

NORTH WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

20TH OCTOBER 2005

PRESENT: Councillor M Hamilton in the Chair
Councillors Atha, Bentley, Ewens, Golton
Illingworth, Minkin, Monaghan, Morton and
Rhodes-Clayton

OFFICERS: Christine Addison, North West Area Manager
John Kearsley, City Services Department
Paul Markham, City Services Department
Andrew Crates, Development Department
Zahid Butt, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department
Suzanne Wainwright, Learning and Leisure Department
St. Clair Brown, Learning and Leisure Department
Denise Ragan, Learning and Leisure Department
Anne Kearsley, Early Years Service
Sally Threlfall, Early Years Service
Inspector Tim Kingsman, West Yorkshire Police
Mike Earle, Chief Executive's Department

**MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC:**

Donald Hood, Far Headingley Village Society
Carine Auget, University of Leeds
Penny Bainbridge, Cardigan Centre
Katrina Bell, Youth Point at the Cardigan Centre
Tara McLeod, Youth Point at the Cardigan Centre
John Greenwood, Burley & Hyde Park Community Safety
Project
Stephen Rennie, Hawksworth Wood Community Association
Barbara Salter, Hawksworth Wood Community Association
Ken Salter, Hawksworth Wood Community Association
James Robinson
Bill Rollinson, Cardigan Community Triangle and HEAL
Ken Stratford, Kirkstall Village Community Association
Martin Cook, Headingley Network
Ken Torode, Kirkstall St Stephen's School and Church
Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby
Barrie Payne, Leeds HMO Lobby
Rachel Harkess, Headingley Network

45 Late Items

In accordance with his powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair consented to the submission of a late item of urgent business relating to the proposed creation of a Kirkstall Valley Park (Agenda Item 19, Minute No 62 refers). The report had been completed and circulated after the agenda despatch.

46 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bentley declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Items, 8, 9 and 10 (Minute Nos 51, 52 and 54 refer) in her capacity as a Lead Member (Learning).

Councillor Illingworth declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 19 (Minute No 62 refers) in his capacity as a Director and Company Secretary of Kirkstall Valley Park, a not-for-profit limited company which was also a registered charity.

47 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Hussain and Jennings and Freda Matthews, Little Woodhouse Community Association.

48 Open Forum

In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the remit of the Area Committee.

In brief summary, the following issues were raised:

(a) Headingley Renaissance

Martin Cook, Headingley Network, reported that the 'Headingley Renaissance' document, funded by the former CIT, was now being printed and a launch event would take place on 7th November at Headingley Primary School – all were welcome to attend.

The Chair placed on record the Committee's congratulations and thanks for all the hard work which had gone into the production of this document.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

(b) Leeds HMO Lobby

Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby, raised his concern regarding what the HMO Lobby regarded as a lack of detailed consideration by the Area Committee of the crucial subject of houses in multiple occupation and the imbalance in the population mix of the area covered by the Committee, the problems and issues which this imbalance gave rise to and a perceived lack of serious consideration as to how this might be addressed. To redress the situation, the options appeared to be a special extraordinary meeting of the Area Committee, which did not seem to appeal to the Chair when Dr Tyler had raised the possibility, or a regular item on the Committee's normal agenda in order that different aspects of the situation could be discussed. The HMO Lobby were proposing the adoption of the latter.

General support was expressed for the point being made by the HMO Lobby, and it was acknowledged that these issues needed to be addressed at meetings of the Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the HMO Lobby's representations be acknowledged, and this subject feature as a regular item on the agenda.

(Councillor Ewens joined the meeting at 7.12 pm, towards the end of this item)

(c) Cardigan Community Triangle

Bill Rollinson, Cardigan Community Triangle, raised three issues:-

- A request for traffic calming measures in the area of the 'Triangle' – Chapel Lane, the Broomfields, the Newports etc
- The need for the area's Community Planning Officer to be mindful of the necessity for the conservation of Sparrow Park.
- Graffiti problems in the area of the 'Triangle'

John Kearsley, City Services Department, undertook to pursue within that Department the traffic calming and graffiti issues

(d) Councillor Illingworth

Councillor Illingworth requested that consideration be given to the possibility of introducing restrictions on heavy goods vehicles using the A660.

He also commented on the general need to take every opportunity as a Committee, as Elected Members and as representatives of community groups in the area, to lobby for a reduction in rent levels, which would help regenerate the area

(Councillor Morton joined the meeting at 7.15 pm during this item)

49 Minutes - 8th September 2005

Referring to Minute No 26 of the meeting held on 8th September 2005, Councillor Minkin clarified that she had in fact joined the meeting after the consideration of the item relating to the suggested retention of Mission Field as a greenspace, and that is why the minutes did not contain a declaration of interest on her part in respect of this item, in her capacity as a member of the Plans Panel (West).

RESOLVED – Subject to the above point of clarification, the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2005 be confirmed as a correct record.

50 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Streetscene Environment Services (Minute No 32 refers)

Councillor Minkin referred to the reference in the minute to Headingley Ward, and stated that this particular information, regarding levels of students, had been requested for the whole of the Committee's area, not just Headingley.

(b) Student Housing Project Group (Minute No 26 refers)

In response to a query, the Chair reported that a Member and officer level meeting was taking place next week, following which a meeting of the Student Housing Project Group would be arranged.

- (c) Abbey Mills and St Ann's Mills Sites (Minutes No 34 and 35 refer)
Councillor Minkin reported that neither of these planning briefs had yet been issued, therefore the timescales for the submission of comments to the Director of Development would be delayed accordingly, dependent on the final publication date. The North West Area Manager undertook to pursue this, and supply Members with the information.
- (d) Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) (Minute No 36 refers)
Zahid Butt, Community Safety, undertook to let Councillor Morton have a progress report on this issue.

51 Youth Service Developments – October 2005

The Director of Learning and Leisure submitted a report updating Members on general youth service developments nationally and across the City, together with details of what was happening in the Committee's area. The report also outlined plans for Ward-based meetings with Members, as a key method by which Members could influence the Youth Service's work in their area.

Suzanne Wainwright, Youth Service, responded to queries and comments. In brief summary, the main issues raised were:

- The balance and the appropriateness of the overall targeting across the different Wards comprising the Committee's area;
- Further information was sought regarding aspects of the 'Future Developments and Challenges' section of the report, in particular the proposal involving the Weston Spirit agency;
- The potential conflict inherent in the 'traditional v. new' scenario, where the Government was promoting a particular agenda for local authority youth services to adopt which might, to varying degrees, be at odds with local needs and aspirations;
- The past and current emphasis on concentrating services in areas of perceived 'most need' i.e. as a diversion from crime, and the adverse effect this had on 'ordinary' teenagers, who did fall into this category, and the Service's ability to provide traditional youth-club type facilities in areas where these were still appropriate

During the course of the discussion, the Committee received comments from Katrina Bell and Tara McLeod concerning the work of the Youth Point Project at the Cardigan Centre, and both were praised regarding their involvement.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the update report be noted;
- (b) That the report be referred to the Committee's Children and Young People Sub-Group for more detailed consideration and report back, including the issue of how the proposed Ward-based meetings will operate in practice and will feed back into the Area Committee's decision making process.

(Councillor Golton joined the meeting at 7.28 pm during this item)

52 Hawksworth Wood Children's Centre - Update

The Director of Learning and Leisure submitted a report updating Members regarding the development of the Hawksworth Wood Childrens Centre.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the progress report be noted with pleasure, and the Committee's congratulations and appreciation for all the hard work that has led up to the opening of the Childrens Centre be placed on record;
- (b) That the next Area Committee meeting on 8th December be held at the Centre.

53 Community Safety 2004/05

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report outlining the work of the Pudsey Weetwood Divisional Community Safety Partnership during 2004/05 and priorities, plans and key actions proposed for 2005/06 and 2006/07.

Zahid Butt, Area Community Safety Co-ordinator, and Inspector Tim Kingsman, West Yorkshire Police, responded to queries and comments. In brief summary, the main issues raised were:

- The continuing problems in Headingley Centre associated with Freshers Week, and how this should be addressed, including a suggested concerted effort via a multi-agency task force approach to the problem, in consultation with local organisations and interested parties, including the Universities;
- The issue of speeding traffic raised by Kirkstall Village Forum and how this might be addressed;
- The direct link between the current nature and make-up of the local community and the type and levels of crime this engendered. Although the burglary rate had reduced, it was still the highest level in the City;
- Plans to revive the Neighbourhood Watch initiative;
- How the next stage in the Alleygating project – creating better community spaces – might be achieved;
- Behavioural problems associated with people using take-away shops after pub closing hours, and whether the Police could do more to tackle this;
- The possible extension of current CCTV coverage to other 'hot spots', and the use of mobile microwave links as a deterrent to crime and troublemakers;
- The licensing and siting of mobile food vendors, and whether they could be moved on if they were creating a nuisance;
- The current distribution of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) across the Committee's area and their effectiveness or otherwise in tackling some of the identified problem issues;
- A suggestion that a meeting of the Weetwood Police Community Forum should be replaced by a structured, general public meeting, to allow local residents to express their views regarding the issues covered in the report and raised during the course of the discussion. Inspector Kingsman undertook to consider this suggestion.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be noted;
- (b) That the various issues raised and suggestions made during the course of the discussion on this item be referred to the Committee's Community

Safety Sub-Group for more detailed consideration and report back to this Committee.

54 Primary School Review – Proposals for the Far Headingley Primary Planning Area

The Director of Education Leeds submitted, as part of the public consultation exercise in respect of this Review, a report outlining proposals for the rationalisation of primary education provision in the Far Headingley Primary Planning Area, which involved the proposed closure of Beckett Park Primary School with effect from 31st August 2006.

Members and the public present outlined their opposition to the proposals, which were based purely on demographic figures, and commented on the perceived short-sightedness of the plans.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be noted;
- (b) That this Committee supports the views formally expressed by the Kirkstall Ward Members and does not support the proposed closure of Beckett Park Primary School, on the grounds that Education Leeds has failed to make the case for closure.

55 Street Lighting PFI

The Director of City Services submitted a progress report regarding the proposed Private Finance Initiative (PFI) scheme to replace and improve the City's street lighting, and John Kearsley and Paul Markham, City Services Department, responded to questions and comments.

In brief summary, the main issues discussed were:-

- Concerns and questions were raised regarding the proposal to introduce advertising on street lighting columns via illuminated panels. Questions were raised regarding the size, siting, road safety aspects, anticipated income, control (if any) regarding who could advertise and the nature of the advertisements, who decided where the advertisements would go, the planning control and guidelines relating to such advertisements, where the trial project would take place, and the apparent contradiction between this policy and the Council's attempts to reduce 'street clutter', including 'A' boards, fly-posting and illegal advertising on lampposts.

In response, the officers reported that presently some 10 Councils across the country currently allowed this type of advertising. The advertisements would not be placed in residential areas, high speed roads or known accident black spots, but in the main in commercial areas and on arterial roads in the City – the trial would involve the inner ring road and arterial roads in locations such as Beeston, Gelderd Road, Morley South, Hunslet, Farsley and Wortley, Seacroft and Crossgates. The trial period, through to Spring 2006, would allow time for consideration of public reaction and Members views, as well as that of the business community, and the likely impact in terms of the proposed Supplementary Planning Guidelines. The estimated potential

income to the City Council from the advertising was £1m per annum over 25 years.

Members indicated that they would wish to receive a further report addressing all the issues and concerns raised, and would also like to see the proposed Supplementary Planning Guidelines.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be noted
- (b) That the Committee receive a further report back to the next meeting picking up all the issues raised during the discussion and would also wish to receive photographs or other illustrations showing the size and nature of the proposed illuminated advertising space.

56 Direction Restricting To Let Boards in Part of Inner North West Leeds

The Director of Development submitted a progress report regarding the development of a Direction to remove deemed planning consent for the display of 'To Let' advertising boards relating to residential properties in part of the Committee's area.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be noted;
- (b) That the officers work up a draft scheme based on the scheme operated in Loughborough by Charnwood Borough Council, and this be the subject of a separate meeting with Ward Members prior to the convening of the Consultation Working Group involving interested parties and key stakeholders.

(Councillor Atha left the meeting at 9.00 pm during this item)

57 Community Planning Officer – Monitoring Report

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing regarding the work of the Community Planning Officer who was funded by the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

58 Town and District Centres Regeneration Scheme

Further to Minute No 14,30th June 2005, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report updating Members on progress in developing proposals for improvements to the District Centres at Headingley and Hyde Park as part of the Council's £5m Town and District Centres Regeneration Scheme.

RESOLVED – That the report, and the further proposed consultations and feasibility work, be noted, this to include formal consultation with the Central Headingley Strategy Group.

59 Well-Being Budget 2005/06 – Monitoring Report

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

60 Funding Officer – Update

Further to Minute No 58, 9th December 2004, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report updating Members on the success to date of the Funding Officer post in terms of providing support to and accessing funds for local organisations in the Committee's area. Sharon Knott and Richard Jackson, Voluntary Action Leeds, were in attendance for this item and spoke to the report.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted, and the officers be congratulated on their successes to date.

61 Key Messages from Area Forums

The Committee received the usual report regarding the key messages arising from the various Ward Forum and sub-group meetings held since the last meeting.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the key messages arising from the Ward Forums and Sub-Groups be received and noted;
- (b) That in future, in order to afford this item the importance it deserves, it be placed earlier on the Committee's agenda and contain details of actions taken between meetings.

62 Kirkstall Valley Park

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report regarding the proposed creation of a Kirkstall Valley Park via a not-for-profit company, some of whose Directors were City Councillors, including Councillor Illingworth.

The report highlighted the proposals and some of the key issues which needed to be resolved and clarified for the project to proceed, especially those cross-cutting issues which also involved Leeds City Council.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be noted, and the proposed creation of a park in the Kirkstall Valley be welcomed and supported;
- (b) That further reports be submitted as the project progresses.

63 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 8th December 2005 at 7.00 pm, Hawksworth Wood Childrens Centre.

The meeting concluded at 9.40 pm.



AGENDA
ITEM NO:

Originators:
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REPORT TO: Inner North-West Area Committee

REPORT OF: Director, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

DATE: 8th December 2005

SUBJECT: Key Messages from Area Forums

Electoral Wards Affected :

Headingley
Hyde Park and Woodhouse
Kirkstall
Weetwood

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities ☐
Women ☐
Disabled People ☐

**Executive
Function** ☒

**Council
Function** ☐

**Eligible
for Call In** ☒

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update Members of the Inner Area Committee on the feedback of Key Messages from ward forums and sub groups.
Members are asked to note the key messages and agree any actions.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The principle of Key Messages is to provide a formal communication method for the main outcomes of ward forums and sub groups to be fed into the Area Committee structure. The following are the key local forums and sub groups in our area:

- Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum
- Headingley Forum
- Planning Group
- Kirkstall Burley Forum
- Central Headingley Strategy Group
- Headingley Stadium Group

- Community and Higher Education Forum

- Transport Group

- 1.2 Members agreed at the December 2004 meeting that the 'Key Messages' report to the Area Committee will replace forum minutes being included in the Area Committee papers.

2.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS KEY MESSAGES

- 2.1 At the October Area Committee it was agreed that progress on actions from previous Key Messages reports would be reported as an appendix. This is shown at Appendix 1

3.0 New Key Messages

- 3.1 New key messages from local forums and sub groups are presented in Appendix 2.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the update on actions of previous Key Messages in Appendix 1
- Note the new Key Messages in Appendix 2 and agree any actions.

Appendix 1

Forum/Group	Date of meeting and actions identified	Outcome/update
Kirkstall Burley Forum	<p><u>11th November 2004</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Forum's support given to planned speeding measures proposed for the Queenswood Road/ Queenswood Drive area. Area Committee support is requested. ▪ Dangerous location of bus stop on Butcher Hill - people having to step into the road to see if a bus is coming. Area Management Team to follow up ▪ Concerns around the road marking layout on the mini roundabout on Spen Lane/Queenswood Drive - makes the junction dangerous. Area Management Team to follow up. ▪ Litter problem caused by pupils at Abbey Grange School and Lawnswood dropping litter before and after school. Area Management Team to follow up as part of the Well-being Education Awareness Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes from the meeting were sent to Inspector Hartley to make the Police aware of the Forums support. ▪ As there is no footpath on this side of the road it is quite difficult to relocate the bus stop without building out into the road which may cause problems for motorists as it is opposite a junction and on a busy lane. However, at request the trees were cut back. ▪ The road markings at this location have since been changed in order to increase safety and make the junction clearer. ▪ The PCSOs worked with the school (particularly Lawnswood) on addressing this issue, and notices were read out in assembly.
	<p><u>28TH February 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speeding traffic on Butcher Hill - PC Morris to draft a letter to the Pudsey Weetwood Traffic Control section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sgt Matt Davison reported back that this had been done and that the situation will continue to be monitored.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALMO Investment - Sarah Charlton to look into whether Leeds North West Homes produces any literature that updates on investments in the area. <p><u>17th May 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any incidents of obscene/ racially motivated literature around Hawksworth Wood should be reported either to Sergeant Matt Davison on T: 205 3025 or Zahid Butt, Community Safety Officer on 305 7505. The Kirkstall Festival will be on Saturday 9th July, volunteers required - please contact Mary Godfrey on 275 5182. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian Kyles attended the forum to update it on planned work taking place in the area, he also circulated literature on investments in the area. The situation on Hawksworth Wood has improved, an action day was held with every household leafleted and police, anti-social behaviour, racial harassment project and the asylum team working together to identify potential victims and raise awareness. The Festival was held and was a successful day with over 15,000 people attending.
Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum	<p><u>13th July 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum discussed the idea of developing a filofax to include details of all the local groups working in neighbourhoods and under specific themes such as young people, the environment, womens groups etc. This could be done throughout the whole of the North West, but would need to be a commissioned project. The Forum suggests that the Inner Area Committee looks at commissioning this project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no funding for this at present. Investigations about how to take this forward to be passed back to the Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum

Headingley Forum	<p><u>21st March 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning are currently working on a 'Developing Community Involvement' policy, Headingley forum members agree that this criteria is required urgently so that it can be used as a bench mark in determining planning applications. Refer to Planning Group. ▪ Part of Headingley is within a conservation area, but there is concern that this does not receive full consideration when assessing applications. Refer to Planning Group. ▪ Under the Licensing Act 2003 the Council will take over responsibility for issuing liquor licences from a date which is expected to be in November 2005. It is requested that the Area Committee request information on how these changes are to be publicised. ▪ Licensees in Headingley have produced a 'Best Practice Guide'. The Area Committee is asked to support the adoption of the 'Best Practice Guide' among licensees in the Headingley area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A 'Statement of Community Involvement' is required as part of the emerging Local Development Framework. This is a substantial piece of work requiring a great deal of community consultation. A number of consultation events are being held across the city. ▪ Within the Conservation Area, development proposals are required to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the area. There are policies which require the use of appropriate materials, although well designed contemporary buildings may also be acceptable within Conservation Areas. The comments are noted, but Conservation Area policy is always a primary consideration in decision making. ▪ Legal and Democratic Services produced a briefing note. Licence applications are advertised in local newspapers or by the notice which the premises are required to display prominently when applying for a variation. ▪ This issue was accepted as part of the key messages to the 7th April 2005 Area Committee
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under the Housing Act 2004 all HMOs consisting of 3 or more storeys - 5 or more persons will require licensing. It is requested that the Area Committee consider the appointment of a Housing Officer to deal with issues relating to HMOs and to apply to the government to allow LCC to licence ALL HMOs in the ASHORE area. ▪ Graffiti is an overwhelming problem in the area – there is currently a ‘graffiti epidemic’. A multi-agency approach is needed to catch the perpetrators. The Area Committee is asked to prioritise this issue to ensure ongoing co-ordinated action. ▪ In the light of the disposal of the Headingley Community Centre Annex North Lane. The Council is requested to keep the Headingley Forum informed of any proposals for the future use of the building. ▪ Concerns were expressed regarding the large amounts of uncleared litter outside takeaway premises. The Area Management Team is asked to seek clarification on whose responsibility it is to clear this litter and detail appropriate enforcement action and report back to the next Headingley Forum. ▪ Concerns were raised at the amount of illegal taxi trade outside of ‘The Box’ public house on Otley Road. West Yorkshire Police to work with LCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Student Housing group has been reconvened and will look into this proposal as part of developing its revised Action Plan ▪ Multi-agency task group established, action plan produced and ongoing co-ordinated actions progressed. ▪ No decisions made on future use of building to date. ▪ City Services Dept confirmed that Street cleansing have an obligation to clear shop fronts but shop owners are also responsible and should ensure that frontages are kept clear between crew service schedules. If there is a constant problem with litter generated by a store enforcement will deal with it. ▪ West Yorkshire Police and LCC Licensing attend these premises regularly to tackle illegal private hire trade.
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	<p>Licensing Section to address this issue.</p> <p><u>14th July 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In light of the disposal of the Headingley Community Centre Annex North Lane and also the Primary Schools Review effecting Headingley Primary School. The Council is requested to keep the Headingley Forum informed of any proposals for the future use of both buildings. ▪ The forum raised concerns that Becketts Park was being used as a large car park on graduation days and also asked how the £5.00 charge was used. Refer to Parks and Countryside. ▪ Madeline Joy House – despite a court ruling banning students from occupying this dwelling allegations have been made that students moved in on the 1st July 2005. Refer to Planning and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No decisions made on future use of building to date ▪ Permission for car parking to facilitate the LMU graduation ceremony was given by the Parks and Countryside Service. The parking was managed by our own Parks and Countryside staff in a professional manner. There was little or no damage and if any was to occur there were contingency arrangements in place for the site to be reinstated immediately after the event. The fee for parking was kept by our service. We have been able to make a contribution to our challenging income targets and this has helped take the pressure off the local streets with regard to on street parking. No footpaths in the park have been closed and less then a third of the total recreation space has effectively been used. ▪ Compliance Officers investigated the allegations and it was apparent that there were medical student living at the property. However, the application was dealt with when proposals were considered in strict
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	<p>Legal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Headingley Taps – part of the car park is being used as an outside seating area thereby reducing the amount of available car parking spaces. Refer to Planning. ▪ Streetscene Services – it was agreed that this had been a particularly bad year in terms of the amount of rubbish thrown out by students at the end of term. The Area Committee is asked to prioritise this issue to ensure ongoing co-ordinated action. ▪ It was requested that during August when students are away and therefore there is not as many bins to empty, Streetscene Services ensure that bins are put back in gardens and that enforcement use their powers to ensure landlords clear gardens etc. Refer to Streetscene Services. ▪ Concerns were raised about the condition of Sparrow Park – a small piece in greenspace on Cardigan Road. The area needs clearing and 	<p>terms against the ASHORE policy, which meant that only flats of 3 or more bedrooms were covered by the restrictions. As such, no student restriction conditions were attached. In light of this, no further action could be taken, although Legal Services were consulted to see if anything further could be done. Since this time, the Planning Department attaches these Conditions to all forms of new residential accommodation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The issue has been investigated by Compliance Officers and is still to be resolved. ▪ Discussions are taking place with Streetscene and the new CAST team in order to ensure more co-ordinated action in future. ▪ Streetscene Enforcement Officer to attend next Headingley Forum to provide details of what enforcement action has been taken in the area. ▪ An application to the Land Registry has found that the land is not registered under the Land Registration Act and Rules. No other enquiries have
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	<p>landscaping. Refer to Planning - issues around ownership of the land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was suggested that traffic calming measures may be required on Chapel Lane. Refer to Highways <p><u>29th September 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of developers have submitted plans for various sites in the Headingley area without community consultation. The forum agreed that the Planning Department should do more to encourage developers to consult with local residents before submitting plans. Refer to Planning. 	<p>managed to trace an owner. Further legal advice is being sought as to how the Council can deal with the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has been referred to highways who have undertaken a speed and volume survey of traffic on Chapel Lane, over the course of a week. As a result of this survey, Highways are unable to recommend that the site be put forward for traffic calming works at this present time, as the average volume and speed of traffic and the number of accidents (3 in the last 5 years – non fatal) mean that this is not a priority area for this work. Applicants of 'Major Applications' are presently requested to submit evidence of what they have done in consulting with the community. For all other applications, Planning Services strongly encourage engagement with the local community, but cannot force individuals to do so. The Statement of Community Involvement (currently under consultation) proposes that all major developments and other developments of community significance will seek greater community involvement at pre-submission stage and post-application measures. 'Major Applications' are housing development (including flats) of more than 10 houses or on a site of 0.5 ha or more and any development with a gross floor area of 1000sq m or more, or a site of more than 1ha. Applications of 'Community Significance' are those which require an
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Forum agreed that the Student Housing Group must be reconvened as a matter of urgency. The Area Committee is asked to prioritise this issue. ▪ A number of concerns were raised regarding 'fresher's week' and the impact the return of students has in Headingley. The meeting felt that the same problems occur year after year and agencies should take a more proactive approach in preventing and tackling this issue. Problems include noise nuisance, leafleting and litter. It was agreed that the Universities should be more involved and should be invited to attend the next forum meeting. ▪ A planning framework is currently being drafted for Leeds Girls High School - Councillors are awaiting a site visit. The forum agreed that it is crucial that local residents have input into this development from the beginning. The Council is requested to keep the Headingley Forum informed of any proposals for this site. ▪ Concerns were raised that Headingley Forum is not advertised widely enough. The Area 	<p>Environmental Statement, the closure or alteration of a public right of way, those affecting playing fields or public open spaces, those which conflict with any significant plans or policies of the City Council and telecommunications masts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Housing Group reconvened by Area Management. First meeting took place 29/11/05 ▪ The Community Safety Co-ordinator has been asked to work with agencies to deal with this issue and to ensure ongoing co-ordinated action is taken to improve the situation for next year. ▪ The consultancy who are marketing the site are drawing up a planning brief to be agreed with the Council. They have been invited to the forthcoming Planning Group Meeting. However, no brief has been submitted to date. ▪ Headingley Forum is now advertised in The Headingley Directory, Yorkshire Evening Post and
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	<p>Management Team is asked to look into advertising the Forum in About Leeds and other free newspapers.</p>	<p>other local free papers.</p>
<p>Planning Group</p>	<p><u>17th January 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Area Committee Chair to contact Paul Gough to discuss the proposed development framework for Kirkstall and discuss inputs at Area Committee. ▪ Area Planner to undertake feasibility study into the practicality of introducing HMO discretionary licensing and to co-ordinate an Area Committee response to current government consultation <p><u>1st September 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A paper on Mandatory HMO Licensing will shortly be going to Technical Board with a further paper on Additional and Selective HMO Licensing going to Executive Board. It is requested that the Area Committee pursue the outcome and findings of these papers and meetings. ▪ The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A draft Kirkstall development framework has been produced and consultation has taken place. ▪ A number of discussions with Neighbourhoods and Housing have taken place since this time. Given the major resource implications, their priority is to deal with mandatory licensing in the first instance and keep the option open to consider additional and selective licensing at some point in the future. ▪ The government has indicated that Council's need to demonstrate how effective mandatory licensing has been before applying for powers for additional licensing. This will therefore need to be re-visited at the appropriate time. A paper on selective licensing is to be prepared in the new year. ▪ The consultation working group met on 26th

	<p>agreed to the granting of a Direction to control the display of To Let Boards in parts of Inner North West Leeds. A scheme of implementation needs to be agreed and then formally advertised, prior to the Direction coming into force. It is requested that a consultation workshop group involving key stakeholders is set up in order to consider all of the options prior to a scheme being implemented by the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The group is considering the possibility of an Area Action Plan for Inner North West Leeds under the provisions of Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks. It is intended that the plan would particularly consider housing issues in relation to the proposed Area of Student Housing Restraint as well as Houses in Multiple Occupation. Such a plan would also consider issues including regeneration and the development pressures upon Conservation Areas and Central Headingley. Consultations with Officers on an Area Action Plan for Inner North West Area have taken place and the group is awaiting further responses from Officers before further consideration. It is requested that the Area Committee supports the principle of adopting the document as part of the Local Development Framework. ▪ It is requested that the Student Housing Project Group is re-established as soon as possible. There is concern that a lot of the work previously 	<p>October 2005. The group comprised key stakeholders and areas of consensus and difference were discussed. The information has since been collated to form the basis of a draft code. This has been sent out to all participants for further consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paul Gough has attended a subsequent Planning Group meeting and explained the difficulties that exist within requirements of the new planning legislation. The requirements are very resource hungry and at present there are already other Area Action Plans proposed. It was agreed that the group would lobby the Development Department to get an Area Action Plan on the agenda for consideration during the next round. Cllr Hamilton has written to Steve Speak to request this. ▪ The Group has a new meeting date for 29th November 2005 and is to be chaired by Cllr Hamilton.
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	<p>done will have become redundant in the time that has elapsed. It is also suggested that the group be chaired by a Member from Inner North West.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The group is considering establishing a number of neighbourhood design statements to cover the various areas of Inner North West. The Far Headingley, Weetwood and West Park Neighbourhood Design Statement was adopted earlier in the year and work is already underway looking at positive street features and properties in Little Woodhouse. It is requested that Area Committee support a policy of rolling out these documents to cover the whole of Inner North West. <p><u>3rd October 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A number of community organisations are undertaking projects to appraise the built form and related issues within their areas. It is requested that the Area Committee assist with such projects where possible, including encouragement of involvement by key officers - e.g. Conservation and/or Design Officers in this work. ▪ The potential re-development of the Leeds Girls High School site presents a major opportunity for the Headingley area. It is requested that the Area Committee lobby for a development brief to be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nothing further has happened on this to date. Such documents will be subject to funding and resources and may also need to fulfil the requirements of the new planning legislation. ▪ The Community Planner can be contacted to arrange consultation/contact with the appropriate officers. ▪ Paul Gough attended a subsequent meeting and explained that the Council did not have the resources to prepare its own brief. A planning brief is currently being prepared by the agent who
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	issued by the Council, ensuring full community involvement and consultation throughout the process.	is marketing the site and will need to be agreed with the Council.
Central Headingley Strategy Group	<p><u>14th July 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Transport Sub Group meeting is being arranged for 27th September at 7.00pm at West Park Centre. The CHSG asks to be invited to the meeting. ▪ Headingley Renaissance Document – looking for additional funding (approx £1,500) to fund increased print costs. <p><u>22nd August 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The group urged the Area Committee to form another group or groups to bring about the actions highlighted in the Headingley Renaissance Strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transport sub group has been re-arranged for 6th December 7.00pm at West Park Centre and groups invited ▪ £500 funding was provided through Well-being small grants and remainder through Councillors MICE funding ▪ Central Headingley Strategy Group should continue to meet and incorporate Headingley Renaissance and Town & Ditsict Centres work into their programme of work.

Appendix 2:

Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum – 16th November 2005

For Information:

- Phil Staniforth, LCC Parks and Countryside, gave an update on the plans to refurbish Woodhouse Moor. The Management Plans for this park are available from Parks and Countryside Department.
- There was a detailed discussion regarding the developments which have been taking place along Kirkstall/ Burley road, branded 'Little Woodhouse Student High Rise Village' by the local community. Development Department stated that the building works are in line with the Unitary Development Plan and little could be done to stop developments, but they could be managed within existing planning policy. Residents were assured that buildings would not get any higher than already agreed. Residents still had concerns about the impact of these developments on the community, and also the new community that would move into the area as no amenities were being provided. Additionally, there were concerns about the over provision of Student Accommodation in the area, as various studies have shown that supply of student accommodation will soon outstrip the demand for accommodation.
- Zahid Butt reported that a new Neighbourhood Warden, Travis Walsh, had been recruited for the Woodhouse and Little Woodhouse area. Zahid also stated that CCTV and Alleygating schemes were also being investigated for Hyde Park & Woodhouse Ward, as well as an anti burglary initiative called 'Bin the Burglar'.

Headingley Forum – 1st December 2005

Report to be tabled.

Planning Group 7th November 2005

For information:

- The Planning Group has agreed some key issues with regard to what may be an acceptable code of control of 'To Let' boards in Inner North West. The Code will be mandatory within the area of special control approved by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, but voluntary within the wider ASHORE area.
- The Planning Group wishes to pursue the proposal of an Area Action Plan and intends to lobby the Development Department in order to get the proposal on the agenda for the future and allocate sufficient resources. It is evident that under the current workload pressures of Area Action Plans, there is not scope to develop a further plan for Inner North West in the current round.

For Action:

- Little Woodhouse Community Association have requested a position statement from the Inner Area Management Committee about the building of high rise student flats in Little Woodhouse and neighbourhood re :a) those already built or being built b) those approved c) applications being considered c) sites with similar potential in Little Woodhouse and area.

AGENDA
ITEM NO:

Originators: Christa Smith/ Kate Baldwin

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REPORT OF: Director, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

REPORT TO: Inner North-West Area Committee

DATE: 8th December 2005

SUBJECT: Inner North West Area Committee Well-being Monitoring report

Electoral Wards Affected :

Headingley

Hyde Park and Woodhouse

Kirkstall

Weetwood

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks to provide Members with a monitoring summary of Well-being Revenue and Capital Projects for Quarter 2 2005-06.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Area Committee has commissioned projects to provide agreed project outcomes in line with the Area Priorities, and the Area Delivery Plan.
- 1.2 Following the commissioning of work by the Area Committee, Project Officers are asked to deliver the projects in line with a Project Statement, which include a number of outputs for delivery.
- 1.3 The monitoring process improves the accountability of projects to the Inner North West Area Committee, and will contribute to developing Area Committee performance management , which will be measured against the Area Delivery Plan.

2.0 Well-being Monitoring

- 2.1 At the Area Committee meeting on 30th June 2005, Members received a monitoring report for 2004-05 commissioned projects and agreed the process for receiving future updates. It was agreed that all monitoring will take place on a quarterly basis. Project monitoring completion dates for 2005-06 are as follows:

Quarter 2 2005/06 - 31st October 2005 Presented to the December Committee
Quarter 3 2005/06 - 31st January 2006 Presented to the February Committee
Quarter 4 2005/06 - 31st April 2006 Presented to the June/July Committee

- 2.2 Well-being Revenue 2005/06 project monitoring is detailed in Appendix 1
- 2.3 Well-being Capital 2005/06 project monitoring is detailed in Appendix 2. Please note that only Capital projects which have been agreed by the Area Committee feature in this report.
- 2.4 Members are asked to note changes to the Hawksworth Wood Co-ordinator project. The worker for this project has left Hawksworth Wood Community Association (HWCA) for another post. HWCA are now in the process of recruiting a new worker.
- 2.5 HWCA are asking the Area Committee for permission to use the remainder of their Area Committee funding (£2, 892) in the last quarter of 2005/06 financial year for the employment of a new worker.

3.0 Recommendations

Members of the Inner North-West Area Committee are requested to:

- 3.1 Note and Comment on the monitoring presented in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
- 3.2 Consider the position of the Hawksworth Wood Co-ordinator project outlined in 2.4 and 2.5 and agree any action.

Inner North West Well-being Budget 2005-2006 Quarter 2 Project Monitoring Report

Project	Delivery Organisation	Revenue cost 05/06	Outputs achieved	Comments
Planning Officer	LCC Development Department	£30,000 (* Please note that CIT funding ends 30 th June 2005. Area Committee funding will begin 1 st July 2005)	N/A	The Area Committee received a separate full report on this project in October 2005. A further full report will be provided to the April 2006 Area Committee.
Funding Officer	Voluntary Action Leeds	£37,600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20 groups received direct support ▪ Project moved to local premises at the Leeds Mind offices on Cardigan Road. 	Not all outputs were achieved for Quarter 2. For 2 out of the 3 months of Quarter 2 the manager of the project was on long term sick. During the last month of the Quarter, the project moved to a new location and is now based within the Inner North West area – this had a temporary impact upon achievement. It was agreed to focus time on direct contact with groups, as indicated in the outputs.
Inner North West Skips Budget	North West Area Management Team / Onyx – skips supplier	£6,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15 skips provided for community clean ups. 	Amount spent in Quarter 2 on skips is £1,111.
Inner North West Small Grants Fund	North West Area Management Team	£10,000	<p>Amount spent on small grants in Quarter 2 is £750</p> <p>Organisations in receipt of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drummond Churchwood Residents Association ▪ Central Headingley Strategy Group 	Small grant fund is ongoing in Quarter 3 and 4.
Royal Park Greenspace	LCC Parks & Countryside	£8,000	N/A	Monitoring not yet due. Play facility is due to be completed by January 2006. The

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Project	Delivery Organisation	Revenue cost 05/06	Outputs achieved	Comments
				maintenance costs will be monitored in Quarter 4.
Promoting Crime Reduction	West Yorkshire Police	£1,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 metal frames purchased. 	Crime prevention information to be produced. The frames will be in use for future Apollo's in consultation with Members.
Festive Lights for Hyde Park	Leeds Lights	£11,238	No outputs for Quarter 2 as no sets of lights were provided during this quarter.	3 further sets of lights will be put up for: Diwali & Eid Ul Fitr – end Oct 05 Christmas – Dec 05 Eid Ul Adha – Jan 06 These will be included in future monitoring reports for quarters 3 and 4.
Woodsley Road Community Centre Manager	Voluntary Action Leeds	£20,397	N/A	Use of Community Centre continues to increase. Work on a development plan is underway and a draft has been issued to the management committee and local councillors.
Study Support Sessions	LCC Youth Service	£2,000	N/A	This project stopped running at Woodsley Road in early May due to a breakdown in the partnership between Woodsley Road, Remap and the Youth Service. Study support sessions are however being provided at alternative venues. Discussions are taking place about the funding for this project.
Up Your Street Project	City & Regional Office of University of Leeds / Community Action at Leeds Met	£3,500	N/A	Monitoring for this project is due in the Quarter 3 Monitoring Report.
Hyde Park Unity Day	Hyde Park Unity Day – 13 th August 2005	£5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community celebration on Woodhouse Moor organised on 13th August. Actively engaged over 10 local organisations including: 	The event was successful in engaging more BME groups and residents than previous years. There was an Asian Flava marquee and a Kabbadi match. The event was also successful in having more of a community and

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Project	Delivery Organisation	Revenue cost 05/06	Outputs achieved	Comments
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental Health Trust - Breakers Unify - Pyramid of Arts - Burley Lodge Centre - Leeds CALM - Wrangthorne Church - Surestart - Older Active People - Hyde Park Source - Active 4 Life - Oblong - The Common Place 	family emphasis by finishing earlier and having follow on venues to encourage people to leave Woodhouse Moor after the event had finished.
Extension of Older Active People Project	Older Active People	£4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 145 older people living in the newly extended area of North Headingley received the Goldie Newsletter* ▪ 130 Older people using Older Active People's activities and services* ▪ 31 new members of OAP recruited from the newly extended area* 	* These outputs show results for Quarter 1 and 2.
Headingley Development Trust	Headingley Network	£2,500	N/A	Monitoring for this project is due in the Quarter 3 Monitoring Report
Community Compost	Leeds Organic Growers	£20,000 in 06/07	N/A	No revenue funding for 05/06. Revenue spend in 06/07 will be monitored next financial year.
Rosebank Millennium Trust	Rosebank Millennium Trust	£4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 Community Clean Ups organised ▪ 1 National Lottery Application submitted 	This project delivered an extra community clean up in quarter 1 (Target number 2 clean ups)
Hawksworth Wood Development Worker	Hawksworth Wood Community Association	£14,185.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 funding applications submitted ▪ Involved in 4 community 	Please note that at the end of Quarter 2 the Project Worker left the project. There is currently no project worker in post for

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Project	Delivery Organisation	Revenue cost 05/06	Outputs achieved	Comments
			festivals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Plan and Funding Strategy is currently in development. Publicity undertaken in quarter 2 includes 2,500 copies of Hawkseye View Newsletter, delivered to all homes in the area. 	Hawksworth Wood Community Association. Area Committee are asked to consider the use of the remaining funding (£2,892) in sections 2.4 and 2.5 of the main report.
Breakers Unify Development Project	Breakers Unify	£3,000	N/A	Outputs for this project are not due until Quarter 3 and 4 of 2005/06. Projected outputs are 8 break dance sessions, 1 funding strategy and 1 business plan developed.
Calling Out	Community Action for Little London and Servias (CALLS)	£20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community event held 1 volunteer placement set up 1 community clean up 	Future outputs include developing further volunteer placements, Management Committee training sessions, further community events and clean ups and developing a business plan and funding strategy.
Streetscene Services Area Delivery Proposals	LCC City Services	£11,690	N/A	A separate monitoring report on this service will be presented to a future Area Committee.
Capacity Building Worker	Voluntary Action Leeds	£13,334.25	N/A	Project is currently in development.
Inner North West Graffiti Project	Breakers Unify/Up Your Street	£10,575	N/A	Project currently in development.
Supporting the Elderly People (STEP) Project, West Park, Kirkstall Area	STEP	£7730	N/A	Monitoring for this project is due in the Quarter 3 monitoring report.

**Inner North West Well-being Budget
Capital Programme 2004-2007
Quarter 2 Monitoring Report for Project Agreed by Area Committee**

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital Cost	Outputs achieved	Comments
Woodhouse Moor Bowls Pavilion	LCC Parks & Countryside	£24,200	N/A	Project still in development/ design stages
Community Re>Paint Project	Seagulls Re-Use Limited	£4509.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Van purchased, taxed and insured and in use ▪ 10 volunteers accessing the scheme from LS6 and surrounding area ▪ 45 kgs of paint collected ▪ 42 kgs of paint redistributed 	<p>This project has over-achieved on some of its outputs, including the number of volunteers accessing the scheme and the amount of paint collected.</p> <p>The project has also moved to larger premises during this quarter.</p>
Refurbishment of Hawksworth Wood Community Shop	Hawksworth Wood Community Association	£3,850	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refurbishment of the Hawksworth Wood Community Shop completed, including suspended ceiling and electrical works and a new shop floor area. 	
Mushroom Bollards for Cragside Fields	LCC Parks & Countryside	£5,000	N/A	Project due to be completed in Quarter 3, an update will be provided in the Quarter 3 monitoring report.
Creation of new space in a community building	Burley Lodge Centre	£100,000 (£50,000 05/06,	N/A	Project is due for Objective 2 approval in December 2005. Area Committee funding will

Appendix 2

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital Cost	Outputs achieved	Comments
(ABLE)		£50,000 06/07)		be used from the start of the project in January 2006. A 25 year lease on a less than best basis had been agreed between Leeds City Council and Burley Lodge Centre.
Community Compost	Leeds Organic Growers	£11,666	N/A	Monitoring for this project is due in the Quarter 4 monitoring report.
Rosebank Millennium Green	Rosebank Millennium Green	£1,344.20	N/A	The project was not started until September/October 2005. Monitoring will be provided in the quarter 3 monitoring report.
STEP Older People's Network	STEP	£5340 (Revenue 05/06 £7730, 06/07 £3,300)	N/A	Monitoring for this project is due in the Quarter 3 monitoring report.

AGENDA
ITEM NO:

Originators: Zahid Butt
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REPORT OF: Director of Neighbourhoods & Housing Department

REPORT TO: Inner North-West Area Committee

DATE: 8th December 2005

SUBJECT: Burglary Sticker Project

Electoral Wards Affected :

Headingley

Hyde Park and Woodhouse ✓

Kirkstall

Weetwood

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities ☐

Women ☐

Disabled People ☐

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides members with a project proposal which seeks to tackle burglary in the Hyde Park area and seeks a contribution of £3,000 from the area committee towards this project.

1.0 Background

1.1.1 The Hyde Park area is the burglary hotspot for Pudsey Weetwood Division and Leeds. The reason for this is primarily two fold:

- a large student population which offers an attraction to criminals as this community has expensive easy to carry electrical goods (mobiles, laptops, I-pods, etc) with multiples of these items in houses of multiple occupation.
- A large concentration of young people who are not as security conscious as other members of the community because of their age or life experiences (40% of burglaries in the hotspot area are sneak ins where doors / windows have been left open or unlocked).

2.0 Project proposal

- 2.1 The aim of this project is to provide a regular crime reduction message to residents in the hotspot area of the steps they can take to minimise the chance of being a victim of crime (e.g. locking doors, closing windows, marking property, etc). The project will also provide a means for residents to mark their property, making it less appealing to criminals and making it easier to recover.
- 2.2 The project will provide all residents in the hotspot area with a:
- sticker for the top of their wheeled bin which provides crime prevention advice (and will be seen by the resident when they put rubbish in the bin)
 - sticker for the side of the wheeled bin to act as a deterrent and provide reassurance to residents.
 - property marking pen provided to all the residents in the area through a visit rather than a mail shot.

A pilot project has taken place in West Leeds and resulted in a 30% reduction in burglary in the target area over a 8 week period.

- 2.3 It is proposed that this project is delivered in conjunction with the refuse collection service, this will allow for minimum disruption for residents. It is proposed that agency staff supplement the refuse teams and concentrate on sticking the two stickers to wheely bins. PCSOs and staff from partner agencies will assist in talking to residents and delivering property marking pens. It is suggested that this project could coincide with the distribution of graffiti leaflets.
- 2.4 Due to the nature of this project it is vital that it is delivered in January 2006, when students return from Christmas leave. It is essential, therefore, that funding is secured to ensure there is sufficient time to print the stickers and take delivery of property marking pens.
- 2.5 It is estimated that this project will cost £5000 to deliver:

5,000 stickers for top of bin:	£1,250
5,000 stickers for side of bin:	£1,750
5,000 property marking pens	£1,000
6 agency staff	£,1000

Total Cost of project £5,000

(excluding resources in kind from Police and partner agencies)

- 2.6 The following resources have been secured to date:

North West Homes	£1,000
Leeds Met University	£500
Police	£500

Total secured: £2,000

2.7 At the time of writing this leaves a shortfall of £3,000.

2.8 The following agencies have also been approached for contributions towards this project:

Leeds University – unable to assist due to overspend on community safety budget and other pressure on this budget
Leeds Federated Housing – currently considering proposal

3.0 Status of Well-being Funding

- 1.1 At the June Area Committee it was decided to call a 'strategic pause' on the allocation of the Well-being funding to allow Members to consider further the Area Delivery Plan, monitor spend against the plan, and take a longer term view of priorities for the ADP over say the next 2 –3 years.
- 1.2 There is currently £67,832 Well-being revenue 2005/06 uncommitted, and £238,286 Well-being Capital unspent (some of this capital funding is committed to projects in development).
- 1.3 Following the establishment of the Area Committee thematic Sub Groups, it is envisaged that project proposals will be put forward by the Sub Groups to the Area Committee in February.
- 1.4 The Area Committee are asked to consider the Bin the Burglar project at this Area Committee on the basis that the project needs to start in January, before the next Area Committee (as outlined in point 2.4).

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to consider the approval of £3,000 towards the cost of this project from the 2005/06 Well-being revenue budget.

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ITEM NO:

Originators: Zahid Butt
Area Community Safety Co-ordinator

Telephone: 305 7505

REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO: Inner North-West Area Committee

DATE: 8th December 2005

SUBJECT: Headingley DPPO Update

Electoral Wards Affected :

Headingley ✓

Hyde Park and Woodhouse

Kirkstall

Weetwood

Specific Implications For :

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on progress made and the next steps in respect of a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) for Headingley Town Centre.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In September 2005, Members received a report outlining the process for a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO). Members asked the North West Area Manager to seek evidence of the need for a DPPO in Headingley Town Centre.

2.0 Progress to Date

- 2.1 The action plan at appendix 1 shows that progress has made since the committee report in September 2005. This progress is broadly in-line with the Wetherby DPPO, which took 7 months from evidence gathering to implementation.

3.0 Next Steps

- 3.1 Over the coming weeks the Area Community Safety Co-ordinator will be attending the Anti Social Behaviour Panel and the Divisional Community Partnership to seek the views of partner agencies. The Area Community Safety Co-ordinator, with

assistance from the Police, will also set up a meeting with Licensees to seek their views.

- 3.2 Once this has been undertaken all the evidence will be collated with a covering report. The chair of the Inner North West Area Committee and Area Manager will then decide whether there is evidence to proceed to a statutory notice, which would advise the public that if there are any objections to the DPPO to write to the Area Manager.
- 3.3 All the evidence will then be presented to the Licensing Panel who will decide if there is enough evidence for a DPPO. If the DPPO is approved a second statutory notice is placed in local media advising of the date of the implementation of the DPPO and signs are produced and placed in the DPPO area.

All evidence is then copied to the Home Office, advising them of the DPPO.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the progress made to date and the next steps.

HEADINGLEY DPPO ACTION PLAN

ACTION	COMMENTS	Progress
Request made to Police for figures of alcohol related crime in Headingley Town Centre	Considerable data cleansing required to extract only the alcohol related incidents – in addition, analysts currently busy with Strategic Intelligence Assessment.	Complete
Requests for info sent to attendance list of Headingley Forum	Anecdotal information requested from Forum in writing / photographs to show nuisance caused by drinking on the streets and alcohol containers (litter) + will be on the agenda for next meeting with Area Community Safety Co-ord attending	Next meeting 1 st Dec 05
Requests sent to interested community groups to provide any information they may have on alcohol related nuisance in Headingley Town Centre	Anecdotal evidence requested in writing / photographs to show nuisance caused by drinking on streets and alcohol containers	6 letters received to date (22 nd Nov 05)
To raise the profile of seeking views by encouraging a press article in local media	Press release drafted by Press Office and sent to Media. Article on front page of Leeds Weekly News.	Complete
Requests for information sent to Street Scene in relation to street cleaners and nuisance caused by alcohol containers on streets	Awaiting feedback from Street Scene	To chase
Requests for info sent to ASB Unit on alcohol related ASB complaints	Awaiting feedback from ASB Unit	To chase
To raise at ASB Panel for members of the panel to contribute any information they have	To be added to agenda for next Panel in Nov 05	
to meet with the licensees / pub watch to seek their views on a DPPO in Headingley	To be done after the crime stats are ready	
to seek councillors views on a DPPO in Headingley	To be done after the crime stats are ready	
To raise and discuss at next Divisional community Safety Partnership	To be added to agenda for next meeting in Dec 05	

Appendix 1



AGENDA
ITEM NO:

Originators:
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REPORT TO: Inner North-West Area Committee

REPORT OF: Director, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

DATE: 8th December 2005

SUBJECT: Redevelopment of Woodside Quarry

Electoral Wards Affected :

Weetwood

Specific Implications For :

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides background information on the Redevelopment Woodside Quarry site and seeks the views of the Community and the Area Committee.

The Area Committee are asked to note and comment on the contents of this report.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Woodside Quarry is located on the A6120 Ring Road (between Horsforth and Adel) and is identified for redevelopment in the adopted Leeds City Council Unitary Development Plan (UDP) for a range of employment uses, including office, general industry and storage and distribution.
- 1.2 The Burford Group have owned the Woodside Quarry site (former quarry and Gilchrist Studios) since late 2003 and have spent the last two years investigating the issues which will impact on its redevelopment.

- 1.3 The Burford Group are bringing forward redevelopment proposals for the Woodside Quarry site (see appendix 1 for further information).

2.0 CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The Burford Group want to provide the local community with an opportunity to express its views on how the redevelopment should take shape and how it can help to meet local needs and aspirations.
- 2.2 The Burford Group intend to use the feedback from the community to help formulate its detailed proposals and will undertake further consultation with the community on its detailed proposals next year.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Inner North West Area Committee are asked to note and comment on the contents of this report.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WOODSIDE QUARRY

The Burford Group are bringing forward redevelopment proposals for Woodside Quarry and want to know your views on this important opportunity to secure sustainable redevelopment of a derelict brownfield site.



BACKGROUND

Woodside Quarry is identified for redevelopment in the adopted Leeds City Council Unitary Development Plan (UDP) for a range of employment uses, including office, general industry and storage and distribution.

The site (outlined in red above) is located between Horsforth and Adel and lies to the north of the A6120 Ring Road and east of the Leeds-Harrogate railway line.

The site consists primarily of a former quarry which is visually contained by Clayton Wood. The quarry was used for sandstone extraction from the late 1800s until 1993 and was a licensed waste management facility from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s. The site also includes the Gilchrist Studios former bedding factory (outlined yellow above) which fronts on to the Ring Road.

The Burford Group own both the quarry and Gilchrist Studios parts of the site. Burford also own a significant area of the surrounding woodland but this does not form part of the Woodside Quarry site.

THE NEED FOR REDEVELOPMENT

The historic quarrying and waste management activities have left their mark on the quarry and there are ongoing health and safety and site management problems which need to be addressed.

In particular:

- the 500m of exposed rock face around the edge of the quarry are unstable and prone to rock fall
- approximately 90% of the surface of the site is covered with quarry waste and demolition materials which contain isolated pockets of contamination
- the site is contaminated by Japanese Knotweed (a dominant species of flora) which, if left unmanaged, will eventually overrun all other forms of vegetation in the area, including the surrounding ancient woodland
- the site has attracted anti-social behaviour, with motocross bikes causing disruption to nearby residents and burnt out motor vehicles being left on the site



While public access to the quarry itself is therefore prohibited, the ongoing management of these issues can only realistically be a short-term measure and a sustainable long-term solution for the future of the site needs to be secured.

Owing to the significant costs associated with stabilising the rock faces, treating the existing fill material and removing contamination, redevelopment of the site is acknowledged to be the only viable way forward.

OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY REDEVELOPMENT

As well as addressing the inherent health and safety, management and anti-social use problems of the site, redevelopment provides the opportunity to deliver significant benefits for the local community, including:

- the creation of new jobs (both during construction and in the longer term) – in line with Leeds City Council's long-term aspirations for the site and as set out in the Council's Unitary Development Plan
- the attraction of significant inward investment into the area
- opening up a currently inaccessible site to the public
- environmental improvements within and around the edge of the site
- improvements to public transport and the highway network
- the provision of facilities and uses which are needed and / or wanted in the area

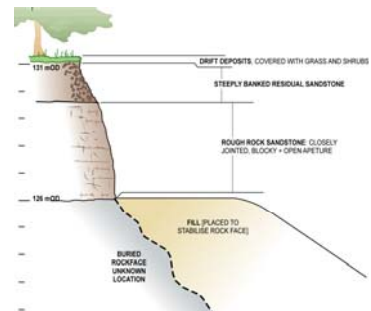


In addition, redevelopment can enable the future provision of a new rail halt on the Leeds-Harrogate line (to alleviate congestion at Horsforth Station) by putting in place the necessary highway infrastructure to open up access to the railway line on the south-west boundary of the site. Without a redevelopment scheme, it is highly unlikely that a new rail halt would ever be brought forward because of the significant costs involved in opening up the site.

WORK DONE TO DATE

Burford have owned the Woodside Quarry site since late 2003 and have spent the last two years comprehensively investigating the issues which will impact on its redevelopment, including:

- geotechnical investigations into the underlying condition of the quarry and areas of imported demolition fill, in order to identify the most appropriate engineering solution for dealing with the unstable rock faces and stabilising the fill material
- land quality assessments and ground investigations to understand the condition of the land and identify a remediation strategy for dealing with the pockets of contamination
- transportation studies to assess the existing public transport opportunities and identify potential improvements which will minimise the need for people to travel by car
- highway studies to understand existing road capacity issues and identify potential road improvement opportunities
- ecological investigations to establish particular types of flora and fauna of value within the site and how these can be mitigated during development
- assessments of commercial demand for different uses to inform viability and sustainability considerations when developing a detailed scheme



GOING FORWARD

Burford intend to use the information and knowledge that they have gained from the investigations carried out over the last two years to draw up a detailed framework for a sustainable and viable redevelopment of the site.

However, Burford first want to provide the local community with an opportunity to express its views on how the redevelopment should take shape and how it can help to meet local needs and aspirations.

- Are the uses identified in the Council's UDP the best ones for the site and the local area?
- What types of uses would you like to see within a redevelopment scheme?
- Does the area need any new or improved facilities that could be provided on the site?
- How can public transport improvements to and from the site help you?
- Should the redevelopment of the site include links to existing footpaths within the surrounding woodland?
- What other issues need to be considered to ensure the redevelopment delivers the best possible outcome for the community?

Burford will use the feedback from the local community to help formulate its detailed proposals for the site. The community will also have an opportunity to comment on Burford's detailed proposals when these are presented next year.

LET US KNOW YOUR VIEWS

There are a number of ways of getting in touch with us to let us know your views.

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We will also be holding a number of public consultation events in your area over the next few weeks where you can find out more about the site and the work done to date.

November 2005



REPORT OF THE: Making Leeds Better Programme
MEETING: Inner North West Area Committees
DATE : 8TH December 2005
SUBJECT : MAKING LEEDS BETTER
Electoral Wards Affected :

ALL

Specific Implications For :

 Ethnic Minorities ☐

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Making Leeds Better is the strategic programme for improving health and social care services in the city. The aim for the programme is:

To improve the health and wellbeing of the people who use health and social services in Leeds by providing them with speedy access to high quality care and treatment that is responsive to their needs and provided in the best possible settings.

Recommendations:

1. Area Committee members are requested to note progress in developing the Making Leeds Better programme for health and social care services in Leeds.
2. Area Committee members are asked to suggest appropriate local engagement mechanisms and opportunities for Making Leeds Better in preparation for the formal consultation period next year.
3. Area Committee members are asked how they would like to be kept in touch with and informed about Making Leeds Better.

1. Background

- 1.1 In the summer of 2004, partners in the Leeds Health and Social Care Community agreed to work together to radically improve health and social care services in the City. The first demonstration of this shared commitment was the submission to the Department of Health of a strategic outline case for a new Children's & Maternity Hospital in Leeds. Our proposal for a new hospital was based on far reaching changes that would transform the delivery of health and social care across the City.
- 1.2 Following approval of the strategic outline case, we have established the Making Leeds Better programme, through which we are involving patients, staff and the public in developing much more detailed plans. These will form the basis for formal consultation in Autumn/Winter 2006 and then we hope to submit an outline business case for a children's and maternity hospital to the Department of Health in 2007.

2. What is Making Leeds Better?

The main elements of the Making Leeds Better programme are:

2.1 Involving People

- 2.1.1 Making Leeds Better is for and about local people - patients, carers, service users, visitors, health or social care professionals, or residents of Leeds. Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) is an important priority of Making Leeds Better. People's views will help to shape the new services and facilities. People can become involved in a variety of ways, including via the Making Leeds Better website: www.makingleedsbetter.org.uk.

2.2 New Community Facilities

- 2.2.1 Making Leeds Better is about providing patients and service users with speedy access to the best possible care in the best possible settings. This is often best provided in the local community, rather than in an acute hospital. Making Leeds Better will include the development of proposals for new and updated community health centres, clinics and GP surgeries. These would be made possible with funds from both LIFT (Local Improvement Finance Trust) and PFI (Private Finance Initiative). This would mean that, following the Care Pathway redesign work (see below), services would be transferred out of acute hospital settings and into these new community facilities. This would also mean that there would be less need for beds in hospital.

2.3 Care Pathways

- 2.3.1 A Care Pathway is the journey a patient or service user takes across health and social care services during their care and treatment for a specific condition – it is the places that they go and the people that they see during that care and treatment.
- 2.3.2 Making Leeds Better aims to radically change these Care Pathways. We already know that in Leeds more people are admitted into hospital than people with similar problems who live in some other cities. We also know that patients with certain conditions are kept in hospital in Leeds longer than in some other cities and that when they are discharged their follow-up care or rehabilitation services back at home may not be as coordinated as they could be.

- 2.3.3 The care pathway work will focus on two areas – Adults, and Children's & Maternity. 12 Care Pathways for adults and 9 Care Pathways for children and maternity have been chosen. These 21 Care Pathways show the biggest potential for reducing unnecessary hospital admissions, and for providing better care for patients via their GP (primary care) or closer to their own home (community care).
- 2.3.4 A group of senior NHS and social care professionals had their first glimpse of the Making Leeds Better high level care pathways at a major one-day workshop on 17 October. Around 100 delegates from disciplines including commissioning, estates, mental health, information technology and human resources took part in the event, which marked the start of the next major phase in the Making Leeds Better work programme. Following work which included patients and members of the public, helping to redesign the pathways, group discussions during the day gave planners, managers and clinical staff the opportunity to look in more detail at the challenges involved in turning these outline care pathways into tangible improvements for patients.
- 2.3.5 A second workshop will be held on 24 November, looking at the potential effects of new service models on the current health and social care economy. This will allow NHS and social care leaders to project the future need for skills, training, information technology, buildings and financial resources.

2.4 A new Children's and Maternity Hospital

- 2.4.1 The vision for Making Leeds Better has grown out of a long campaign for a Children's & Maternity Hospital for Leeds. Currently, medical services for children are spread across the city which often results in them having to travel between different buildings to see different specialists. This can make going to hospital an upsetting and frightening experience for some children.
- 2.4.2 We propose to significantly improve services for children and their families in two ways: Firstly, building a dedicated Children's & Maternity Hospital on the St James's University Hospital site, will ensure that children, pregnant mums and their families will have state-of-the-art services and facilities all together in one place - built especially for their needs. Cardiac and neurological services would need to be alongside too, to make sure that if children need specialists in these two areas, they can be found close by.
- 2.4.3 Secondly, the LIFT programme, (Local Improvement Finance Trust) will mean that certain children's and maternity services can be offered from a range of new premises already being built in the local community - new buildings and better services located nearer to where children and their families actually live.

2.5 Bringing Hospital Services Together

- 2.5.1 Currently, hospital departments and facilities are spread across the two major hospitals in Leeds and a number of other sites. Making Leeds Better will look carefully at the location of health care services across the city. Pending further detailed work, and subject of course to public consultation, it is not known at this stage exactly which services will be located where. However, it is acknowledged that many of the buildings at Leeds General Infirmary are not of a high enough standard to provide health care in the 21st century, and some may not fit into plans for use in the future. To improve both the quality and safety of services for patients, and make best use of capacity, we would look to focus hospital care for the most complex cases onto a single main site at St James's University Hospital.

2.5.2 Making Leeds Better is a very large and complex programme of change and it is vital to ensure that any proposed improvements or new services and buildings are value for money, affordable and realistic. To do this we will develop a Strategic Services Plan which will look at how to:

- Transfer staff and finances from the traditional hospital settings to primary and community care settings. This way staff can deliver speedier access to services closer to the patients' homes.
- Make savings and be more efficient in order to be able to afford the finances for the schemes which will fund the new buildings, from which we could provide modern, efficient services for patients.
- Make sure that community buildings and facilities are made ready in the right place and at the right time in order to receive the gradual transference of acute hospital beds and services.
- Make sure that all the partner organisations are able to work together across the entire Leeds health and social care community in order to make the single vision of Making Leeds Better affordable.

2.5.3 We want to ensure that any proposed new services we develop are accessible to everyone who needs them and that the way in which the programme as a whole is taken forward contributes to public health and to the narrowing the gap agenda of the Leeds Initiative. To help with this we will use tools such as Health Equity Audit and Health Impact Assessment to inform decisions on how the proposed changes are made.

3. How is it being developed

- 3.1 The governance structure and the project teams for the Making Leeds Better programme are given in Appendix I. Regular monthly updates are given on the website and the timescales for the work are given in Appendix II. Leeds City Council are full partners in the programme and the Directors of Social Services and Development sit on the Board. The Health Scrutiny Board has had a briefing from the PCTs at its July meeting this year.
- 3.2 NHS bodies have a statutory duty to consult the local Overview and Scrutiny Committee on any proposals they may have to substantially change health services in the Council's area. However, where people from more than one local authority area may be affected by proposed variations or developments to NHS services, all the relevant scrutiny committees consulted must decide whether they consider the proposals to be 'substantial'. Those that do consider the proposals to be substantial are required to form a joint health scrutiny committee to engage in consultation with the NHS bodies and to respond on behalf of their communities.
- 3.3 The final approach taken is yet to be determined by Scrutiny, however in late January, early February 2006 the Making Leeds Better Team will begin discussions with Scrutiny in preparation for the formal consultation process as detailed above and the views expressed by Area Committees can be fed into that process.

4. Getting Involved

- 4.1 As part of the Making Leeds Better commitment to public and patient involvement, youngsters of all ages are being given a chance to have their say on what they like about hospital, where they think improvements can be made, and what they would like to see in a new facility designed specifically for them.

- 4.2 In just one example of patient and user involvement, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust deputy chief nurse Sharon Linter has teamed up with The Project, part of West Yorkshire Youth Action, to create a range of tools designed to capture the views of children. These views will be used to ensure that the designs for a new children's and maternity hospital truly reflect the experiences and expectations of young people.
- 4.3 Communications leads from NHS organisations across the city teamed up with patient forum representatives recently to look at the wider roll out of patient and public involvement in Making Leeds Better. Patients, carers and volunteers have already been involved in shaping the emerging care pathways. At the recent city-wide workshop event, work began on developing communications plans in the run up to formal public consultation next year. Challenges identified included:
- Measuring current understanding of, and involvement in, Making Leeds Better amongst patients, NHS staff and the general public;
 - Developing plans to inform and engage ethnic minority and 'marginalised' groups;
 - Capturing further examples of how new ways of working are already beginning to provide better services, closer to where people live;
 - Raising awareness among local communities of ongoing investment in primary care premises and services.
- 4.4 A major information and engagement event designed to keep key influencers and community leaders involved in the development of Making Leeds Better will be scheduled for January 2006.

5. People

- 5.1 Work is now beginning on the development of comprehensive city-wide workforce plans to support the delivery of proposals in the Making Leeds Better vision.
- 5.2 A workforce database showing the number and type of all NHS staff working in Leeds has already been compiled. The next challenge is for this to be mapped onto the emerging care pathways in order to:
- Explore whether traditional roles and responsibilities might need to be adapted in light of new care models;
 - Engage staff and inform any future change management programmes;
 - Maximise recruitment and retention opportunities;
 - Identify any potential skills gaps and assess future training needs;
 - Predict the likely effect of technological advances in healthcare delivery;
 - Look at the possible impact of new care models on health and social care education providers;
 - Understand the potential financial implications of a restructured workforce.

This complex piece of work, which involves Human Resources professionals from across the health and social care spectrum, is expected to take several months to complete.

6. Locations

- 6.1 The first of four state-of-the-art primary care facilities built under the LIFT initiative opened its doors to patients on 3 October. The new community facility in Middleton replaces the outdated former health centre on Middleton Park Road. The purpose-built centre now provides a range of services under one roof. The centre is designed specifically to meet the needs of today's patients, doctors and nurses. It also has the space to expand and deliver extra services traditionally found only in hospital.
- 6.2 Three further LIFT schemes are nearing completion. New facilities for the communities of Armley, Dewsbury Road and Woodhouse are all expected to be open by Christmas. Plans for two more LIFT facilities at Beeston and Yeadon are due to reach financial close in November. Construction could then begin in the New Year, with facilities coming on stream early in 2007.
- 6.3 LIFT buildings are a key component of the Making Leeds Better vision. They provide valuable new investment in the primary care estate and will eventually enable more and more hospital equipment and expertise to be available within local communities.

7. Harnessing information technology

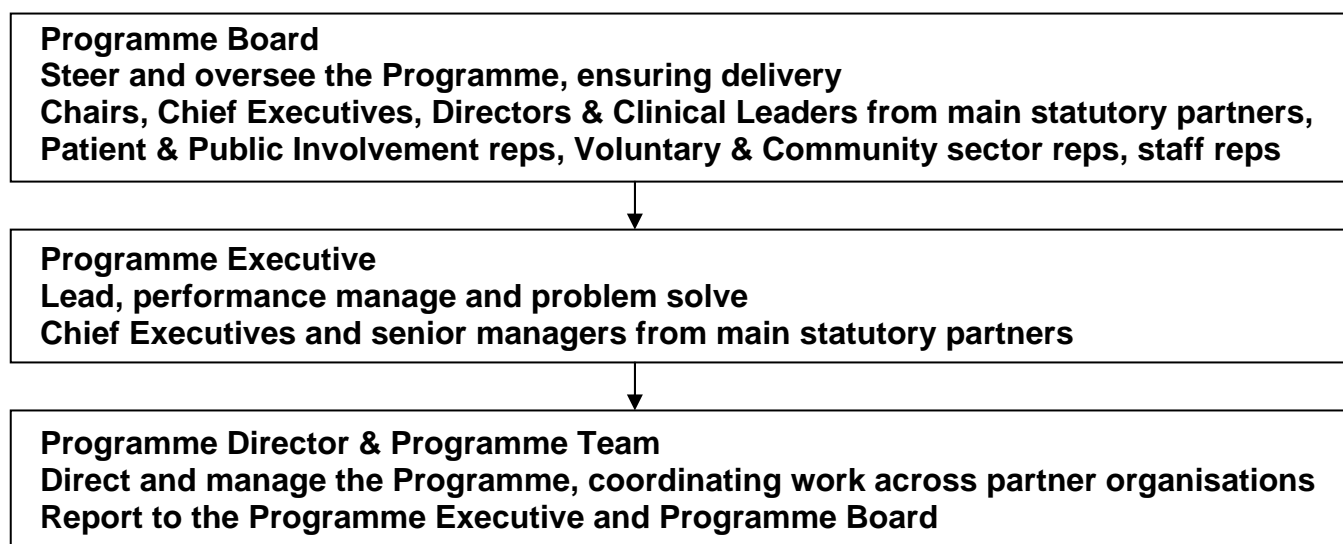
- 7.1 A dedicated project team has been established within Making Leeds Better to exploit advances in information and communication technology (ICT) to the full. ICT already has a key role to play in delivering care services – for example ever-faster internet connections are revolutionising the sharing of data, whilst more effective electronic storage is allowing complex information to become increasingly secure, personalised and portable.
- 7.2 The Making Leeds Better team will be exploring opportunities for harnessing new technologies locally and at the same time identifying how they might operate effectively alongside planned national systems.

8. Recommendation

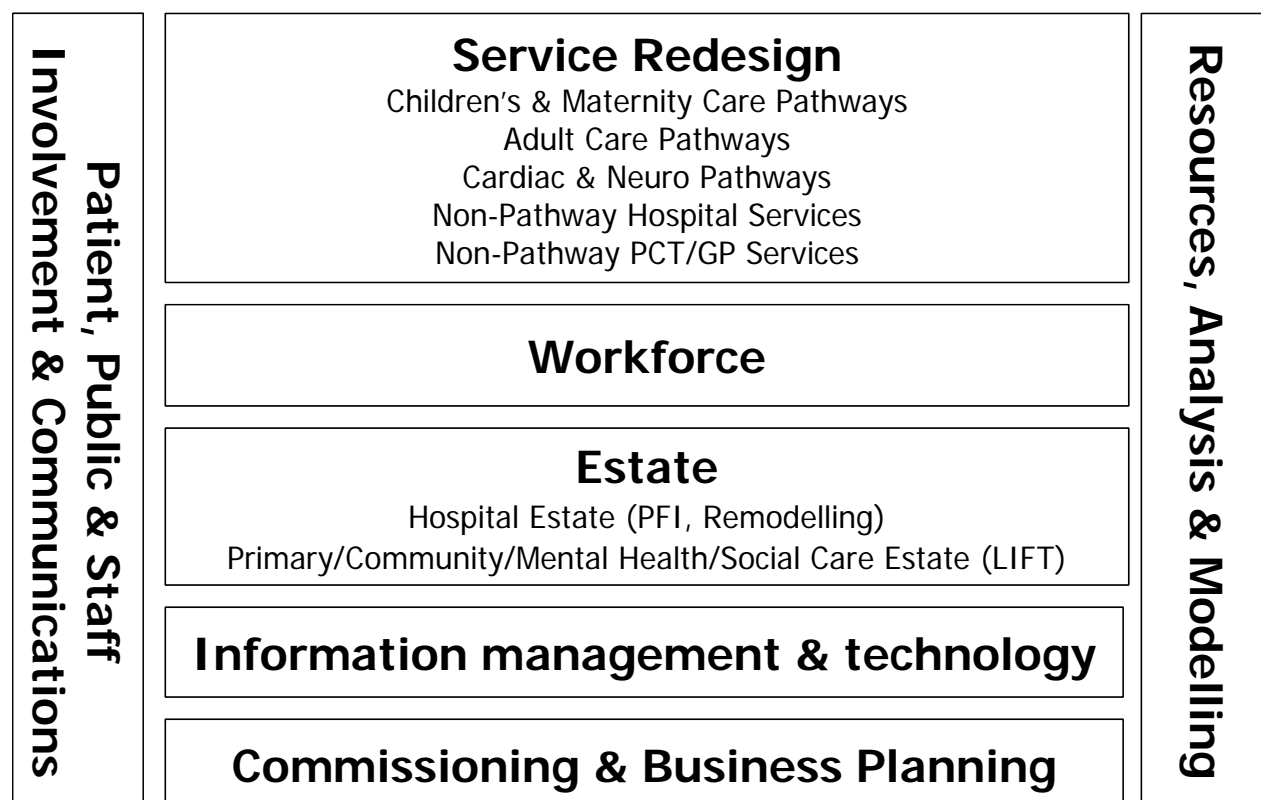
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- 8.3 Area Committee members are asked how they would like to be kept in touch with and informed about Making Leeds Better.

Further information is available from the Making Leeds Better website at www.makingleedsbetter.org.uk

Structure



The Making Leeds Better Programme consists of the following projects:

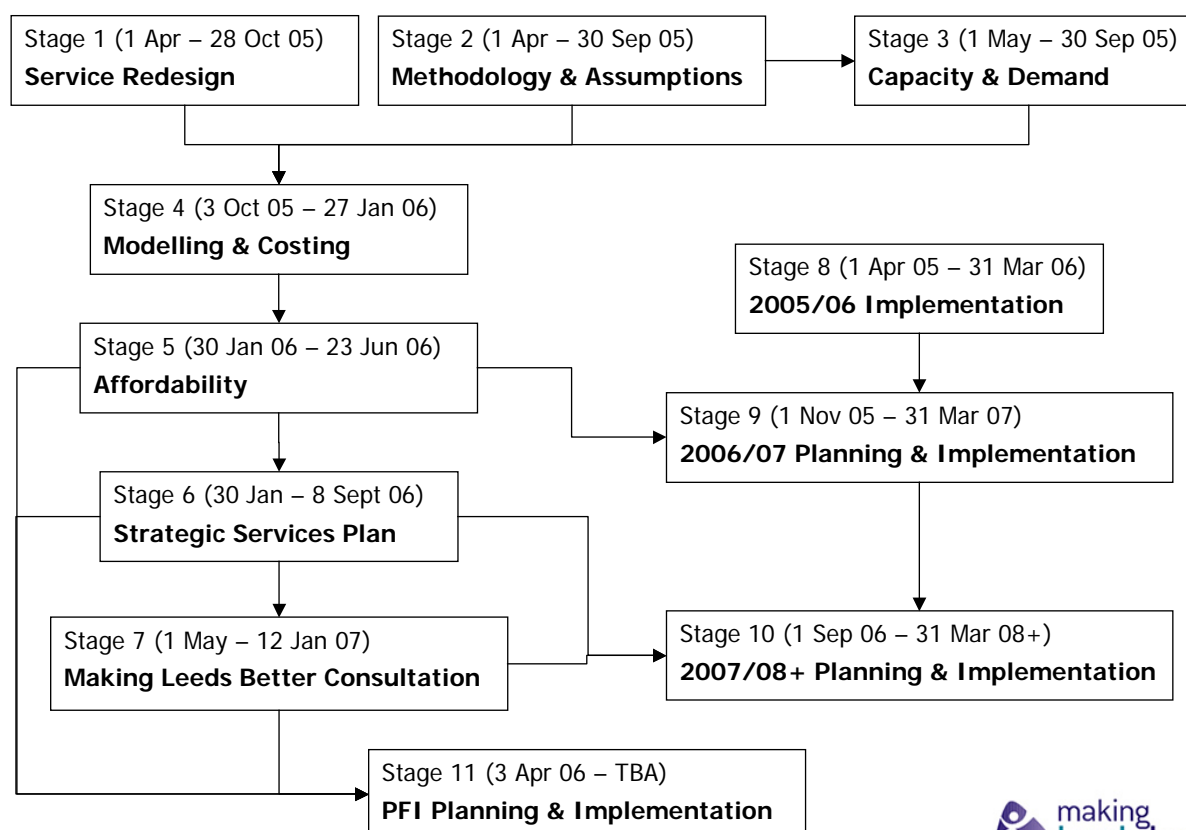


Timescales

The Making Leeds Better Programme consists of a number of key stages of work with clear milestones. In addition, there is some cross-cutting work – such as governance and Patient and public involvement and communications – that runs through all key stages.

The key stages of work are set out in the flowchart below.

Flow of Work



REPORT OF THE: Director of Development Department

MEETING: Inner North West Area Committee

DATE : 8th December 2005

SUBJECT : Direction restricting To Let Boards in part of Inner North West Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected :

Headingley

Hyde Park & Woodhouse

Kirkstall

Weetwood

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities

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Disabled People

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update Members of the Area Committee on the work being done to implement powers granted by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in order to control 'To Let' boards within Inner North West Leeds.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) has now approved powers for an Area of Special Control to be established in Inner North West Leeds. The approved area is smaller than the area applied for originally by the City Council, but concentrates on the worst affected areas of central Headingley and Hyde Park.
- 1.2 The ODPM's decision states that the provisions of Class 3A, in Schedule 3, Part 1 of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992 shall cease to apply within the designated area, initially for a period of 3 years in respect of estate agents' boards for residential letting purposes. This would give the Council a chance to test the new arrangements for express consent, including the developing of a new code with the backing of a statutory Direction.
- 1.3 Since the last Area Committee, a Consultation Working Group comprising key stakeholders has met to discuss options and issues relating to the new arrangements. Specifically, the group discussed the possibilities of a new code of operation.

2.0 Consultation Working Group

- 2.1 The ODPM's decision states that the First Secretary of State invites the Council to set out a new code, to be agreed by all interested parties, for assessing applications for express consent to display estate agents' boards for letting purposes which is workable and ensures compliance and fairness.
- 2.2 The Consultation Working Group met on 26th October 2005 and comprised key stakeholders including Ward Members, Officers, representatives of local community organisations, representatives of the landlords/agents, letting board manufacturers/contractors and UNIPOL. The group considered the potential options and issues in order to move towards agreeing a code of operation.
- 2.3 The Consultation Working Group considered a number of issues including the location, type, size and colour of boards. In additions, issues of geographical area covered, timing and operation of the code and Direction were also considered.

3.0 Proposed Code of Operation

- 3.1 The information collated following the Consultation Working Group meeting has formed the basis for devising a code of operation. This draft code has now been circulated to all members of the group for further consultation before the finalised scheme is publicised and brought into operation.
- 3.2 Following the Consultation Working Group meeting, the following Code is being proposed.
1. Only one board per building will be permitted, which will conform to the following layout: 34cm x 48cm or 48cm x 34cm.
 2. The board shall be mounted flush to the wall above the front door, or if that is not possible, it shall be mounted flush to the wall on the street frontage elevation. In either instance, no part of the board shall be higher than 3.6 metres above ground level.
 3. The board shall have a white background with black text. Up to 20% of the board may be occupied by a logo (which may be in colour).
 4. There shall be no 'Let By' signs.
 5. 'To Let' boards shall be removed not later than 14 days of the granting of a tenancy for the room, house or flat in question.
- 3.3 The proposed code of operation has been designed to minimise the detrimental impact that the boards have previously had on street-scenes, whilst ensuring fairness and ease of use. It is anticipated that this approach will seek positive benefits to improve the urban environment, whilst minimising the impact upon Council resources and ensuring that breaches are easily identifiable.
- 3.4 One of the key issues at the Consultation Working Group meeting was that of the timing of the start date when the Direction comes into force. Specifically, board manufacturers stated that they would be unable to make new boards to comply with the code by 1st January 2006. However, there was an acceptance that the existing type of boards could be wall mounted on properties with almost immediate effect. In light of this, it is proposed that parts 2, 4 and 5 of the code shall come into effect from

1st January 2006. The remaining issues of size and colour contained in parts 1 and 3 of the code shall then come into effect on 1st February 2006.

4.0 Geographical Area

- 4.1 The Area of Special Control approved by the ODPM relates to much of central Headingley and Hyde Park. This area is smaller than the original area proposed by the Council at the Hearing earlier in the year and is smaller still than the ASHORE area. Whilst enforcement of the statutory Direction is only possible within the approved area, there was broad consensus at the Consultation Working Group meeting that the code should be rolled out to the whole of the wider ASHORE area on a voluntary basis.

5.0 Timescales

- 5.1 It is intended that the Direction shall come into force on 1st January 2006 in readiness for the new letting season. In the intervening period, the statutory requirements which are incumbent upon the Council are to firstly obtain an approved plan of the Direction area from the ODPM and secondly to publish the effect and date of operation of the Direction. The former of these has already been completed. The latter of these will take place in the month of December.
- 5.2 Regulation 7(7) of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992 requires that the Council publishes a notice of the Direction in a local newspaper and in the London Gazette. The notice shall specify a date when the Direction shall come into force, being at least 14 and not more than 28 days after the first publication of the notice. Additionally, details of the Direction are required to be made available within the locality during the same period.

6.0 Monitoring/Compliance

- 6.1 Landlords and agents will be required to comply with the agreed code within the Direction Area. Any breaches of the code will result in enforcement action being taken by the Council.
- 6.2 Whilst only anecdotal evidence, the scheme operated by Charnwood Borough Council has resulted in only one application being submitted as there has been widespread conformity with their code by agents' and an agreement not to pursue the submission of applications for boards which accord. Likewise, it is suggested that it would not be expedient to require a formal application to be submitted for boards which accord with the code in Leeds. A widespread publicity campaign will be required in order to get the message across to landlords and agents' about what is required when the Direction comes into force.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Inner Area Committee is asked to:
- Comment upon the contents of this report .

REPORT OF THE: Director of Development
MEETING: Inner North West Area Committee
DATE : 8 DECEMBER 2005
SUBJECT : SUPERTRAM

Electoral Wards Affected :

All

Specific Implications For :

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report advises Members of the recent announcement by the Secretary of State for Transport on the 3 November which confirmed the withdrawal of funding for the Leeds Supertram project.

In making this decision it was indicated that the Government's view was that, despite the efforts made to reduce the costs, the project did not represent the best value for money for the people of Leeds or the best use of public money.

The Government is of the view that a Bus Rapid Transit scheme offers considerable potential as a better value option for the taxpayer and has committed to working with the Council and Metro to develop proposals.

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the Government's recent decision to confirm the withdrawal of funding for the Leeds Supertram project.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In July 2004 the Government withdrew the funding previously approved for Supertram to allow a review of the project to take place due to cost increases for the project.

- 2.2 As part of this review process Metro and the Council were also requested to investigate alternative bus options which was duly undertaken.
- 2.3 A comprehensive review of the scheme was undertaken which resulted in Metro and the Council requesting that the Government reinstate the funding previously approved for the project.

3.0 INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Secretary of State for Transport announced the withdrawal of funding for the Supertram project as a result of the Department for Transport's re-appraisal of the revised scheme case presented by Metro and the Council. A copy of the ministerial statement is appended to this report.
- 3.2 Having reviewed the scheme, the Department for Transport formed the view that alternative bus based approaches offered the prospect of delivering similar benefits to Supertram at a lower cost and with better value for money to the taxpayer.
- 3.3 A Bus Rapid Transit option which was assessed a part of the Supertram review process has therefore been recommended by the Government for further development.
- 3.4 In the course of the Supertram review process a number of alternative were considered. Officers from the Council and Metro are now working to bring together proposals for a future course of action to deliver the required improvements in public transport.
- 3.5 A number of short-term actions are being considered for implementation as quickly as possible once funding can be found. These will include additional carriages for over-crowded rail services, new buses and additional priority for buses on routes such as Leeds service 4 (Pudsey to Whinmoor) which has been earmarked for First Buses "fr" concept bus, as well as additional park-and-ride schemes using some of the Supertram sites as well as increased parking facilities at rail stations.
- 3.6 There will be a quick review of transport options for travel into Leeds which will look into the longer term. This will pull together the outcomes of recent research including studies of the Harrogate Line, park and ride, bus congestion hot-spots, and reviews of the latest technological developments such as trolleybuses and [tram-trains](#).
- 3.7 Once the initial review work is complete it will be possible to provide Area Committee Members with a more detailed briefing.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Members are requested to note the contents of this report and the intention to provide a detailed briefing on future public transport proposals as soon as further information is available.

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3 November 2005

LEEDS TRAM SCHEME - STATEMENT

The Government today announced that it could not support proposals to re-instate the Leeds Supertram scheme that have been put forward by West Yorkshire PTE following the withdrawal of funding for the tram proposal in July 2004.

Alistair Darling, Transport Secretary said:

"I withdrew funding for Leeds Supertram in July 2004 because the costs of the scheme had escalated considerably.

"It is clear that the tram scheme is still very expensive and the costs remain much higher than originally planned. Latest proposals show the costs are nearly 40% higher than originally planned.

"The value today is £486m - compared with the approved figure in 2001 of £355 million.

"In cash terms, the cost to Government has almost doubled, from £664 million to £1.3 billion, over the 40 year financing period.

"The new proposal is also for a reduced scheme in which greater risks are borne by the public sector.

"Clearly it does not represent the best value for money for the people of Leeds or the best use of public money - particularly when compared to the alternative proposals put forward by West Yorkshire PTE for top of the range rapid bus scheme.

"Such a scheme would involve superior quality vehicles, high frequency services and some dedicated busways to ensure efficient journey times.

"A recent review by consultants Atkins suggests that such a scheme could deliver majority of the benefits of the tram at only half the cost.

"This would deliver significant transport benefits locally and be an opportunity for Leeds to develop a first of its kind, showcase bus system that could lead the way for other cities.

"My Department will continue to work constructively with West Yorkshire PTE, and I am very keen to pursue this top of the range rapid bus scheme with them.

"I understand the support for the tram, but I cannot approve schemes at any cost.

"I want to be clear - money will be available for good schemes where they are the best solution and where costs are under control. This year we are spending £156 million in the region - more than double what was spent in 2000. "

ENDS

A copy of the written ministerial statement is attached.

Statement on Leeds Supertram

In July 2004, I took the decision to withdraw funding for the Leeds Supertram because of excessive cost increases. Since then we have been in discussion with the scheme promoters, West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (WYPTE) about their alternative proposals.

I have considered very carefully all the new information provided by the promoters. The latest tram proposals are still very expensive – costs are nearly 40% higher than originally planned. This proposal is also for a reduced scheme which places more of the risks with the public sector. It does not represent the best value for money for the people of Leeds or the best use of public money – particularly when compared to alternative proposals put forward by WYPTE for a top of the range rapid bus scheme. I therefore cannot support requests to re-instate the tram proposal.

Leeds Supertram was given approval in 2001 with a cap on the public sector funding of £355 million in 2001 present value terms. By July 2004, costs had escalated considerably to over £500 million.

Since funding was withdrawn, the promoters have made great efforts to reduce the scheme costs. Their submission of November 2004 suggested that the funding requirement for a revised proposal was £392 million, in present value terms. This was for a reduced scheme (the current proposal truncates the southern line) and with some risks taken back into the public sector.

The promoters say their latest proposal requires public sector funding of £348 million in 2001 present value terms. However, this simple comparison is seriously misleading because:

- These figures are the total value in 2001 of the required public funding, at the prices ruling in 2001. In 2005, at current prices, the value would be £486m - nearly 40% above the 2001 cap. And this is still a present value figure, so it understates the cost increase in cash terms over the life of the scheme.
- But it is the cash costs that count. The current proposal requires £261.6 million of grant and a total of £1,142 million in RSG payments, associated with the PFI credits, up to 2040. The original proposal required grant of £294.5 million, and only £467 million in annual payments to 2032. Allowing for local contributions, the cost to Government has almost doubled, from £664 million to £1.3 billion, over 40 years.

At a meeting with local Council Leaders on 26 July 2005, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State asked for additional information on tram costs and for further work to be done on a top of the range bus option. The aim was to consider whether buses could deliver a better solution than light rail when all possible existing levers were used in an imaginative and cost effective way.

We commissioned Atkins to carry out the study, working closely with WYPTE and its advisers. I am grateful to WYPTE for all the work they have done with the Department on this study.

Atkins based their work on that previously done by WYPTE to look at a bus rapid transit (BRT) system as an alternative to Leeds Supertram. This work was submitted to us in November 2004. Atkins concluded that the work undertaken by WYPTE was "very thorough, and a good basis for considering a high quality bus alternative in the current study".

A BRT system is a new approach to meeting public transport needs. It would involve superior quality vehicles with many features similar to trams, including high quality vehicle interior, air conditioning, double glazing etc. It would be accompanied by fixed physical infrastructure in terms of dedicated stops, high quality shelters, real time information, off-board ticket machines etc. And it would be developed to operate as a complete system, with distinctive branding, priority at junctions, lengths of segregated track etc.

Atkins concluded that:

"The BRT option has the potential to offer a lower cost and better value for money alternative to the Supertram proposal. Atkins considers that a BRT system would offer many of the attributes of the Supertram system, including:

- similar stop and service patterns with a higher frequency service;
- similar overall journey times (including waiting time);
- the majority of the physical features;
- in the region of 90% of the forecast patronage for Supertram; and
- most of the wider appraisal benefits attributable to Supertram and these would be delivered at around 50% of the capital cost of the tram."

Atkins recognises that BRT has most of the advantages of the tram scheme, but not all, and there remains an element of risk in their conclusions given that a comprehensive bus system has not been delivered in this manner before in the UK. They also noted that, in a deregulated bus market, there were delivery risks that would need to be addressed.

The tram proposal remains extremely expensive, and in cash terms still costs much more than the scheme we approved in 2001. I cannot, therefore, approve the Supertram proposals. On the other hand, the bus study suggests that a top of the range bus system, designed and delivered in a way similar to

a tram network, has considerable potential, and would be significantly better value for taxpayers. It could benefit more people and would be more flexible with scope for further extensions.

With the right commitment from central and local government, and the local bus operators, there is an opportunity here for Leeds to develop a showcase bus system that could lead the way for other cities.

I would encourage West Yorkshire PTE to take this opportunity and to work with my Department to develop proposals. The funding will be there for the right proposals.

We acknowledge Atkins' comments about risks in delivering a BRT system. However none of the problems identified by Atkins is insurmountable. I very much hope that the bus companies in Leeds will work constructively with the PTE to show what a high quality bus system can deliver. There are clear benefits to the bus companies in so doing. However, should it be necessary, I am prepared to work with WYPTE to give them the powers they need to make sure we get a system that works properly as part of an overall transport policy.

We have always recognised that trams can be very effective in heavily trafficked areas. We will continue to be prepared to support trams, where they are the right solution. But we will not do so at any cost, and in many cases a well designed and promoted bus based system is likely to provide a more cost effective solution.

Where trams are promoted, they will need to be developed as part of an integrated approach to tackling an area's problems, and they will need to be supported by commitments to complementary measures to deliver the benefits of increased public transport usage and reduced congestion. We will continue to work closely with promoters and the industry to seek to ensure that these benefits can be realised, and that the costs of tram systems are minimised and properly controlled.

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REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS & HOUSING DEPARTMENT

MEETING: INNER NORTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE

DATE : 8th DECEMBER 2005

SUBJECT : DEVELOPMENT OF COMMITTEE AREA DELIVERY PLAN 2006/07

Electoral Wards Affected :

ALL

Specific Implications For :

Ethnic Minorities

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Women

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Disabled People

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Executive Function

x

Council Function

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Eligible for Call In

x

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

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides information and an update on the development of the Committee's Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for 2006/ 07; the ADP will focus building on the achievements delivered under the Committee's current ADP and on delivering further service improvements and local added value projects in the thematic service areas which the Area Committee has most influence over, i.e. community safety, street-scene, and young persons provision.

1. Background

- 1.1 The City Council approved a new constitution making provision for Area Committees in June 2004. This gives Area Committees the task of producing an Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) for their areas.
- 1.2 The Area Delivery Plan will seek to identify and frame the needs and priorities of the committee area and inform decision-making and joined up service delivery for 2006/ 07 particularly in the delegated function areas but also in the wider areas of social, economic and environmental wellbeing. It will also guide and influence the City Council and other partner agencies in the allocation of resources.
- 1.3 The first Inner North West ADP (for 2005/06) was agreed by the Area Committee in February this year and subsequently endorsed by Executive Board in May. The 2005/ 06 ADP has been supported by a detailed action plan, an update on the ADP and action plan for the current year was reported to the Area Committee on 8th September.

- 1.4 Recently, the Area Committee has established Elected Member thematic sub groups for Community Safety, Street-scene and Young Persons Services. These groups are intended to allow Members to scrutinise and exercise more influence on key delegated services - these groups have now all met once.
- 1.5 A report was provided at the June Area Committee outlining those services which have been agreed as delegated functions to be exercised by Area Committees (Area Function Schedules) for 2005/06 - along with minimum service expectations, current and target performance data and respective resources allocation on an area basis - these function schedules will be integral to the committees ADP for next year.

2. Proposed Area Delivery Plan Structure

The key sections would be as follows:

- **Introduction and Strategic Objectives** – covering the overall aims of the Area Committees and Area Management and to show the links between the Area Delivery Plan and other strategic documents, including the City Council Corporate Plan, the Vision for Leeds 2004-2020 and the North West Leeds District Plan;
- **Area Working Arrangements** – describing the Area Committee's decision making processes and the role of Area Management;
- **Profile** – giving details from baseline statistics provided by the Index of Multiple Deprivation and other sources and which highlight areas of deprivation or priority issues on which to focus attention;
- **Engagement Statement** – setting out the Area Committee's current consultative arrangements, and future plans for involvement;
- **Area Priorities Statement** – which sets out the Committee's strategic priority themes for the year (please see section below);
- **Action Plan** – a detailed programme of activity setting out work that will be progressed over the coming year in order to meet the Area Committee's priorities;
- **Statement of Resources** – to detail the composition of the Area Management Team, to provide information on the Area Committee budget and executive functions for 2006-07;
- **Partnership Working** – including a summary of the structure and priorities of the North West Leeds District Partnership and its working relationships with partner agencies.

3. Priority Areas and Themes

- 3.1 The Area Committee's priority areas, set out in the 2005/ 06 ADP, are linked primarily to the service themes which the Area Committee has the most influence over, i.e. **community safety, street-scene and youth services**. Additionally, investment and intervention in **regeneration communities, parks and green-spaces, and, supporting communities** were also recognised as important local priorities which

reflect the wider remit of the Area Committee to promote the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

- 3.2 It is proposed that the above priorities should continue to form the basis of the themes for the 2006/07 ADP. These themes are being brought to the attention of the Committee at this time in order for development work to be carried out by officers in the coming months, but without prejudice to the Area Committee.
- 3.3 Members of the Area Committee are invited to comment on any specific service delivery areas that they would wish Departments to give attention to in their 2006/ 07 budgets and area service planning. The Area Committee is aware, however, that a request to departments to invest further in spending or to redirect existing resources will need to be considered in the context of restricted budgets for most departments of the Council.
- 3.4 The Area Committee has now also established thematic sub-groups for each of the delegated function areas, these have now all met at least once and a summary of issues raised at these meeting is attached at **appendix 1**. It is proposed that details for service priorities to be included in next years ADP will be agreed through these groups in consultation with service providers and other stakeholder groups (e.g. ward forums and Town/ Parish Councils).
- 3.5 Issues not covered by the thematic sub groups, such as regeneration communities (including student issues), parks and greenspaces and supporting communities, will be discussed with Members in December and January. Project proposals from these discussions will be put forward to the February Area Committee along with proposals from the thematic sub groups.

4. Sources of Funding

- 4.1 The themes proposed could, in the main, be addressed through funding projects from the 2006-07 Well-Being Fund. However, the Area Committee may also wish to investigate the scope for funding from within the devolved departmental service budgets to ensure best value from these budgets in addressing the Area Committee's priorities.
- 4.2 As well as funding service improvements and developments through the Well-Being Fund, the Area Committee will be able to link actions to the work of the North West District Partnership to address the ADP priorities.
- 4.3 The Area Management team will also continue to seek to draw on other sources of funding, e.g. Lottery or European funds, to enhance investment by the Area Committee and other partner agencies.

5. Timetable

- 5.1 The ADP will be developed through stakeholder consultation and negotiation with service providers (both statutory and voluntary sector) and ward members (through the thematic sub-groups) between December 2005 and February 2006.
- 5.2 It is anticipated the draft ADP will be presented to the Area Committee's meeting in February 2006.

6.0 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- 6.1 Note the current position on development of the 2006-07ADP, the timetable for its completion and its proposed structure, and,
- 6.2 Consider and comment on the approach to proposed themes and priority areas for 2006/ 07 as set out at section 3 above.

Appendix 1 – Inner North West Area Committee Sub Group Update

Children & Young People Sub Group

Two meetings have been held for this sub group

28th October

Attendance: Councillor P Ewens, Councillor M Hamilton, Councillor J Illingworth, Suzanne Wainwright, Tom O'Donovan

18th November

Attendance: Councillor P Ewens, Councillor M Hamilton, Suzanne Wainwright, Tom O'Donovan, Christa Smith

Key issues from both of these meetings are as follows:

- It was agreed that members of the Voluntary and Community sector should also be invited to the meeting. It was resolved to invite Paul Senior (Sports Development Officer), Emma McManners (Youth Point) and John Ashton (Burley Sure Start) to the next meeting in January.
- Terms of reference were agreed for the sub group.
- Suzanne Wainwright explained the historic imbalance of Youth Service resources which has meant that some areas have lost out in the past. The future commissioning of youth work is hoped to address this imbalance.
- Suzanne Wainwright circulated the Area Service Plan to Members. Suzanne also presented information on the Youth Matters Green paper and the Extended Schools agenda, both of which will help to inform decisions on resource allocation at future meetings.
- At the next meeting potential projects to link to the ADP would be discussed in more detail.

Next meeting: Thursday 5th January 2006

Community Safety Sub Group

14th November 2005

Attendance: Councillor Bentley, Councillor Hussain, Chief Inspector Tim Kingsman, Inspector Pete Oram, Zahid Butt, Christa Smith

A number of Community Safety Issues were raised by the sub group which require investigation by Zahid Butt, Area Community Safety Co-Ordinator. These are summarised below:

- **Iversons** – Anti Social behaviour by young people. Investigations into securing a base for youth work activity in the area.
- **Willows** – Potential alleygating scheme being developed.
- **CCTV** – Carry out a feasibility study of potential sites for CCTV in the Hyde park, woodhouse Little London area. This scheme was supported by the Police.
- **Street lighting** – Issues regarding street lighting in some areas of high crime. Police would support discussions with Highways to introduce the new PPF1 lighting scheme to areas with high crime levels as soon as possible in the programme of work.
- **Burglary** – Zahid Butt to put together a project proposal for the Bin the Burglar Scheme, which involved providing stickers on wheely bins in the area in conjunction with PCSO visits and UV marking pens. Zahid also to investigate the use of providing anti climb paint in the area to reduce the number of 1st floor break ins.
- **Speeding Traffic** – If speeding is an issues on certain roads, Members are asked to forward a list of roads to the Neighbourhood Management office who will pass these details onto Highways Road Safety.
- **Parkswatch** – Members are asked to report any problems in parks and open spaces, including problems with off-road vehicles, to the Parkswatch service.
- **Archerys** – Members were informed of the ASB / crime issues in the Archerys in Woodhouse. Allegating is an option for this area. Members will be consulted on possible Allegating for this area in the near future.

Next meeting: January 2006 (date TBC). Members have asked for a 'shopping list' of project proposals with costings to be presented at this meeting to link into the Area Delivery Plan.

Streetscene Sub Group

31st October 2005

Attendance: Councillor L Minkin Chair, Councillor J Monaghan, Councillor S Golton, Stephen Smith, Graham Hollings, Tom O'Donovan

The following issues were highlighted as key challenges for the Streetscene service:

- Review of the graffiti removal service; looking at the how much time/resources is allocated to graffiti removal in Inner North West by Ward/Street.
- Rubbish/bins (back to backs) left on the street.
- In certain Headingley streets (during the pilot) bins were put back inside the curtilage of the property.

- Frequency of bin emptying an issue in Headingley?
- Provision of new litter bins. It was confirmed that no funding was available this year, although a programme exists.
- Commercial considerations were raised such as work with take away shops surveys etc. Tidy business standards.
- Street washing Headingley North Lane, weekends Sat/Sun am. (Some pavement work done by Highways) One machine allocated between the district centres such as Headingley.
- Landfill/recycling see report 8/9. How do we perform as an Area?
- Greenbin abuse – area hotspots
- Accreditation Britain's Cleanest City Centre. This is calculated on the city centre plus a mile radius (but should it be the whole city).

A general discussion took place regarding the CAST initiative and information was requested on the following points:

- A description of the public route to refer work.
- Public referred through usual "call centre" routes
- What patterns are there in these referrals by Ward?

Next meeting: 2nd December 2005