onto the estate
- d) asb involving young people
- e) vandalism, violence and intimidation
- f) theft and burglary
- g) gardens- were too big and they had neither the time or the equipment to deal with them. Boundary fences and hedges were not maintained, and people were unaware of their responsibilities.
- h) lack of facilities- Rose Lund centre thought of as mostly shut, and lack of information out to residents on activities there

Positive aspects of the area were:

- a) long-term resident, family and friends.
- b) proximity to Rothwell Country park
- c) Youth club.

2. In 2001, the health visiting team carried out a questionnaire to identify the needs of parents on the estate, and particularly on the potential for a child health clinic to succeed.

61 women, and 2 males responded.

93% thought it very important or important to have additional support for parents on the estate, especially in relation to issues of bullying, drugs and parenting. There were also requests for more activities for young people, and for a gardening equipment lending scheme, and volunteers to help older people in particular maintain their gardens.

98% thought additional activities for young people was very important, and indoor and outdoor play areas, and a toy library were the top three requests.

There was a request for a baby clinic from 82% of respondents, and preference in the Rose Lund centre. This has been put in place.

75% thought that access to courses on the estate, would be welcome, and preference given to childcare, computers and keep fit.

Drugs was the crime most respondents were concerned should be reduced on the estate.

Recommendations were for the setting up of the baby clinic, and for the future provision of a parenting course.

3. In July 2004, a rapid appraisal of the estate was carried out by the Primary Care Trust.

The aim was to “ give an insight into the current situation on the John O’Gaunts estate, from the point of view of both professionals and residents”, and to “ produce recommendations to address some of the issues highlighted.

Participants were asked 10 questions relating to their experience of living on John O’Gaunts and in relation to health issues in particular.

12 professionals were consulted, 9 adult residents, and 8 young people. The main issues raised were as follows:

- a. anti-social behaviour involving young people, and linking this to lack of activities available for young people.
- b. poor physical environment – especially in relation to overgrown and rubbish filled gardens, and litter and fly-tipping hotspots

- c. drug use – anecdotal concerns raised about the levels of use and dealing on the estate, but mainly relating to Class C drugs.
- d. Perceived bad reputation of the area – and even if improvements happen, the area retaining the same bad reputation, and residents by association.
- e. limited sense of community unless a long term resident, or linked through family connections. Difficult for new residents to be accepted. Playing fields separate the estate, and lead to ‘them and us’ mentality.

Recommendations from the appraisal were:

- Long term initiatives to ensure continuity
 - Place for young people to hang out without adult interference
 - Creation of a jobshop
 - Leisure services to provide exercise classes on the estate
 - Programme of clean up days to be scheduled- and involve residents and enforcement as much as possible.
4. Since 2000, there has been an inter-agency group meeting to address issues on the estate, involving key departments of the council and key agencies. Key priorities it identified included:
- a) Poor environment, with a number of hotspots to be addressed, and the issue of large unkempt gardens, and ginnels.
 - b) Lack of community involvement in the issues on the estate.
 - c) Lack of activities for young people, and young people involved in anti-social behaviour.
 - d) High levels of unemployment.
 - e) Relatively low levels of attainment for young people, and low skills levels in adults.
 - f) Impact of the closure of Langdale school.

Initiatives developed and delivered as a result:

- a) Target area for environmental task force
- b) Gardening services for older people, disabled, and single parents – all unable to maintain own gardens
- c) Breakfast club at Langdale school
- d) Langdale school homework club
- e) Fitness classes in Langdale
- f) Inter-agency event at Rose Lund
- g) Maths Fest for young people
- h) Programme of club meetings and events for young people
- i) Junior football teams coached by local parents
- j) Aire Valley Employment Team – support for access to Aire Valley jobs
- k) Toy Library developed between Rose Farm and Langdale
- l) Inter-agency working group on asb

Key Issues

The above initiatives have enjoyed a degree of success, but have suffered from a number of factors that have combined to make sustainability impossible. These factors have included the high turnover in workers having ongoing service delivery responsibilities on the estate, the lack of available ongoing funding, restructuring within the council, the closure of Langdale primary school, and the limited number of officers with remit to concentrate efforts on a particular neighbourhood such as John O'Gaunts, lead on initiatives. Monitoring and evaluation did not happen.

Potentially the most significant drawback has been the failure to achieve any level of community involvement and engagement in the inter-agency process, or indeed in any of the initiatives detailed above.

It is possible to assess the available data on the estate, the findings of previous consultations, and current working knowledge of the estate, and identify the following remaining key priorities for improvement of the estate, and for improvement to the quality of life for its residents:

1. Reducing anti-social behaviour and crime, especially involving young people.
2. Increasing the involvement of young people in positive activities
3. Improving the environment
4. Reducing unemployment, and increasing household income
5. Improving attainment levels for young people, and skills and learning for adults.
6. Developing community involvement and engagement in issues to be addressed on the estate.
7. Promoting healthier lifestyles through healthy eating and increased exercise

It is proposed that these key priorities will form the basis for developing and prioritising action from this Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.

Identified Actions for John O'Gaunts Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

Key Priority	Issue	Project/Action	Lead Agency/ Others involved	Resources/ Costs/ Sources of Funding	Outputs	Outcomes	Timescales for Key Stages	Progress Reports
1. Reducing anti-social behaviour and crime	1.1 Gangs of young people congregating at hotspots, causing alarm, distress and vandalism	1.1.1 Anti-social behaviour working group to meet quarterly, or more frequently if required – agree actions and monitor implementation	Area Management, ASBU, West Yorkshire Police, Youth Service, Leeds South Homes, Neighbourhood warden	Staff time, administration costs In kind from agencies Admin – Area management	Actions in response to review of issues. Warning letters, ABCs, ASBOs	Fewer incidents of asb from gangs of young people. Reduction of stress and alarm to residents	Review meeting – by 30 th April 2005 31 st JULY 2005 31 st October 2005	Minutes, and progress reports on agreed actions
		1.1.2 Awareness letter/leaflet to all households near hotspots on estate – raising awareness, and reporting /evidence gathering procedures	ASBU, West Yorkshire police	Production of letters, and postage ASBU, AMT	Increased reporting of asb, and more preventative and punitive action	Reduction in incidence of asb	Letter out – by 31 st May 2005	To ASB working group
		1.1.3 Referral of ring-leading young people to PAYP, Education Welfare, and Connexions	ASBU, YOS, Education Welfare, PAYP, Connexions	Staff time and existing resources	Programme of positive intervention for each referee	Reduction in asb	31 st May 2005	To ASB Working Group

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		1.1.4 Security/ Preventative measures at hotspots e.g. Security door for Rose Lund, additional shuttering, palisade fencing round targeted garden, fencing on congregating wall	Learning & Leisure, Leeds South Homes	Costs of purchase and installation of measures – Lead Department and Agency core budgets	Reduce access to hotspot areas	Fewer asb incidents	Measures identified and Costed – 31 st May 2005 Works instructed and implemented – 30 th June 2005	Monthly progress checks from AMT
		1.1.5 Additional PCSO patrols on estate - devote minimum amount of random patrol time to estate per week	West Yorkshire Police	PCSO patrol time	Deterrence affect on young people	Reduce incidence of asb	Patrols start in place from December 2004	Output reports at asb working group
	1.2 Alleged drug dealing and taking on estate	1.2.1 Outreach worker and St Anne's to assess scale and nature of problem, and propose actions to address	St Anne's , DAT Locality Co-ordinator	St Anne's worker time, DAT co-ordinator time and Outreach worker time @ £ 10 per hour	Understand ing of nature of issues to be addressed, proposals for action	Reduce drug taking and harm from drug taking	Initial meeting - 31 st May 2005 Needs assessment underway by 1 st September 2005 Complete by 31 st January 2006	Monthly checks on progress by AMT

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2. Increasing the involvement of young people in positive activities	2.1 Lack of existing knowledge about what young people on estate currently do, what else would they like to do?	2.1.1 Consultation with young people	Rothwell Inter-agency , Youth Service, AMT	Youth Worker time	Identification of young peoples preferred activities	Platform for proposals for potentially sustainable projects	Report by 31 st May 2005	AMT monthly progress reports
	2.2 Nowhere for young people to gather to talk, hangout	2.2.1 Youth Shelter	Youth Services , Learning & Leisure Parks & Countryside	£10,000 Total Capital £7,500 Revenue £2,500 Wellbeing funding	Meeting place for young people	Less harassment of residents, less asb & vandalism of existing hotspots	Consultation of young people and residents – 31 st July 2005 Consultation complete – 31 st October 2005	AMT monthly progress checks
	2.3 Lack of available activities for young people	2.3.1 DAZL dance sessions	DAZL , Youth Service, AMT	£3,200 revenue per annum wellbeing funding	Positive activities for 12+ young people, increased self esteem, improved health	Less asb	Classes start May 2005	AMT Monthly progress checks

Key Priority	Issue	Project/Action	Lead Agency/ Others involved	Resources/ Costs/ Sources of Funding	Outputs	Outcomes	Timescales for Key Stages	Progress Reports
		2.3.2 Re-launch of youth work in Rose Lund Centre	Youth Services	Existing youth service budget	At least one youth club session per week, plus holiday sessions	Less asb, support for young people, raised attainment levels	31 st May 2005	AMT monthly progress checks
		2.3.3 Intermediate youth club for 8-12 year olds	Rose Farm Early Years	To be quantified – Rose Farm EYC funding, youth services, wellbeing funding	Additional activities for younger children	Socialisation promote positive behaviour, less asb	Feasibility – 30 th June 2005, launch August/ September 2005	AMT monthly progress checks
	2.4 Lack of activities for young people and parents of 0-9 year olds	2.4.1 Creation of safe, soft outside play area for Rose Farm Early Years Centre Outreach	Rose Farm Early Years	£15,000 Capital Early Years Service, Wellbeing funding, private sponsorship	Soft play area for up to 50 young people	Enhance development and health of 0-9 year olds	Plan & costings – 31 st March 2005 Funding secured – July 2005 Construction – 31 st October 2005	AMT monthly progress checks
3.0 Improving the environment	3.1 Ginnels – overgrown and full of rubbish and fly-tipping	3.1.1 Option appraisal to remove / restrict access / block off ginnels	Leeds South Homes, AMT, Neighbourhood Warden, Community Safety	Staff time	Fully developed and costed proposal to address issue of ginnels	Improved environment	31 st October 2005	AMT monthly progress check

Key Priority	Issue	Project/Action	Lead Agency/ Others involved	Resources/ Costs/ Sources of Funding	Outputs	Outcomes	Timescales for Key Stages	Progress Reports
		3.1.2 Ginnel team and estate caretakers to reduce hedges, clear overgrowth, remove fly-tipping and rubbish	City Services, Leeds South Homes, Neighbourhood Warden	Ginnel team and estate caretaker time	Rubbish free and tidy ginnels	Improved environment	30 th September 2005	AMT monthly progress check
		3.1.3 Ginnels included in referrals to LEAP, and tackled in each neighbourhood clear up event (see below)	City Services, Neighbourhood Warden, AMT	Staff time and equipment, rubbish disposal costs City Services budget	Rubbish free and tidy ginnels	Improved environment	11 th – 16 th April 2005, July 2005, October 2005	AMT monthly progress check
	3.2 Unkempt, overgrown, rubbish filled gardens	3.2.1 John O'Gaunts gardening initiative, equipment lending and volunteering initiative	Neighbourhood Wardens, Neighbourhood Homes, Leeds South Homes	£5,500 capital £1,500 revenue Well Being Funding	Sustainable self help project involving the community	Improved environmental, community engagement	Equipment purchase 31 st May 2005 Service by Wardens from 31 st May 2005 and ongoing Volunteers service by July / August 2005	AMT monthly progress check

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		3.2.2 Enforcement action from Leeds South Homes, City Services and Environmental Health	Leeds South Homes , City Services, Environmental Health, Neighbourhood Warden	Existing resources	Remedial action, fines from residents, deterrent impact on others	Improved environment	From May 2005 and ongoing	AMT monthly progress checks
		3.2.3 Referral of gardens of older people to Groundwork gardening initiative	Rothwell Live at Home	Greenfingers funding, already allocated to Groundwork	Older people given assistance with gardens	Improved environment, community safety	From May 2005	AMT monthly progress checks
	3.3 Gardens too large for residents / tenants to maintain	3.3.1 Feasibility on options to reduce size of gardens	Leeds South Homes , Neighbourhood Warden	Leeds South Homes	Potential proposals and costings to address a key environmental issue on estate	Better kept gardens	November 2005	AMT monthly progress check

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	3.4 Litter hotspots throughout the estate e.g. around Rose Lund and Labour Club car Park	3.4.1 Rolling programme of interagency clean up events on estate – at least quarterly, accompanied by environmental audit and action plan	Neighbourhood Warden , City Services, AMT, Leeds South Homes, Youth Service, YOS, Rothwell in Bloom, AMT	£150 per event revenue Wellbeing fund	At least four environmental audits of estate, ongoing action monitored, four clean up days per annum, distribution of enforcement materials to all households	Improvements to hotspots, awareness of deterrence re enforcement, community engagement	16 th April 2005 July 2005 October 2005 January 2006 and ongoing	AMT monthly progress check
	3.5 Overgrown hedging all over the estate	3.5.1 Consider options to remove same, and replace with fencing. Identify exactly who is responsible for what hedging and enforce / assist / monitor cutting	Leeds South Homes , Neighbourhood Warden	Staff time	Fully costed proposals	Improved environment	November 2005	AMT monthly progress update

Key Priority	Issue	Project/Action	Lead Agency/ Others involved	Resources/ Costs/ Sources of Funding	Outputs	Outcomes	Timescales for Key Stages	Progress Reports
	3.6 Broken down and rotten wooden fencing all over the estate	3.6.1 Identify what fencing required removal and replacement and cost up, seek funding	Leeds South Homes	Costs to be determined Leeds South Homes	Secure gardens	Improved overall look of estate	November 2005	AMT monthly progress check
	3.7 No identifiable community recreation space / garden area	3.7.1 Community garden, potentially outside Temple Lawn Community Centre	Leeds South Homes, Learning & Leisure, Parks & Countryside, Neighbourhood warden, community volunteers	Costs to be quantified, wellbeing funds, Leeds South Homes, Green Leeds	Enjoyable space for older people and rest of community	Improves hotspot, community engagement, pride in wider community	Plan, costings 31 st July 2005, secure funding August/September 2005, construction from September /October 2005	AMT monthly progress report
4.0 Reducing unemployment and raising attainment levels	4.1 High numbers of children in households on benefits	4.1.1 John O Gaunts Pathways Project Drop in advice and support on accessing training and employment	Initially AMT, Employment Service Single Parent Advisor, Disability Advisor, Aire Valley Employment Team, Libraries, Joseph Priestly College	£3,500 revenue per annum, Well Being Budget	Advice Service Skills Register Training Initiatives	Increased nos of residents in employment Increased attainment levels	Launch by 31 st May 2005	Monitoring reports to Rothwell Inter Agency Group

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	4.2 Low proportion of young people attaining 5 or more GCSEs A-C, low number of young people with access to quiet study areas and PCs	4.2.1 John O Gaunts Homework Club/Cyber Cafe	AMT, Youth Services, Schools	To be determined	Regular access to quiet study area/PC	Increased attainment levels of young people/reduced ASB	Feasibility following on from youth consultation – by 31 st July 2005	Monitoring reports to Rothwell Inter Agency Group
5 Developing community involvement and engagement	5.1 Failure to involve community representatives in inter-agency or to set up Tenants & Residents Association	5.1.1 Consultation on Neighbourhood Improvement Plan including launch event and seeking community representatives on a steering group	AMT, other agencies on steering group	£300 from Well Being Budget NIP Consultation Budget	Up to date opinions on proposals, community representatives involved	Increase community engagement	Complete by 30 th June 2005	Report to Rothwell Inter Agency Group

Key Priority	Issue	Project/Action	Lead Agency/ Others involved	Resources/ Costs/ Sources of Funding	Outputs	Outcomes	Timescales for Key Stages	Progress Reports
		5.1.2 Annual Community Fun Day	Rose Farm EYC , Leeds South Homes, Youth Service, AMT, Neighbourhood Warden, Community Representatives	£500 Well Being Budget Small Grant	Additional activities for residents and young people	Community engagement and capacity building	Event by 31 st August 2005	Monthly AMT progress check
6 Promoting healthy Living	6.1 Anecdotal reports of health issues relating to poor diet and lack of exercise	6.1.1 Rothwell Leisure Centre to provide taster and regular keep fit sessions from Rose Lund Centre	Learning & Leisure , Rothwell Leisure Centre	To be determined	Residents have opportunities to sample exercise classes and to take up regular exercise	Healthier residents, promotion of Rose Lund Centre	Consultation by 30 th June 2005 Classes by 31 st July 2005	Monthly AMT progress check

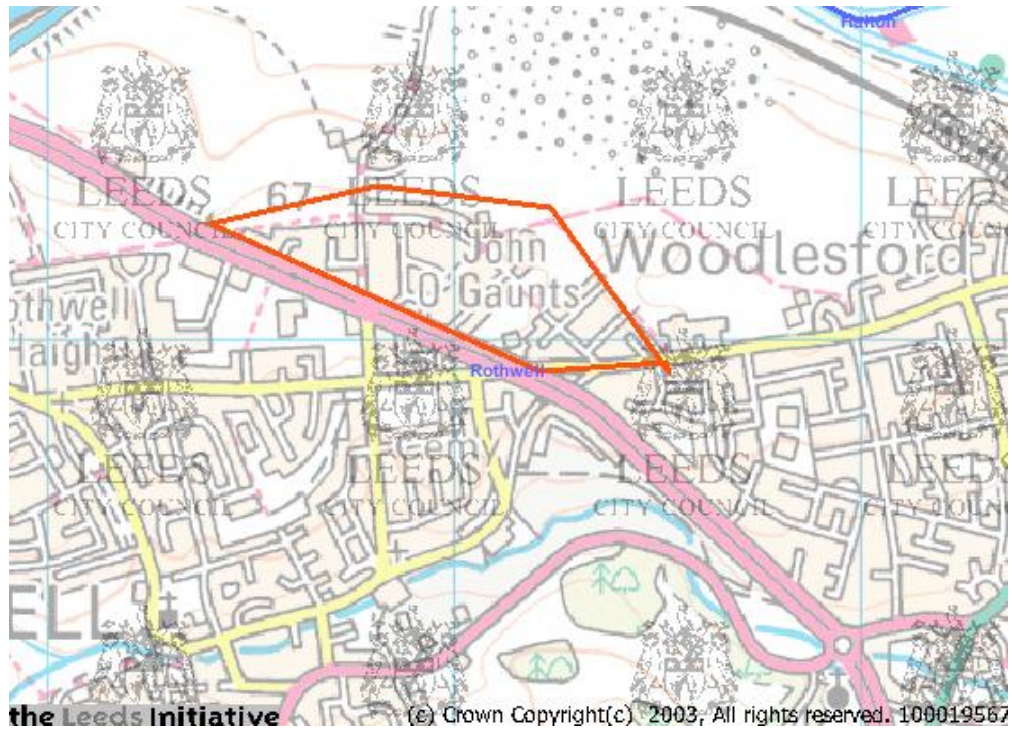
John O'Gaunts - Rothwell Ward

	John O'Gaunts	Ward (Rothwell)	Leeds Cityswide
Age Groups	%	%	%
0-4	10.93	5.81	5.71
5-15	18.27	13.86	14.29
16-19	6.22	4.28	5.51
20-29	14.04	11.41	15.23
30-59	36.22	42.6	39.3
60+	14.12	22.04	19.96
All Ages (total population)	1253	21010	715402
Ethnicity	%	%	%
White British	97.06	97.07	89.16
White Irish	0.95	0.65	1.2
Other White	0	0.59	1.49
White & Black Caribbean	0.64	0.28	0.64
White & Black African	0	0.03	0.12
White & Asian	0.08	0.11	0.35
Other Mixed	0	0.12	0.24
Chinese	0	0.2	0.48
Indian	1.11	0.44	1.72
Pakistani	0	0.11	2.11
Bangladeshi	0	0.04	0.35
Other Asian	0	0.09	0.33
Black Caribbean	0.16	0.13	0.94
Black African	0	0.03	0.34
Other Black	0	0.03	0.16
Other Ethnicity	0	0.08	0.35
Religion	%	%	%
Christian	66.6	79.79	68.86
Buddhist	0	0.08	0.22
Hindu	0	0.15	0.58
Jewish	0	0.1	1.16
Muslim	0	0.32	2.99
Sikh	1.04	0.26	1.06
Other Religions	0	0.1	0.21
No Religion	22.07	12.71	16.79
Not Stated	10.36	6.5	8.12
Council Administered Benefit	%	%	%
All Households	37.04	18.28	22.41
Households with residents exclusively over 60	9.43	10.87	10.74
Households with dependant children	18.64	3.1	4.07
Lone Parent Households	14.69	0.99	1.22
Single People (under 60)	6.58	2.57	5.35
Couples with no dependant children	2.41	0.76	1.03
People in Households on Benefit	31.04	15.75	15.05
Children in Households on Benefit	49.33	12.31	21.08
Housing	%	%	%
Council Tax Band A	78.57	30.68	41.7
Council Tax Band B	14.07	21.1	20.26
Council Tax Band C	7.36	27.99	18.98
Council Tax Band D	0	8.19	8.45
Council Tax Band E	0	7.7	5.62
Council Tax Band F	0	3.6	2.81
Council Tax Band G	0	0.67	1.97
Council Tax Band H	0	0.07	0.2
Vacant Properties	1.3	2.23	4.28
All Occupied Properties	98.7	97.77	95.72

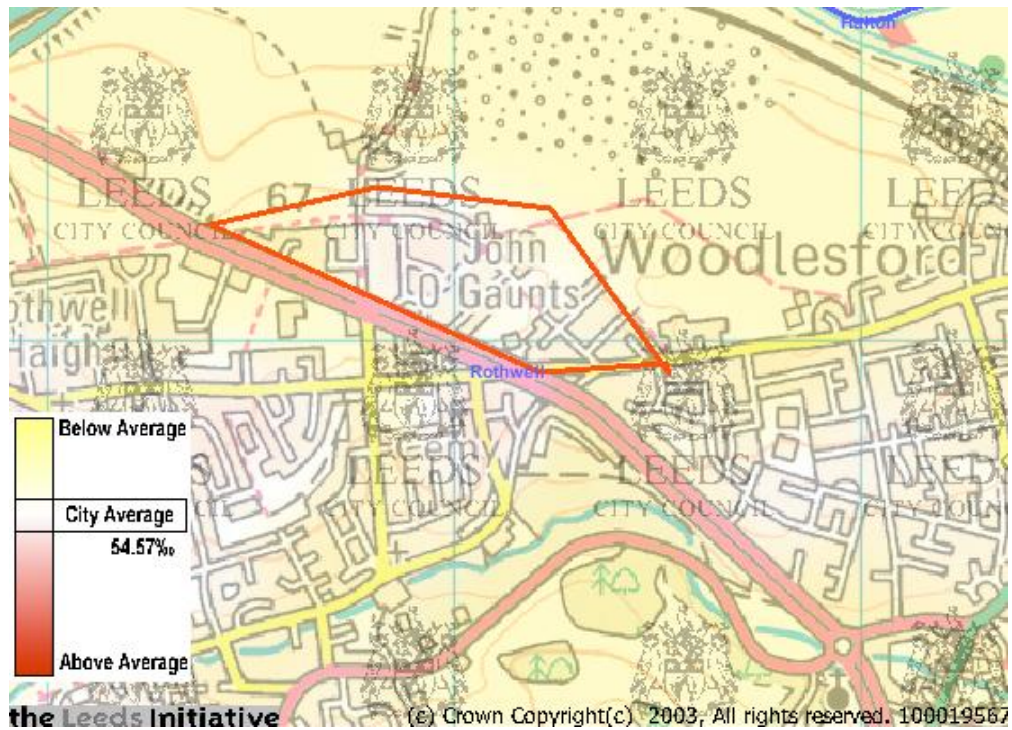
Recorded Crime	Rate per 1000	Rate per 1000	Rate per 1000
All Reported Crime (per head of population)	142.81	118.16	182.22
Domestic Burglary (per household)	54.11	29.63	54.57
Vehicle Crime (per head of population)	23.14	32.89	39.53
Criminal Damage (per head of population)	45.48	24.08	31.66
Educational Attainment	Number	Number	Number
No. GCSE Entrants	12	213	7482
No. Pupils attaining 5+ GCSE at grade A* - C	<5	101	3343
Percent attaining 5+ A*-C	33-40%	47.42%	44.68%
Coronary Heart Disease Mortality	Number	Number	Number
No. of all deaths from CHD	12	253	7432
Number of Deaths Under Age 75 from CHD	6	n/a	2744

Rothwell Ward

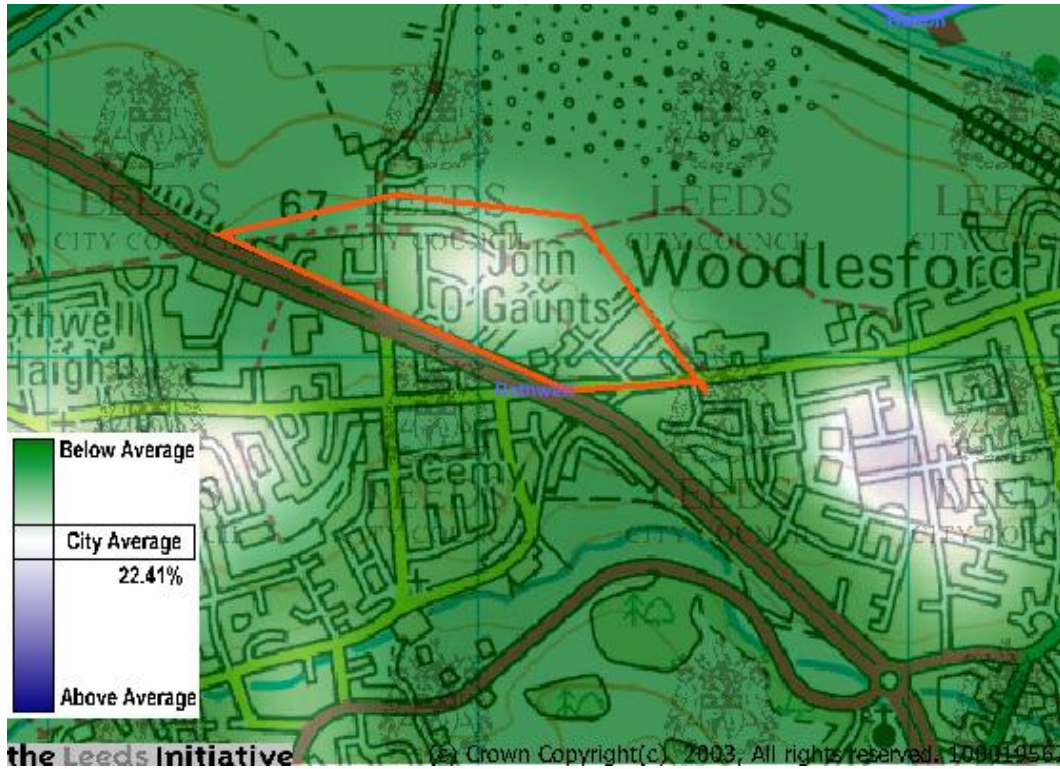
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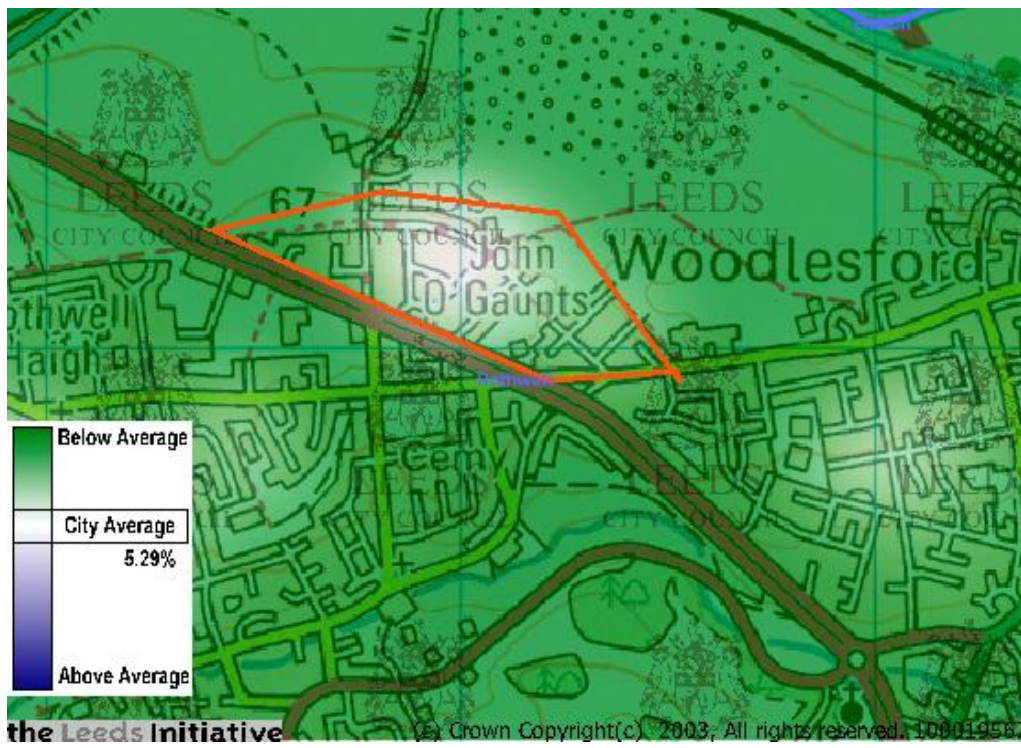
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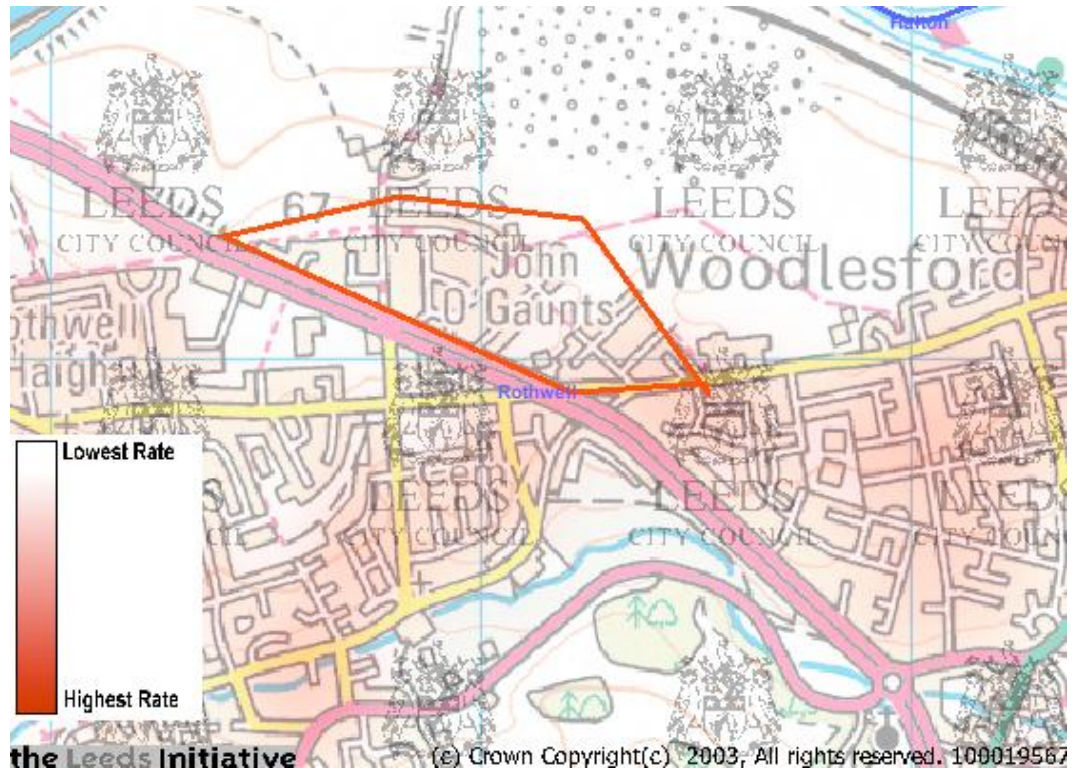
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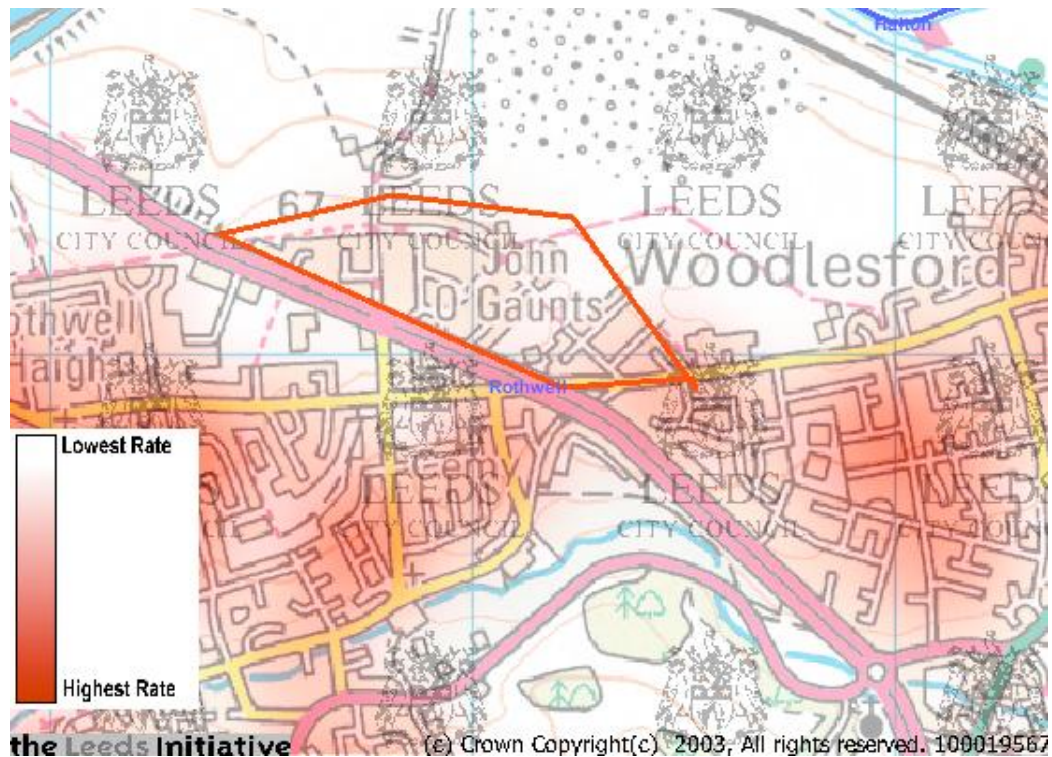
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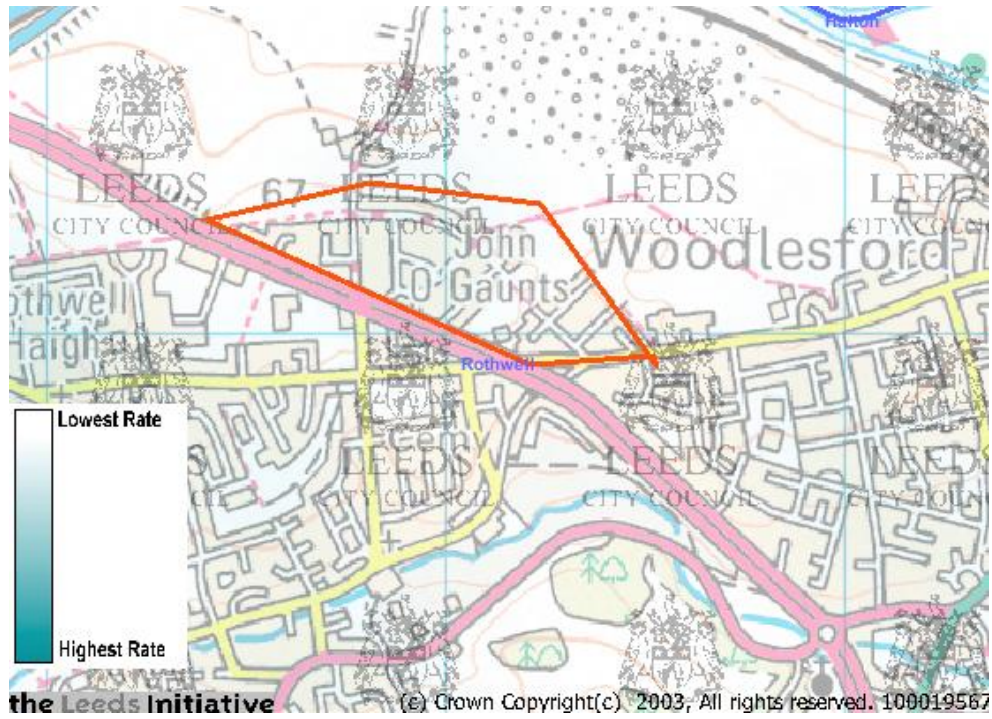
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CHD All Ages 1997-2002



Empty Properties 2003



**Priority Neighbourhood Action Plans Proposed Timetable for
Development and Implementation**

	Neighbourhoods	Actions	
Phase I	John O'Gaunts Newlands and Denshaws	Development of and consultation on Draft Action Plan	1 st November 2004 – 31 st March 2005
	Eastleighs and Fairleighs	Implementation of Short Term Actions	1 st April 2005 – 1 st November 2005
Phase II	Wood Lane Estate Fairfaxes and Oakwells	Development of and consultation on Draft Action Plan	1 st April 2005 – 31 st August 2005
	The Harrops	Implementation of Short Term Actions	1 st September 2005 – 1 st April 2006
Phase III	Springbanks and Moorlands Northfields	Development of and consultation on Draft Action Plan	1 st September 2005 – 31 st January 2006
	Parts of Oulton and Woodlesford	Implementation of Short Term Actions	1 st February 2006 – 30 th September 2006



REPORT OF: Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

MEETING: Outer South Area Committee

DATE : 25th April 2005

SUBJECT : Options for Town Centre Management – Morley and Rothwell Town Centres

Electoral Wards Affected :

Morley South

Rothwell

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities

Women

Disabled People

Executive Board Decision

Eligible for Call In

Not eligible for Call In (details contained in the report)

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out potential models for the delivery of town centre management for Morley and Rothwell town centres.
- 1.2 It seeks the views of members on a preferred option for implementation.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At the Area Committee meeting on 13th September, the Outer South Area Committee approved five priority themes for action to address key issues across the Outer South area. One of these was ‘Town Centre Development’, the aim being to enhance the attractiveness of the two town centres of Morley and Rothwell, to increase their vibrancy and sustainability, and to help create centres where increasing numbers go to shop, and for entertainment and leisure.
- 2.2 At the 18th October 2004 Area Committee, a report was presented that detailed the potential for a town centre management initiative to address the regeneration needs of the two town centres. It was agreed that a proposal be developed for a town centre management initiative for Morley and Rothwell, and that this be submitted for consideration at a future meeting of the committee. There was also agreement on the general aims for such an initiative:
 - Regeneration of the two town centres, and developing the life of the centres for investors as well as users
 - Improved management of the public realm
 - Creation of a shared vision for each town’s identity, function, market niche and image that meets the needs of the people it serves now and in the future

parking, signing, security, inward investment, marketing , customer care and attractions.

- Effective and continuing consultation with stakeholders
- Promotion of confidence by publishing achievements

2.3 Since the October meeting, further research has been carried out in relation to potential models for the delivery of such an initiative, and there was a meeting on 8th April 2005 of all the potential stakeholders in Morley to consider options as they might relate to Morley in particular.

3.0 Options for Models for Delivery

3.1 For each of the options detailed below, there would be day to day management support from the South Leeds Area Management Team, and where and when possible, additional allocation of Area Management Team staff time and input to augment the resources available.

Each option would also require to report into a town centre association board, and a town centre association.

3.2 Option (a)(i)

A Town Centre Management Team consisting of one town centre manager at grade PO3/4 plus an assistant at SO1/2. The overall team would have a remit to cover both Morley and Rothwell town centre issues.

The PO3/4 post would directly manage the SO1/2 post.

There could be a proportional allocation of time of the overall team between the two town centres, for example 60% for Morley, and 40% for Rothwell to reflect the different size of the two town centres, and the current stage and pre-eminence of the Morrisons development, and the impact that may have on the potential for, and timing of new initiatives.

Indicative costs : The overall year 1 costs for this model would be £91,071 revenue, with £61,071 revenue for staff costs, and £30,000 revenue by way of a development budget. (Each option has been allocated a development budget of £30,000 revenue). *It should be noted that the grades detailed are anticipated only at this stage, and would be subject to evaluation by Human Resources.*

Advantages:

1. Hierarchical structure enables the use of differing skills of each post holder to be allocated flexibly across the two towns, for example one post holder may have particular project management skills, and the other marketing and publicity skills.
2. Clear line management structure and responsibilities.

Disadvantages

1. Lack of identifiable individual as figurehead for each town.
2. Lack of clear links between potential individual town stakeholder financial contributions, and individual manager for that town.

A Town Centre Management Team consisting of one town centre manager at PO3/4, and an assistant at SO1/2. The manager would be the town centre manager for Morley, and the assistant would be the town centre manager for Rothwell. The town centre manager for Morley would however manage the assistant on a day to day basis, and therefore would have a strategic development and overseeing role in relation to Rothwell. The PO3/4 post would be located in Morley and the SO1/2 located in Rothwell.

Indicative Costs: The overall Year 1 costs for this model would be £93,723, made up of £63,723 for staff costs, and £30,000 development budget.

Advantages:

1. Each town gets the benefits of its own manager, and the raised profile that brings.
2. Each manager would be more freely accessible to local people, and would become more familiar with and specialised in issues to do with each individual town.
3. There will still be the benefit of a direct hierarchical and line management structure of the more senior to the more junior post.
4. Potential financial contributions from different stakeholders based in the different towns will be more directly linked to or attributable to their own town centre manager.

Disadvantages:

1. Perceived disparity in importance between the needs of the two town centres.
2. Inability to call on differing skills of two candidates across the two town areas.
3. There would be additional and as yet unknown costs for accommodation in Rothwell.

3.4 Option (b)

Two town centre managers, both at PO3/4, with one manager devoted full time to Morley and one full time to Rothwell.

Indicative Costs: The overall Year 1 costs for this model would be £104,540 revenue, with £74,540 for staff costs, plus the £30,000 revenue development budget.

Advantages:

1. There would be parity in allocation of resources to management of the two town centres.
2. Two staff of high grade, so probably better chance of attracting good quality candidates for both post.

Disadvantages:

1. An ongoing high cost, and the potential lack of sustainability.
2. Given the early stage of the development of the town centre working group for Rothwell, and the predominance of the issues relating to the Morrisons development, could the allocation of the same resource for Rothwell be justified at this stage?
3. Additional and as yet unknown costs for accommodation in Rothwell.

3.5 Option (C)

Two town centre managers, both at PO3/4, one manager full time for Morley, and the other half time for Rothwell, (potentially as a pilot, with a view to making the post full time if the need is demonstrated).

Indicative costs: The overall Year 1 costs for this model would be £85,905 revenue, made up of £55,905 in staff costs, and £30,000 for the development budget.

Advantages:

1. Lower cost, and potentially more sustainable as a result.
2. Potential to attract high quality candidates, given the level of the post.
3. Clear link between contributions of finance and individual posts

Disadvantages:

1. Less available man hours to address Rothwell issues.
2. Less opportunity to raise the profile for the Rothwell post and less accessibility for Rothwell traders and public.
3. No clear hierarchical management structure.
4. Cannot make best use of mix of skills between the two towns.

3.6 Option (d)

One town centre manager at PO4, full time for Morley, and no manager or assistant for Rothwell in the first instance.

Indicative Costs: The overall Year 1 costs for this model would be £67,270 revenue, made up of £37,270 in staff costs, and the £30,000 development budget.

Advantages:

1. Lower costs, and potentially most sustainable option, given limited potential sources of funding.
2. Morley could be used as a pilot to test the potential of such an initiative.
3. This would enable time for the Rothwell Town Centre Working Group to develop definite proposals for what they would want the town centre manager to address.
4. Could obtain a sense of the scale of workload on the Morley post and gauge for example whether there was potential spare time to allocate to Rothwell issues.
5. Clear link from potential allocation of funding from Morley stakeholders to the initiative.

Disadvantages:

1. No devoted town centre management staff time to Rothwell, other than available time allocated from the Area Management Team.
2. No one to devote significant time to the development of the Rothwell Town Centre Working Group.
3. Perceived disparity of allocation of resources between the two towns, during a period of adverse impact on Rothwell town centre resulting from the delays in the Morrisons development.
4. No additional dedicated staff time to the development and delivery of initiatives already started in Rothwell by the Area Management Team.

4.0 Potential Sources of Funding

4.1 Potential sources of funding for the initiative are limited. Apart from Area Committee Wellbeing Funding, the only current likely additional source is Morley Town Council funding. This would need to be taken into account when considering the different options available.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 Elected members are asked to consider the five different options for a potential model for the delivery a town centre management initiative, and to indicate the preferred view of the Area Committee.



REPORT OF: Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

MEETING: Outer South Area Committee

DATE : 25th April 2005

SUBJECT : Tingley Athletic Junior Football Club Home Ground Development

Electoral Wards Affected :

Ardsley & Robin Hood

Morley North

Morley South

Rothwell

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities

Women

Disabled People

Executive Board Decision

Eligible for Call In

Not eligible for Call In (details contained in the report)

1.0 Purpose

1.1 This report:

(a) informs the Outer South Area Committee of a proposed initiative to develop a home ground site, with training facilities and club house for Tingley Athletic Junior Football Club.

(b) seeks approval for an allocation of £20,000 capital of Wellbeing funding toward the overall cost of the scheme.

2.0 Background

2.1 Tingley Athletic Junior Football Club was established in 1976 by a small number of parents and friends who wanted to provide local children with the opportunity to play football.

2.2 Presently there are 16 junior and 3 senior teams under the clubs management, including 5 girls' teams. In total the club has 325 playing members and approximately 1700 affiliated members, e.g. parents, grandparents and siblings. It is estimated that 1 in 15 of the local population has either a direct or indirect connection with the club.

2.3 Members of all abilities are actively involved in all matches to ensure equity to all and to encourage inclusiveness amongst peer groups.

2.4 At present the club has no home base, having to use a number of different location to play its matches and conduct training sessions. The sites used often have poor quality pitches, no changing room or toilet facilities for players or spectators. At best provision of these amenities is basic, they need to be shared between teams and therefore are detrimental to the development of members, especially young girls.

- 2.5 Regular physical exercise will increase fitness, co-ordination and mental well being of young people. It will also allow young people to develop team work skills and peer support groups.
- 2.6 The catchment area for club members is quite wide. Approximately 90% live within a 2 mile radius of Tingley, the other 10% travelling various distances from places such as Morley, Gildersome, Drighlington, Lofthouse, Rothwell and Robin Hood.
- 2.7 A £70 annual membership fee is charged to all member which covers cost of kits, refreshments, facilities maintenance, coaching etc. Special dispensation can be given to families unable to pay this by waiving the fee.

3.0 Proposal

- 3.1 Tingley Athletic Junior Football Club began the planning process for the proposed development four years ago when they approached Leeds City Council about leasing the site to the rear of The Crescent, off Bradford Road.
- 3.2 The proposed development can be broken down into four main sections;
 - (a) Clearance of the existing site
 - (b) Levelling and drainage of the site
 - (c) Provision of a new access point with car parking facilities
 - (d) Build of a new clubhouse with changing facilities and multi purpose room (for refreshments, coaching and training tutorials and meetings)
- 3.3 By developing the site into an area with five football pitches (including two mini pitches), a clubhouse and off street parking it is anticipated that over the next three years member numbers can be increased to above 500.
- 3.4 In order that the pitches are in a usable state by August 2006 site clearance and seeding must take place by the end of July 2005. This will then allow two growing seasons for the cultivation of the grass.
- 3.5 The proposed development would benefit members by offering matches played from the same location, meaning interaction with different teams can take place. It will also help to strengthen commitment by members to the club by offering a purpose built, modern club house that accommodates not only proper changing facilities but also an area for social interaction.
- 3.6 The project could make a difference to many peoples lives, not just those associated with the club. With proper support the project could ensure that a first class facility is achieved that is accessible to local groups, schools and clubs as a venue for their activities. This would widen the benefits of the development to include local residents not directly linked to the football club.
- 3.7 Current position at the time of writing this report;
 - (a) Heads of Terms for a lease have been agreed with Leeds Development Agency, signing to take place after funding decision by the Football Foundation.
 - (b) Funding application to the Football Foundation been submitted, response expected by 19th April 2005.
 - (c) Ratification of the decision expected on 19th April to take place by the Football Foundation by mid June.
 - (d) Planning permission for the scheme was approved by Leeds City Council on December 2nd 2004.

- 4.1 The total cost of the development is set at £723,000.
- 4.2 A funding application has been made to the Football Foundation for £594,000. However, usual procedure demands 25% match funding from the applicant meaning that the Football Foundation may only agree to £543,000. With the remaining £180,000 needing to be raised by the Football Club. At present the club expects to raise £130,000 to put towards match funding (excluding the £20,000 applied for from Outer South Area Committee).
- 4.3 The Football Foundation could respond to the funding application in 4 ways;
- (a) By approving the funding bid for £594,000 resulting in the whole development being able to proceed.
 - (b) By approving, as standard procedure, 75% funding of the overall cost (£543,000) meaning Tingley Junior Football Club is presently £50,000 short after the £130,000 expected to be raised is taken into consideration.
 - (c) By agreeing to part funding. This would involve offering a capped grant in circumstances where the club can demonstrate they have made significant efforts to obtain the full match funding required but have fallen short. In this situation the Football Foundation would agree the capped amount and then look to release the remaining funds at a later date when the balance of the match funding has been raised.
 - (d) By rejecting the application and therefore no funding awarded. This is the most unlikely scenario to occur.
- 4.4 Under scenario (a) the entire redevelopment would be able to go ahead. However, if either options (b), (c) or (d) occurred Tingley Athletic Junior Football Club have assessed how much of the development they would be able to proceed with. They aim to commence work on the pitches and car park whatever the outcome from the Football Foundation. Costings as follows;

Funding in place by Tingley Athletic Junior Football Club	£100,000
Registration fees from season 2005-06	£ 20,000
Funding from Outer South Area Committee	£ 20,000
Total Cost of pitch work and car parking	£140,000

- 4.5 A comprehensive business plan has been written detailing the proposal, which is available on request.

5.0 Priority Themes

- 5.1 The development of The Crescent site into a home ground for Tingley Athletic Football Club supports the Outer South Area Committee's priority theme of work with young people, specifically increasing the number of young people taking part in positive activities to occupy their free time.
- 5.2 The project also meets the key theme of Priority Neighbourhoods. The location of the site for development falls within the Eastleighs and Fairleighs Neighbourhood Improvement Plan boundaries, therefore having a direct impact on the area and its residents.

- 6.1 The Area Committee is recommended to:
- (a) note the details of the proposed initiative, and
 - (b) approve the allocation of £20,000 capital of Wellbeing funding towards the overall cost of the project.



REPORT OF: Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

MEETING: Outer South Area Committee

DATE : 25th April 2005

SUBJECT : Morley Community Radio- Application for Wellbeing funding

Electoral Wards Affected :

Morley North
Morley South
Ardley & Robin Hood

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities
Women
Disabled People

Executive Board Decision

Eligible for Call In

Not eligible for Call In (details contained in the report)

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:

- (a) informs the Outer South Area Committee about a proposed project to set up a Morley Community Radio station by the Morley Community Radio Society .
- (b) Seeks approval for an allocation of £10,000 capital of Wellbeing funding, and £1,100 revenue of Wellbeing funding toward the overall cost of the project.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Morley Community Radio Society is made up of a range of interested groups, organisations and individuals all keen to develop a Morley Community Radio station. There is key involvement and support from local schools, especially Woodkirk High School, Morley High, and Bruntcliffe High schools.

2.2.1 The Society has carried out surveys in relation to potential demand from the public, and on the range of matters people would be interested in. There has been shown to be significant potential interest and demand, and the range intended subjects for broadcast would include local events, local history, gardening, soap operas, poetry readings, local sporting event, and community safety.

2.3 There is a wider aim of supporting and developing community cohesion through community involvement in and running of the station. It would be a station run by and for local people, and different groups from within the Morley area could become involved in all aspects of broadcasting. There would be an intergenerational aspect, in bringing together older local people and younger people in developing and delivering the programmes, for example local history projects. It would develop the

as well as involving them in additional positive activities

2 Proposal

3.1 The aim is that initial necessary equipment would be purchased with the capital wellbeing funds sought, and a broadcasting station to be set up within a room offered within Woodkirk High school. Initial broadcast would be between 1st and 10th July 2005, during the Morley Carnival.

3.3 This would enable a full broadcasting licence to be sought in September 2005, with the aim being to start full broadcasting on a daily basis from 2006.

4.0 Costs

4.1 The initial start up cost is £10,000, and a full breakdown of the costs will be tabled at the Area Committee meeting.

4.2 Revenue costs for the first year are £1,100, and this is the amount sought from the wellbeing budget in revenue. All future revenue costs will be covered by sponsorship and the station will be staffed by volunteers.

5.0 Priority Themes

5.1 The project supports the Outer South Area Committee's agreed theme of work with young people, more specifically increasing the number of young people taking part in positive activities to occupy their free time.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Area Committee is recommended to:
(a) Note the details of the proposed initiative, and
(b) Approve the allocation of £ 10,000 capital and £1,100 revenue of Wellbeing funding towards the overall cost of this project.



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AGENDA
ITEM NO:

Originator:
Dave Richmond

Tel: 247 5536

REPORT OF: Dave Richmond, Area Manager, South Leeds Area Management

MEETING: Outer South Area Committee

DATE: 25th April 2005

SUBJECT: Area Managers Update Report

Electoral Wards Affected: Morley North Morley South Ardsley & Robin Hood Rothwell	Specific Implications For: Ethnic Minorities <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled People <input type="checkbox"/>
Eligible for Call In <input type="checkbox"/>	Not eligible for Call in <input type="checkbox"/> (details contained in the report)

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform members of progress on area based matters which do not appear elsewhere on the agenda. It gives members an opportunity to request additional information which could be provided either verbally at the meeting or be provided in written form at a later date.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A regular area manager's update report was requested at this area committee in February 2005

3.0 PRIORITY NEIGHBOURHOODS

- 3.1 A rolling programme of environmental audit and clean ups has started in the first three NIP areas- the first clean up event on Newlands & Denshaws took place on Saturday 19th March, involving 35 volunteers and collecting over 100 bags of rubbish. Clean ups will be held in John O'Gaunts on 16th April and in the Eastleighs & Fairleighs area on 23rd April. Draft NIPs for these three areas are presented elsewhere on this agenda.
- 3.2 The NIP process for Wood Lane, Fairfax's and Oakwells, and the Harrops estates has begun, initially with the preparation of a profile of each area undertaken to inform discussion at the initial steering group meetings.

4.0 YOUNG PEOPLE

- 4.1 The Morley Youthwork Network last met 15th February, and is due to meet again on 28th April. The meeting agreed to set up a programme of training and information sharing on subjects such as fundraising, funding applications, child protection policies and recruiting volunteers.
- 4.2 The work on young persons consultation is underway in Rothwell. It is intended to involve at least 250 young people between the ages of 9 and 18. It will include work from the Youth Service and local schools, and will culminate in an event at the Rothwell Carnival on 9th July. The mapping of activities in Rothwell is now complete and it is intended to transfer this to a directory for the local website.
- 4.3 DAZL dance sessions are due to start in the Rose Lund Centre from the beginning of April, has commenced in West Ardsley and a commencement date for Newlands & Denshaws is being finalised.
- 4.4 The European Objective 2 Horticulture/Environmental bid was submitted on 18th March by Groundwork Trust. This also involved a considerable amount of work on behalf of Community Sustainability Ltd (European Consultant contracted to Area Management Team), Education Leeds and the Area Management/Neighbourhood Renewal Team. If successful, the project will employ eight local people, train a minimum of 120 young people per year and work to support a number of agencies and community based organisations, in particular 'Friends of' and 'In Bloom' groups. The project will start training young people in April 2006 and needs to have established itself as a sustainable enterprise by December 2007. Several of the high schools in South Leeds wrote in support of the project and at this point sustainability looks extremely feasible. In total the project will cost £443,000 over the initial 2½ years, 50% of which will be provided by European finance.
- 4.5 The Signpost Project co-ordinated a series of activities during Easter for young people who had previously been causing anti-social behaviour as part of their overall programme. Details of these are attached in Appendix 1.

5.0 TOWN CENTRES

- 5.1 A Report seeking funding for Town Centre Management Initiative is to be presented to this area committee. As part of the process of supporting the town centres of Morley and Rothwell a successful traders meeting was held in Rothwell on 3rd March, which attracted more than 40 local retailers. The first Rothwell Town Centre Working Group meeting is due to be held on 21st April with 12 local retailers including Morrison's expected to attend. Environmental audits have been carried out in both Rothwell and Morley town centres, with actions underway and progress monitored for each. The Morley Continental Market has been organised for 24th to 26th June. A brief has been developed for a new Morley Visitor leaflet and this is currently out to tender.

6.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 6.1 a campaign designed at raising awareness to prevent mobile phone theft has begun with the distribution of a leaflet to all pupils in Royds and Rodillian High schools. Leaflets and "No valuables left in this car" cards are to be distributed by PCSOs to all households in car crime hotspots across Rothwell. In addition the Rothwell Crime and ASB project underway.

- 7.1 Other additional activity includes work concerning the Drugs action group proceeding to issue a brief for a needs assessment to be carried out for Morley. It is intended that this will lead to the development of a project proposal for outreach work in hotspots across the ward.
- 7.2 11 community and voluntary groups took part in successful Fundfinder training session in Morley library on 15th March, and a further 15 groups are expected to take part in the next planned session on 17th May.
- 7.3 The District Partnership held a very productive away day on the 18th February and board meeting three days later on the 21st February to enable it to formulate its action plan/regeneration plan. At the time of writing this report this action plan was being finalised. It is expected that members will have received a copy of the report prior to this committee.
- 7.4 The plan is themed around the eight Leeds Vision II themes. Key actions relate to support for extended schools, promoting the opportunities for young people to access jobs with a future, tackling antisocial behaviour, improving joined up thinking regarding capital projects and supporting Neighbourhoods experiencing the worst problems.
- 7.5 The District Partnership is also in the process of electing a Chair and deputy, Richard Norton having completed his brief to have acted as interim Chair for 2 meetings.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 The report is written to appraise members of area based issues which are not subject to specific reports. Consequently this report recommends that:-
 - i) members seek further information via verbal update. Specific correspondence or committee reports on any issues which would be of interest or assistance.

Appendix 1

Signpost Easter Activities

Date	Activity	Venue	Numbers	Staffing	Details
Monday 22 nd March	Family Fun Day 2.00pm to 6.00 pm	Joseph Priestley College, Alec Beevers Centre	All families	Core Team Sessional Staff JPC Staff Local Police/PCSO's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A day filled with games, quizzes, activities and fun. • Transport and lunch provided
Tuesday March	Drama 10.00 am to 3.00 pm	Holbeck Youth Centre	Up to 20	Gill Lucas John Holmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topical subject i.e. anti social behaviour/drugs drama project. • Transport & lunch provided
Wednesday March	Football 10.00 am to 3.30 pm	Holbeck Youth Centre	18	Rod Christopher John Holmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group of young people to practice and improve football skill • Football gear required • Packed lunch & flat drink required • Transport provided
Thursday March	Football Tournament 10.30 am to 3.00 pm	Skylark Centre Beeston	16 (9-12 years only)	Rod Christopher Sharon Peat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tournament between other local football teams. • Make their own way there maps provided with invite letter • Packed lunch/money for cafeteria • Football gear required
Friday 30 th Saturday 31 st March	Games Workshop Session 10.00 am to 3.00 pm	Whiterose study Centre	10	John Holmes Rod Christopher 1 Hobbieist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity to paint and create their own armies ready for battle • Transport & lunch provided both days



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ITEM NO.:

Originator:
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REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

REPORT TO : SOUTH OUTER AREA COMMITTEE

DATE : 25TH APRIL 2005

SUBJECT : DATES, TIMES AND VENUES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2005/06

Electoral Wards Affected :

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities

Women

Disabled People

Executive Board Decision

Eligible for Call In

Not eligible for Call In (details contained in the report)

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to request Members to give consideration to agreeing the dates, times and venues of their meetings for the 2005/06 municipal year which commences in May 2005.

2.0 OPTIONS

2.1 The options are:

- To approve the list of dates and times provisionally agreed with the South Area Manager, based on the existing pattern;
- To consider other alternative dates;
- To continue to meet at 5.00 pm, or to consider alternative times;
- To continue to alternate between Morley Town Hall, together with identifying a suitable venue in Rothwell or Ardsley and Robin Hood or to consider alternative venues.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Committee is requested to consider the options and to take a decision at this meeting in order that the arrangements can be finalised and included in the Council's official diary for 2005/06.

- 4.1 The Area Committee Procedure Rules stipulate that there shall be at least six ordinary meetings of each Area Committee in each municipal year (May to April).
- 4.2 The Procedure Rules also state that each Committee will agree its schedule of meetings for the year at its first meeting in the municipal year. If this was strictly adhered to, unfortunately it would mean that none of the dates and times would be agreed early enough to appear in the Council's official diary.

5.0 MEETING DATES

- 5.1 The following provisional dates have been agreed in consultation with the South Area Manager. They follow the same pattern as last year, i.e. Mondays in June, September, October, December, February and March:-

11th July 2005; 26th September 2005; 31st October 2005; 12th December 2005;
20th February 2006 and 3rd April 2006

- 5.2 A similar pattern of meetings is being suggested in respect of the other 9 Area Committees, so that for co-ordination purposes, all Committees are meeting in the same basic cycle and months. Whilst Members have discretion as to which actual dates they wish to meet, they are requested to take into consideration that any proposed substantial change to the cycle e.g. changing months rather than dates within the suggested months, will cause disruption and lead to co-ordination problems between the Area Committees.

6.0 MEETING DAYS AND TIMES

- 6.1 Currently the Committee meets on Mondays at 5.00 pm, and the above suggested dates reflect this pattern.
- 6.2 Meeting on set days and times has the advantage of certainty and regularity, which assists people to plan their schedules. The downside might be that it could serve to exclude certain people, for instance, who have other regular commitments on that particular day or who might prefer either a morning meeting or a meeting later in the evening after normal work hours.
- 6.3 For these reasons, some Area Committees have chosen to vary their meeting days and times, alternating between different weekdays and holding daytime and evening meetings alternately. Others, however, have chosen a regular pattern similar to this Committee's existing arrangements – it really is a matter for Members to decide.

7.0 MEETING VENUES

- 7.1 Currently, the Committee alternates between Morley Town Hall, together with identifying a suitable venue in Rothwell and Ardsley and Robin Hood
- 7.2 If the Committee were minded to request the officers to explore possible alternative venues, then the considerations Members and officers would have to take into account are matters such as cost, accessibility – particularly for people with disabilities – and the facilities available at the venue, e.g. IT facilities for presentations etc.

- 8.1 Members are requested to consider the options and to decide their meeting dates, times and venues for 2005/06 in order that they may be included in the Council's official diary for 2005/06.

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