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#### SOUTH (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

#### Meeting to be held in Civic Chamber in Rothwell One Stop Centre, Marsh Street, Rothwell, LS26 0AD on Monday, 26th February, 2007 at 4.00 pm

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Councillors**

J Dunn	-	Ardsley and Robin Hood
L Mulherin	-	Ardsley and Robin Hood
K Renshaw	-	Ardsley and Robin Hood
R Finnigan	-	Morley North
T Leadley	-	Morley North
S McArdle	-	Morley North
C Beverley	-	Morley South
J Elliott	-	Morley South
T Grayshon	-	Morley South
S Golton	-	Rothwell
S Smith	-	Rothwell
D Wilson	-	Rothwell

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#### A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL FUNCTIONS AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

There are certain functions that are defined by regulations which can only be carried out at a meeting of the Full Council or under a Scheme of Delegation approved by the Full Council. Everything else is an Executive Function and, therefore, is carried out by the Council's Executive Board or under a Scheme of Delegation agreed by the Executive Board.

The Area Committee has some functions which are delegated from full Council and some Functions which are delegated from the Executive Board. Both functions are kept separately in order to make it clear where the authority has come from so that if there are decisions that the Area Committee decides not to make they know which body the decision should be referred back to.

# AGENDA

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1			APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS	
			To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded)	
2			EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC	
			To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public	
3			LATE ITEMS	
			To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration	
			(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)	
4			DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
			To declare any personal/prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 13 of the Members Code of Conduct	
5			APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
			To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting	
6			MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	1 - 8
			To confirm as a correct record the attached minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2006	

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7			OPEN FORUM In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair. (10 mins discussion)	
8	Ardsley and Robin Hood; Morley North; Morley South; Rothwell;		DRAFT AREA DELIVERY PLAN 2007/08 To consider a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which reviews the 2006/07 Area Delivery Plan and presents for discussion a draft Area Delivery Plan for the 2007/08 municipal year (Executive Function) (5 mins presentation/10 mins discussion)	9 - 38
9	Ardsley and Robin Hood; Morley North; Morley South; Rothwell;		OUTER SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE WELLBEING BUDGET REPORT To receive a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which updates Members on both the revenue and capital elements of the Area Committee's Wellbeing budget, advises Members of the current position of the Small Grants budget and invites the Committee to determine the proposals which have been submitted for consideration (Executive Function) (5 mins presentation/10 mins discussion)	39 - 68

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10	Ardsley and Robin Hood; Morley North; Morley South; Rothwell;		AREA MANAGER'S REPORT To consider a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which provides Members with details of the range of activities currently taking place within the Outer South area of Leeds (Executive Function) (5 mins presentation/10 mins discussion)	69 - 78
11	Ardsley and Robin Hood; Morley North; Morley South; Rothwell;		<ul> <li>NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLANS - A WAY FORWARD</li> <li>To receive a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which looks at the progress made by the Neighbourhoods Improvement Plans (NIPs) to date and recommends future actions so that the NIPs can continue to make sustainable improvements to each area identified</li> <li>(Executive Function) (5 mins presentation/10 mins discussion)</li> </ul>	79 - 96
12	Ardsley and Robin Hood; Rothwell;		CARE AND REPAIR GARDEN MAINTENANCE SERVICE To consider a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which summarises the progress made by the scheme and details the plans for 2007 (Executive Function) (5 mins presentation/5 mins discussion)	97 - 100
13			DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2007 at 4.00 p.m. (Venue – East Ardsley Community Centre, Main Street, East Ardsley, WF3 2AP)	

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			MAP OF TODAY'S VENUE	
			Civic Chamber in Rothwell One Stop Centre, Marsh Street, Rothwell, LS26 0AD	

# Agenda Item 6

#### SOUTH (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

#### MONDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 2006

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Finnigan in the Chair

Councillors C Beverley, J Elliott, S Golton, T Grayshon, T Leadley, S McArdle, K Renshaw and D Wilson

#### 41 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the December meeting of the South (Outer) Area Committee.

#### 42 Declaration of Interests

The following declarations of interest were made at this point in the meeting:-

#### <u>Agenda Item 8 – Building Schools for the Future – Phase 1 – Rodillian High</u> <u>School – (Minute No. 47 refers)</u>

With regard to agenda item 8, Councillors McArdle and Wilson indicated that they were members of Plans Panel (East) and could possibly be considering this matter at a later date in that capacity.

Both Councillors McArdle and Wilson stated that in view of this, and in order to avoid any perception of pre-determination when the matter came before Plans Panel, they would not discuss any planning matters relating to this issue. They also stated that they would not be bound by any discussions or decisions taken at today's meeting when this matter came before the Plans Panel, but would consider all representations and viewpoints presented at the planning meeting before reaching a conclusion based on the merits of the case.

Councillor Leadley declared a personal interest in relation to this item, due to being a member of Plans Panel (West).

<u>Agenda Item 11 – Executive Summary of Morley Literature Festival -</u> <u>Suggestions for Development – (Minute No. 50 refers)</u> Councillors Elliott, McArdle and Finnigan all declared personal interests in relation to this item, due to their respective positions on the Management Committee of the Morley Literature Festival.

<u>Agenda Item 15 – Area Manager's Report – (Minute No. 54 refers)</u> Councillor Leadley declared a personal interest in relation to this item, due to his position on the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan Working Group.

#### <u>Agenda Item 16 – Outer South Area Committee Wellbeing Budget Report –</u> (Minute No. 55 refers)

Councillor McArdle declared a personal interest in relation to this item due to being a member of Gildersome Action Group, Lewisham Park Management

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Committee, Morley Entertainments Committee and Board Member of Newlands Get Together Club.

Councillor Elliott declared a personal interest in relation to this item due to her position on the Board of the Newlands Get Together Club.

Councillor Grayshon declared a personal interest in relation to this item due to his respective positions on Lewisham Park Gala Committee and Management Committee and Morley Entertainments Committee.

Councillor Finnigan declared a personal interest in relation to this item due to being a member of Gildersome Action Group.

<u>Agenda Item 17 – Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee – (Minute No. 56 refers)</u>

Councillors McArdle and Grayshon declared personal interests in relation to this item due to their respective positions on the Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee.

Further declarations of interest were made throughout the meeting. (Minute Nos 47, 48, 51 and 55 refer).

#### 43 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Dunn, Mulherin and Smith.

#### 44 Minutes of Previous Meeting

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006 be approved as a correct record.

#### 45 Matters Arising from the Minutes

#### Cleaner Cities (Minute No 37 refers)

Members noted that it was intended for representatives of the City Services Enforcement Team to be invited to a future meeting of the Area Committee, so that their attendance could coincide with the submission of a report regarding Streetscene Services.

#### Area Manager's Report (Minute No 38 refers)

The Committee was advised that a report relating to the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) in the area was scheduled to be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee and that such a report would focus upon any 'Narrowing the Gap' issues which had arisen in Outer South Leeds.

Further to concerns raised at previous meetings regarding the clarification of statistics provided by the Youth Service, Members noted that it was intended for the Youth Service to provide such clarification at a future meeting of the Area Committee.

#### 46 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 ten minutes for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

On this occasion no issues were raised.

#### 47 Building Schools for the Future Phase 1 - Rodillian High School

A report was submitted on behalf of the Acting Chief Planning and Development Services Officer which provided Members with information on the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme specifically in relation to Rodillian High School.

Having received a brief presentation on the proposals from representatives of Education Leeds and the E4L Consortium, a discussion then ensued. The main areas of debate were as follows:-

- Members questioned when the application relating to Rodillian High School would be submitted to the relevant Plans Panel for determination and raised concerns over the tight deadlines within the planning process which often accompanied such an application;
- The actions taken to ensure that both the positive and negative aspects of previous PFI schemes had been taken into consideration when drawing up the current plans for Rodillian High School;
- Members emphasised the need to ensure that applications from all sources were determined in a consistent manner;
- The extent to which the parents of pupils from Rodillian High School had been consulted on the proposals and whether any major concerns had arisen from such consultation;
- Whether the resources allocated to the development at Rodillian High School would restrict the levels of funding available to other schools in the area.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted.

(At the conclusion of this item, Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 16, entitled 'Outer South Area Committee Wellbeing Budget Report' due to his attendance at meetings of the Rothwell in Bloom organisation. Minute No. 55 refers)

#### 48 Affordable Warmth - An Overview

A report was submitted on behalf of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which provided Members with an overview of the issues relating to affordable warmth in the area and which advised the Committee of the actions needed to be taken in order to address the situation.

Following a brief summary of the main issues within the report by the Fuelsavers Manager, Neighbourhoods and Housing, a question and answer session followed. The main areas of debate were:-

- Members raised concern over the prevalence of fuel poverty and 'winter' deaths in the area and emphasised the need for the issue to be urgently addressed;
- The problems which had arisen from the rise in fuel prices, the reliance on overseas fuel reserves and the need to consider alternative sources of energy in a bid to address such problems;
- The low take up rate of the financial support available to those suffering from fuel poverty in the area and the actions which could be taken, including the involvement of external agencies, to ensure that the take up rates of such benefits were maximised;
- The methods which had been used to compile the statistics within the report;
- The ways in which the community was being educated about the dangers associated with energy usage, such as carbon monoxide poisoning and how such education campaigns could be developed;
- The possibility of Members identifying specific areas within each of their respective Wards where they believed fuel poverty could be most prevalent, in order to allow a more focussed and effective approach to be taken when addressing the issue;
- The extent to which information relating to those services concerned with the reduction of fuel poverty was available to the local community and where such information could be found.

In conclusion, the Committee proposed that a selection of the information available on the subject could be forwarded to Members for information and distribution.

#### **RESOLVED** –

(a). That the report and information appended to the report be noted;(b). That the Area Committee supports the integration of affordable warmth aims and objectives into District Plans;

(c). That the Area Committee gives in principle support to local initiatives aimed at addressing fuel poverty reduction and eradication.

(Councillor Golton declared a personal interest in relation to this item due to being an employee of British Gas)

#### 49 Making Leeds Better Progress Report

Members received a report from the Making Leeds Better Programme Team which updated the Committee on the progress which had been made in relation to the initiative.

The Committee questioned the extent to which the issue of accessibility, transportation links and the development of appropriate infrastructure had been considered when drawing up the proposals. Member then emphasised the need to ensure that such matters were prioritised when considering future developments and discussed the impact that the introduction of new planning legislation would have on such issues.

#### **RESOLVED** –

(a). That the contents of the report, including the resolution of the NHS Boards from 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006, be noted;

(b). That Members' comments relating to the Making Leeds Better Progress Report be forwarded to the Making Leeds Better Team for consideration.

#### 50 Executive Summary of Morley Literature Festival - Suggestions for Development

A report was submitted by the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which outlined the options for the future organisation of the Morley Literature Festival and highlighted the key areas for consideration in order to enable the festival to build on the success of the inaugural event.

Following a brief overview of the report, a question and answer session ensued. The main areas of debate were:-

- The possible representation of local schools on the festival's organisation committee;
- The likelihood of the festival becoming self sufficient in the near future and the prospect of the festival benefiting from external funding. Members then suggested that the festival could be eligible to receive funding from initiatives which supported the promotion of adult literacy;
- Members then discussed the range of authors and activities which they deemed appropriate for inclusion within the festival's future programme of events.

#### RESOLVED -

(a). That the report and information appended to the report be noted;(b). That the constitutional arrangements, as appended to the report, be noted;

(c). That the composition of the Morley Literature Festival Organising Committee, as detailed within the report, be supported;

(d). That the Area Committee gives in principle approval to the ringfencing of £5,000.00 Wellbeing funding to support the Festival Director post, subject to a suitable delivery body being identified;

(e). That the Area Committee gives in principle approval to the ringfencing of £5,000.00 Wellbeing funding to support the general costs of the Morley Literature Festival.

#### 51 Children's Trust Arrangements for Leeds

The Committee received a report from the Director of Children's Services which advised Members of the progress made in relation to the implementation of the Children Act and summarised the children's trust arrangements which were being adopted in Leeds.

Having received a brief overview of the issues detailed within the report from the Change Manager, Children's Services, a discussion ensued. The main areas of debate were as follows:-

• Having requested further information on the Member seminars which had been scheduled on this issue, the Change Manager undertook to provide Members with further details on the arrangements for such seminars;

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- The ways in which any duplication of work undertaken in this field could be minimised;
- The importance of the services which would be provided by the clusters in Outer South Leeds and the actions which could be taken to ensure that such clusters were aligned with local schools in the area.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted.

(Councillor Elliott declared a personal interest in relation to this item having been assigned as a Corporate Carer)

#### 52 Scrutiny Action Learning Project around Community Development in Health and Wellbeing

The Committee received a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which invited the Area Committee to discuss where community health development projects had made a difference in their local area and provided an opportunity for Members to help the Scrutiny Board identify and address potential barriers in the delivery of effective community health development work in Leeds.

Following a brief summary of the report, a discussion relating to the sustainability of community health development projects in the area took place.

#### **RESOLVED** –

(a). That the contents of the report be noted;

(b). That Members submit any comments arising from the report to the Area Manager who will in turn forward them to the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) for consideration.

#### 53 Area Delivery Plan 2007/2008 - Agreement of Priorities

A report was submitted on behalf of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which invited Members to approve the main headings and key thematic priorities of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for 2007/08, invited any proposals for service delivery enhancements or variations which Members wished to be considered as part of the corporate/departmental planning and budget setting process and sought any suggestions for schemes that the Committee wished to be commissioned from the 2007/08 Wellbeing budget.

Having noted that it was intended to submit a more detailed report concerning the ADP to the next meeting of the Area Committee for Members' approval, a brief discussion relating to the key themes and priorities of the Plan ensued.

#### **RESOLVED** –

(a). That the contents of the report, including the timetable for consultation and completion of the 2007/2008 ADP be noted;

(b). That the proposed ADP content, as detailed within the report, be approved;

(c). That the area-wide thematic priorities for the 2007/08 ADP, as outlined within the report, be approved;

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(d). That Members submit to the Area Management Team well in advance of the February 2007 meeting any proposals for service delivery enhancements/variations that they wish to be considered as part of the corporate/departmental planning and budget setting process for 2007/08;
(e). That Members submit to the Area Management Team well in advance of the February 2007 meeting any proposals for schemes that they wish to be commissioned from the Area Committee's Wellbeing budget in 2007/08.

#### 54 Area Manager's Report

The Committee received a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which provided Members with details of the range of activities currently taking place within the Outer South area of Leeds.

With regard to services for young people, Members were advised that having requested further clarification of statistics previously submitted to the Committee, it was noted that the Youth Service was intending to provide Members with a breakdown of financial data, disaggregated by wedge, which would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

Having received an update on the Gardening Scheme, Members requested additional information on the areas within Lofthouse where the scheme was not being utilised and made enquiries about the methods used to publicise the initiative. In response, the Area Manager undertook to provide the Member in question with further details.

Regarding the Oakwell and Fairfaxe NIP, Members noted that it had been proposed for  $\pounds1,350.00$  Wellbeing revenue funding from the sum initially ringfenced to the NIP, to be used to commission a piece of work which would establish the anticipated cost of developing a local community facility in the area.

#### **RESOLVED** –

(a). That the contents of the report be noted;

(b). That £1,350.00 Wellbeing revenue funding, from the amount ringfenced to the Oakwell and Fairfax NIP, be used to commission a piece of work to establish the anticipated costs of a local community facility in the area.

#### 55 Outer South Area Committee Wellbeing Budget Report

A report was submitted on behalf of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which updated Members on the current position of the Committee's Wellbeing budget and Small Grants budget, gave a progress report on both the revenue and capital projects agreed to date and invited Members to determine the proposal which had been submitted.

#### **RESOLVED** –

(a). That the report and information appended to the report, which includes the current position statement of the Area Committee's Wellbeing budget, a progress report on the Small Grants budget and the details of both the revenue and capital projects agreed to date, be noted; (b). That the proposal entitled, 'Gillet Lane Environmental Improvements' from Rothwell in Bloom for £3,033.00 Wellbeing Revenue funding be approved.

(Councillors Beverley and Elliott declared personal interests in relation to this item due to being members of the Royal Society of St George and Councillor Leadley declared a personal interest in relation to this item due to being a member of Gildersome Action Group)

#### 56 Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee

Members received a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which provided details of the Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee and which sought Members' approval of the Sub Committee's draft terms of reference.

The Committee noted that it was intended to submit further reports updating Members on the progress of the Sub Committee to future meetings of the Area Committee.

#### **RESOLVED** –

(a). That the contents of the report be noted;

(b). That the draft Terms of Reference for the Community Centres Sub Committee, as appended to the report, be approved;

(c). That further reports updating Members on the work of the Sub Committee be submitted to future meetings of the Area Committee.

#### 57 ReCreate Project - Groundwork

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report updating Members on the progress of the 'ReCreate' scheme which was being undertaken by Groundwork Leeds.

Having noted that the project was due to commence in the new year, a question and answer session relating to the work to be undertaken as part of the initiative then took place.

In response to Members' questions which related to the monitoring of water voles in the Rothwell area, the Committee was advised that having sought further information on this issue, Parks and Countryside intended to submit a detailed response to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted.

#### 58 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 4.00 p.m. at the Civic Chamber, Rothwell One Stop Centre, Marsh Street, Rothwell LS26 0AD (TBC).

(The meeting concluded at 6.05 p.m.)



# Agenda Item 8

Originator: Thomas O'Donovan/ Sarah May/Steve Ross Tel: 0113 395 1655

**Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods & Housing Department** 

#### **Outer South Leeds Area Committee**

#### Date: Monday 26th February 2007

#### Subject: Draft Area Delivery Plan 2007/08

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
Ardsley Robin Hood	Equality and Diversity
Morley North Morley South	Community Cohesion
Rothwell	Narrowing the Gap
Council Delegated Executive Function for Call In	✓ Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

#### **Executive Summary**

The December 2006 Area Committee agreed the main headings and key thematic priorities that would provide the framework of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) 2007/08. As part of this process the ADP for 2006/07 has been reviewed and this has assisted in developing a draft ADP for 2007/08.

Members are asked to consider stronger links between the ADP and the Local Area Agreement (LAA) outcomes in order to better influence non-delegated services and provide clearer links to the District Partnership Action Plan and city-wide Children and Young People Plan. The LAA for Leeds was agreed in March 2006 and sets out a three year plan which the Council and its partners must deliver in order to meet key commitments to government.

Members are asked to comment on the issues identified as priorities and the suggested actions included in the draft plan. A final version of the ADP will be presented to April's Area Committee for approval before being submitted to Executive Board.

#### **1.0** Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to:-
  - Review the 2006/07 Area Delivery Plan
  - Present a draft Area Delivery Plan for 2007/08 including the key priorities for Area Committee in 2007/08 for discussion
  - Suggests greater links with the LAA for Leeds and the South Leeds District Partnership Plan and;

#### 2.0 Background

2.1 On an annual basis each Area Committee is required to prepare an Area Delivery Plan for consideration by the Executive Board. Area Delivery Plans have previously been approved for 2005/06 and 2006/07.

#### 3.0 Area Delivery Plan 2006/07 Review

- 3.1 A review of the 2006/07 ADP has been undertaken to help inform the draft 2007/08 action plan. This process included assessing the performance of each action against the expected outputs.
- 3.2 This assessment reflects that 75% (52) of actions agreed by the Area Committee for 2006/07 have been progressed (green). A further 24% (16) have experienced minor delays (amber), 0% (0) have incurred significant setbacks (red) and the remaining 1% (1) are yet to commence (white).

#### 4.0 Linkages to the LAA

- 4.1 By aligning the ADP closer to the LAA outcomes, the Area Committee will be in a stronger position to influence council and non-council services in their area through its negotiation of local actions to meet area priorities. An overview of the LAA is attached at **Appendix 1** for information. Its outcomes are structured into four thematic 'blocks':-
  - Children and Young People;
  - Safer and Stronger Communities;
  - Healthier Communities and Older People;
  - Economic Development and Enterprise.
- 4.2 To provide an example of how this may work the following are some of the outcomes from the Safer Stronger block of the LAA which the Area Committee may consider should form the basis of priorities for local action in their ADP:-
  - A cleaner neighbourhood; free from litter, graffiti and flytipping;
  - Less crime in the area;
  - Less anti-social behaviour in the streets.
- 4.3 In order to develop the final ADP 2007/08 for the April Area Committee meeting, Members are invited to say which LAA outcomes they would want so see a focus on in the area.

#### 5.0 Draft 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan

5.1 The draft 2007/08 action plan of the ADP is attached at **Appendix 2**. This has been developed in line with emerging priorities that have been highlighted through discussions with service providers and issues typically arising from Members, various groups and consultation, such as NIPs . Listed below are some of the priorities covered in the draft ADP:-

- Cleaner Neighbourhoods
- Involving Communities
- More for Young People
- o Regenerating Areas
- Safer Neighbourhoods

#### 6.0 Next Steps

6.1 The final ADP and Action Plan will be presented to the Area Committee for approval at its meeting in April 2007. The ADP and action plan will then be presented to the Council's Executive Board for approval.

#### 7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to:
  - a) Note and comment on the review the 2006/07 Area Delivery Plan
  - b) Agree that the 2007/08 ADP include linkages to the LAA for Leeds where appropriate.
  - c) Note and make comment upon the contents of the draft action plan for 2007/08 at Appendix 2

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# Leeds Local Area Agreement – An Overview

the <u>Leeds</u> Initiative



The Local Area Agreement (LAA) for Leeds was signed by the Rt Hon David Miliband MP on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2006. The document is a written agreement, negotiated with Government, which sets out what we're trying to achieve, how we will do it, the targets by which we will measure and report progress, and the way public money will be spent.

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- The LAA brings people and agencies together to deliver better, more coordinated results for the people of Leeds.

The Agreement lasts for three years and is structured into four 'blocks':

- Children and Young People
- Safer and Stronger Communities
- Healthier Communities and Older
   People
- Economic Development and Enterprise

Each of the Blocks has a working group of senior officers from different organisations, responsible for delivery.

The Local Area Agreement for Leeds simplifies the way government funding is allocated to organisations and projects,

bringing key accountability under one governance structure.

The Local Area Agreement reflects the actions needed to strengthen existing infrastructures at neighbourhood and city-wide levels. It sets out priorities that are dependent on a new relationship between local partners and central government.

Our priorities build on existing plans and strategies in two important ways: They accelerate delivery of key priorities and programmes of change; and develop multi-agency work to deliver a more lasting impact on the lives of individuals, families and communities facing particular obstacles that prevent them from living lives that are happy, healthy, safe, successful and free from the effects of poverty.

In summary, the LAA provides a unique opportunity to make real progress against our key priorities. We welcome the opportunity afforded by government to put an agreement in place that will define a new relationship between government and local partners and, most importantly, deliver better outcomes for the people of Leeds. **Cross Cutting Principles** 

• Empowering local people and building the role of the voluntary, community and faith sectors

We are committed to valuing and strengthening the three distinctive but interdependent and overlapping contributions of the VCF Sector. These are:

- Representation both at strategic level in governance and decisionmaking bodies and of service users and residents participating in local forums or district partnerships;
- Service delivery in terms of winning contacts or partnering with statutory agencies to deliver, monitor or review services, also through funding or self help groups to deliver specific activities: and
- Capacity building through activities that build skills, create social inclusion and encourage community cohesion and good relationships between diverse groups
- Utilising the role of culture
- We recognise the important role that culture plays in unlocking the creative aspirations of people and

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communities and its vital role in promoting Leeds at the hub of the city-region

# • Promoting equality, diversity and social inclusion

• We recognise that equal outcomes for all individuals and groups cannot be achieved without significantly different inputs. This involves understanding the unique expectations, needs and contributions of individuals and groups and ensuring discrimination and social exclusion are effectively tackled

#### • Community Cohesion

• We recognise that there are different kinds of relationships within communities. These must be recognised and opportunities taken to close existing divides to ensure individuals and families feel comfortable and positive about living and working alongside their neighbours

#### • Respect

• We recognise that all agencies, groups and individuals in the city need to behave in respectful ways to each other. We will seek opportunities for individuals, families and agencies to come together with others in neighbourhoods to build trust, share values and agree acceptable behaviour.

#### Children and Young People Block

We want all children and young people in Leeds to be happy, healthy, safe, successful and free from the effects of poverty. To achieve this we will continue to make Leeds a great city for children and young people and their families, working with them to ensure they have the skills, confidence and opportunities to thrive and achieve their potential, regardless of their circumstances and the barriers they may face.

The CYP block of Leeds LAA will provide:

- A mechanism to support delivery of our <u>Children and Young People's</u> <u>Plan</u>, a bridge to <u>the Leeds</u> <u>Regeneration Plan 2005 - 2008</u> and a focus on 'narrowing the gap' for the children and young people in the communities targeted;
- A catalyst for accelerated change to release creativity, intelligent innovation and build sustainable community capacity to deliver change for children, young people and their families in our most disadvantaged communities.

The LAA Will support our aspirations and plans to:

 Bring about a step change in the lives of children, young people and their families focused on recognisable communities based on the 31 super output areas,

measured in terms of impact by reference to our LPSA2 targets;

- Focus in the first instance on families within these communities who have a young person in Year 9;
- Pioneer a holistic approach focused on prevention and early intervention that offers opportunities to support all family members clearly informed by common data sets, joint planning arrangements and local stakeholder participation;
- Develop a universal offer for children, young people and their families differentiated to meet the needs of individuals and groups and which fully takes account of the role and contribution of the voluntary community and faith sector;
- Offer a menu of possibilities to the young person and their family focused on their needs and

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aspirations and negotiated with them.

- Raise aspirations, self esteem, ambitions and achievement through development of personalised multi-agency provision delivered at a local level;
- Improve provision for those who are out of school; and
- Promote community cohesion through the design and delivery of the universal offer.

# Healthier Communities and Older People Block

We want to promote a healthy and positive society, to protect health and address health inequalities, to provide high quality, sustainable and accessible services, and to reduce the barriers which prevent people from being involved in every day life - whatever their condition or age.

To achieve this we will:

- Promote a healthy and positive society;
- Protect health and address health inequalities;
- Provide high quality, sustainable and accessible services;
- Reduce the barriers which prevent people from being involved in every

day life - whatever their condition or age;

• Enable people in Leeds to actively choose health, in terms of opportunities and their determinants, and choice in health and social care.

The Block will focus on 2 significant work streams:

1. The health and wellbeing of older people

Our ambition for older people is a life worth living, where older people are respected and included; their contributions acknowledged; they are enabled to remain independent; and enjoy good mental and physical health. Priorities have been drawn from the Older People Strategy and focusing on areas of financial security; transport and physical activity.

2. Employability with special reference to exclusion through mental health and musculoskeletal disorders

This directly addresses a key issue for Leeds where 32,500 people are registered as being on incapacity benefit. The intention is to develop an innovative Leeds model that can offer individualised packages to move people from incapacity benefit due to mental illness and/or musculoskeletal conditions to employability. The two specific work areas within this Block are divided between two leading partnerships.

The first, focussing on Older People will be led by Social Services, with direct input from a range of organisations including: the Pensions Service, The Revenues and Benefits section of Leeds City Council, the Learning and Leisure Department, the transport section of City Services and the Older Better Strategy Team.

The second area of work is being led by the NHS and has a project team including representatives from <u>Job Centre Plus</u>, <u>Jobs and Skills Service</u> (Leeds City Council), and the <u>Leeds Mental Health</u> <u>Employment Consortium.</u>

# Safer and Stronger Communities Block

Our vision is for everyone to feel safe in and part of their thriving neighbourhood. Individuals and communities should have a sense of belonging to and pride in their neighbourhood. They should feel that their neighbourhood benefits from and contributes to the success of the city.

To achieve this we will:

• Target resources in a more responsive and flexible way at the neighbourhood level;

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- Build on existing partnerships that maximise our ability to deliver improved services at the local level;
- Put local people, families and communities at the heart of service planning and delivery.

How will we use the Local Area Agreement?

- To deliver safer, cleaner and greener neighbourhoods that people will be proud to belong to;
- To achieve reductions in the misuse of alcohol and drugs and the associated violence and antisocial behaviour that affects families, communities and the city as a whole;
- To invest in housing renewal and major regeneration schemes to develop sustainable mixed communities, access to affordable housing and improved housing conditions;
- To increase social inclusion and cohesion through empowered communities that have a common vision, sense of belonging and positive identity where diversity is valued.

The LAA will support our plans in:

• Developing respected and cared for public and private spaces;

- Developing community confidence to challenge anti-social behaviour and hate crime;
- Developing opportunities for local residents to help manage their neighbourhoods through strong, inclusive and accessible neighbourhood structures.

#### Economic Development and Enterprise Block

The aim of the block is to deliver improved and accelerated outcomes through innovation and utilising freedoms and flexibilities to make sure that the wider community can benefit - part of the city's Leeds Regeneration Plan.

To achieve this we will:

Tackle Worklessness:

- We will help more lone parents and people who claim incapacity benefit to get jobs;
- Target the activity towards the most deprived areas;
- Build on Leeds' track record of high quality projects.

Develop a new business and enterprising culture across the city growth area

- Develop an enterprise culture in the city;
- Support new business formation;
- Support business growth and survival.

Tackle financial exclusion in deprived areas

We will strengthen and support the partnership based Leeds Financial Inclusion Strategy, focusing on providing for those in deprived communities. This work will look particularly at:

- Affordable credit;
- Debt advice;
- Knowledge of financial literacy and basic household budgeting.

Improve the physical infrastructure to support long term social, economic and sustainable objectives by:

- Transport to link local people in deprived communities to economic opportunity;
- Public realm projects to attract investment and benefit local people;
- Ensure investment in 14-19 learning skills provision is aligned to high quality resources in communities.

The LAA will enable us to work further and expand our already strong links to wider policy agendas such as the <u>Regional Economic Strategy; The</u> <u>Northern Way Growth Strategy; and The</u> <u>West Yorkshire Sub Regional Investment</u> <u>Programme.</u> **Key Contacts** 

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#### **Key Dates**

November 2006 – Assessment of the LAA by Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber November – January 2007 'Refresh' negotiations with Government Office Yorkshire and Humberside April 2007 – 'Refreshed' LAA with new targets and indicators goes live

#### Access to Documents

A full copy of the agreement and all papers relating to the work of the LAA can be found at <u>www.leedsinitiative.org/laa</u> Page 18

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# <u>Cleaner Neighbourhoods</u> (ADP code: CN)

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	<u>Agencies</u> (lead in bold)	Monitoring
	Action on environm	nental crime and grime (e.g.	flytipping, flyposting,	litter, graffiti discarded	d needles)
CN1	Clear dumped rubbish by action on referrals from Elected Members/Area Management Team/Police/Fire Service/other agencies	<ul> <li>Number of Environmental Pride referrals</li> <li>No. of jobs completed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improved Streetscene /Environment/redu ced litter and waste on streets/land</li> <li>Referring agencies satisfied that actions taken to meet their concerns</li> </ul>	Streetscene/ Area Management/Parks and Countryside/Leeds South Homes/Environmental Enforcement	Monitoring of referrals cleared up (monthly by Streetscene/Area Management; quarterly reports) Results of BV199/ENCAMS surveys
CN2	Specific action to target the problem of littering with teenagers (i.e. the Reparation Scheme)	<ul> <li>Number of Fixed Penalty Notices/letters served on children/young people</li> <li>Number of children/young people referred to the Reparation Scheme</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduction in littering in streets by children and young people</li> <li>Improved awareness of environmental and environmental crime issues</li> </ul>	Streetscene	Quarterly update report

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CN3	Take enforcement action on environmental crime offenders and publicise	<ul> <li>Number of Fixed Penalty Notices served</li> <li>Number of Section 46 and 47 Notices served</li> <li>Number of problems cleared up following service of Section 46 and 47 Notices</li> <li>Number of successful prosecutions for environmental crimes</li> <li>Number of times press/newsletters publicise successful prosecutions for environmental crimes and issue of environmental crime.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improved appearance of area</li> <li>Fewer homes and business with waste in gardens/immedia te environment</li> <li>Greater public awareness of environmental crime</li> </ul>	Streetscene – Environmental Enforcement/Area Management/Environm ental Health Services	Quarterly report
CN4	Provide litter bins in hotspots as identified (depending upon funding)	Number of litter bins     provided	Improved     appearance of     area – less litter on     street	Area Management/Streetsc ene	Annual report
CN5	Combat graffiti problems	<ul> <li>Graffiti hotspots identified and monitored</li> <li>Number of graffiti removal operations</li> <li>No. of jobs completed</li> <li>Review graffiti reporting and removal systems (and link in with emerging city wide strategy)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More effective co- ordination of services</li> <li>Reduction in Graffiti</li> </ul>	<b>Streetscene</b> /Area Management/Leeds South Homes/BITMO/Police	Report via graffiti update report
		Encourage recycling,	reusing and reducing	waste	

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	<u>Outcomes</u>	Lead Agency/ Officer (in bold)	Monitoring
CN6	Raise awareness of recycling etc issues in schools and in neighbourhoods where action is most needed	<ul> <li>No. of awareness raising activities/days carried out</li> <li>No. of schools involved</li> <li>No. of community groups involved</li> <li>No. of people benefiting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduction in littering, particularly around schools and school routes.</li> <li>Increase amount of recycled waste.</li> <li>Community involved in awareness raising</li> </ul>	Streetscene Services/Area Management/Groundw ork Leeds/BTCV	Quarterly update report
CN7	'Recycle Us' back to basics campaign aimed at educating public about what can/cannot go in the green kerbside recycling scheme.	No. of properties contacted	<ul> <li>Improved quality/quantity of green recyclable material</li> </ul>	Streetscene Services	Quarterly update report
CN8	Green bin participation/contamination initiative – customer surveys and door knocking to develop a true picture of participation and coordination of the green bin recycling scheme.	No. of properties contacted	• Improved quality/quantity of green recyclable material	Streetscene Services	Quarterly update
CN9	Improve/increase 'Bring Site' recycling facilities.	<ul><li>No. of new sites.</li><li>No. of refurbished sites</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Increased recycling, improved facilities and increased customer use.</li> </ul>	Streetscene Services	Quarterly update report
CN10	Promote the sustainable management of commercial and industrial waste.	<ul> <li>No. of companies</li> <li>involved Tonnage diverted</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduced levels of waste per business</li> </ul>	Streetscene Services	Quarterly update report

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer (in bold)	Monitoring
CN11	Provide skips to community groups for environmental and clean up projects	<ul> <li>Number of skips provided</li> <li>Number of groups using the service</li> <li>Number of community clean up events supported</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improved streetscene in local neighbourhoods</li> <li>Increased community cohesion</li> </ul>	Area Management	Quarterly update
CN12	Provide support for 'In Bloom' groups	Number of 'In Bloom' groups supported.	<ul> <li>Improved appearance of area</li> <li>Increased community cohesion</li> </ul>	Area Management	Annual report
CN13	Hold Community and City pride event. Aimed at encouraging individuals, groups, schools, colleges and universities to get involved in making sustainable improvements to their local environment.	<ul> <li>Number of environmental improvement activities done</li> <li>No. of community groups involved.</li> <li>No. involved in Community Pride Award</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improved appearance of area</li> <li>Increased community cohesion</li> </ul>	Streetscene Services	Annual report

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# Involving Communities (ADP code: IC)

ADP Code	Action	<u>Outputs</u>	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer (in bold)	Monitoring
		Supporting commun	ity activities and proj	ects	
IC1	Provide small grants up to £1,000 to support Area Committee Priorities	<ul> <li>Number of community &amp; voluntary groups supported</li> <li>Number of small grants provided</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community groups supported</li> <li>Enhanced relationship with voluntary &amp; community sector</li> <li>Increased capacity of community and voluntary sector</li> </ul>	Area Management Team	Monitoring report to every Area Committee
	Providing effe	ctive communication channe	Is between Area Com	mittee and the commu	inity
IC2	Production and distribution of an Area Committee Newsletter	Number of newsletters     produced	Community better informed of Area Committee issues	Area Management Team	Annual report
IC3	Capacity building of community organisations in key neighbourhoods	<ul> <li>Number of community organisations assisted</li> <li>Increased community capacity</li> <li>Number of new groups formed</li> </ul>	Stronger and more sustainable community led organisations	Area Management Team	Quarterly progress     report
IC4	Provision of support and encouragement of community led forums by giving advice and information	<ul> <li>Number of community forums supported</li> <li>Number of people involved in community events / forums</li> </ul>	Community involvement in local matters is maintained and enhanced	Area Management Team, Area Regeneration Team, Leeds Voice	Quarterly progress     report
		Developing Co	mmunity Cohesion		

IC5	Advice and support to community based activities which help create a more cohesive community	<ul> <li>Number of activities and events held</li> <li>Number of residents and groups involved</li> </ul>	A safer, more harmonious community created     Area Management Team	Annual report
		Enhancing co	ommunity centres	
IC6	Continuation of support to the Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee to look at facilities within the area to assess and review the portfolio of Neighbourhoods and Housing community centres	<ul> <li>Number of community facilities reviewed</li> <li>Made efficiency savings</li> <li>Development of work programme</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A robust community centres action plan for the area to be developed</li> <li>Better community facilities for people in Outer South Leeds</li> <li>A co-ordinated approach to the management of community facilities in Outer South Leeds</li> </ul>	Six monthly report

## Outer South Leeds Area Committee Action Plan 2007/08 <u>More For Young people</u> (ADP Code: MYP)

ADP Code	Action	<u>Outputs</u>	Outcomes	<u>Agencies</u> (lead in bold)	<u>Monitoring</u>
		Involve more youn	g people in more activities	·	
MYP1	Develop youth work (support) network for organisations working with young people Continue to develop Youth Work Network in Morley Develop Youthwork Network in Ardsley Robin Hood Rothwell	<ul> <li>2 Networks established</li> <li>Appointment of independent Chair and Secretary</li> <li>Programmes of work developed.</li> <li>No. of groups involved</li> <li>No of young people reached.</li> <li>No of organisations funded by Area Committee and Youth Service.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Changes in provision and gaps identified</li> <li>Increased support for organisations resulting in more stable groups and expansion of provision for young people to fill gaps</li> <li>More co-ordinated provision</li> </ul>	AMT/Youth Service	Quarterly report
MYP2	Develop ways for young people to be heard on a range of matters	No. of youth fora or other mechanisms set up	Better informed Area     Committee and     Services/agencies about     young people's needs	Youth Service	Quarterly report
MYP3	One pilot youth forum to be established in Morley to feed into the Morley Youth Network	One youth forum     established.	Better informed Area     Committee and     Services/agencies about     young people's needs	Youth Service	Quarterly report

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MYP4	Explore the potential for youth forums in the Ardsley Robin Hood / Rothwell area	<ul> <li>Establish one forum</li> </ul>	Better informed Area Committee and Services/agencies about young people's needs	Youth Service	Quarterly reports
MYP5	Publicise provision available for young people including during school holidays	<ul> <li>No. of main forms of publicity e.g. leaflets</li> <li>No. of young people receiving publicity</li> <li>No of schools targeted</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Better informed young people</li> <li>Increased participation in activities</li> <li>Young people and adults better aware of opportunities.</li> </ul>	Youth Service	Quarterly reports
MYP6	Involve young people and agencies in developing a website to assist in the promotion of opportunities for young people	Development of website.	Young people and adults better aware of opportunities	Youth Service	Quarterly reports
		Increase range of f	acilities for young people		
MYP7	Develop and improve the range of facility based programmes to meet young people's needs (buildings based or mobile)	<ul> <li>Increased No. of programmes and facilities</li> <li>No of young people reached</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Better quality, choice of provision</li> <li>Young people's priority needs met</li> </ul>	Youth Service	Quarterly reports
MYP8	Develop the role and remit of the Health Bus (including promotion of C card).	<ul> <li>Increased No. of programmes and facilities</li> <li>No of young people reached</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Young people better informed on health related issues</li> </ul>	Youth Service	Quarterly reports

#### **APPENDIX 2 (c)** MYP9 **Youth Service** Develop other provision Increased No. of Improved provision for Quarterly reports ٠ such as off the road programmes and facilities young people biking to address issues No of young people in various locations reached Assist schools to expand the range of vocational courses ADP Outputs Action Outcomes Agencies Monitoring Code (lead in bold) MYP10 Develop horticultural Enhanced school Education Leeds/ Quarterly reports • No. of young people training scheme for 14-District attendance for target group involved 16 year olds Partnership Increased vocational No. of jobs created opportunities No of environmental Page improvements MYP11 Education Leeds/ Develop schemes in Enhanced school Quarterly reports • No. of schemes developed - health & social District attendance for target group Partnership care No. of students participating - construction Increased vocational - business No. of opportunities qualifications/accreditation gained Assist schools to offer extended provision and expand community role ADP **Outcomes** Monitoring Action **Outputs** Agencies Code (lead in bold)

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MYP12	Broker community, voluntary and other public sector support for schools	<ul> <li>enhanced leisure activities</li> <li>Increased health promotion</li> </ul>	•	Renewed commitment to school by pupils and aspirations for employment Increased attendance/ attainment	Education Leeds/ District Partnership	Quarterly reports
			•	Harmonious communities		
				with schools at the heart		
			•	Parent/child health		
				outcomes		

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# **Regenerating Areas** (ADP Code: RA)

ADP Code	Action	<u>Outputs</u>	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer	<u>Monitoring</u>
		Town Cent	re Management		·
RA1	Develop Action Plans for Morley & Rothwell Town Centres	Better co-ordinated approach to progress regeneration in the town centres Development and implementation of schemes to re-juvenate town centres	Improved town centre appearence, social aspects and economy	Area Management Team	Six monthly reports
RA2	Hold annual 'Summits' in Morley and Rothwell with local businesses and residents to find out their views about town centre developments	Consult with all town centre interests to obtain a preferred way forward for the town centres	Development of schemes supported by town centre interests	Area Management Team	Six monthly reports
RA3	Continued support of the Morley & Rothwell Town Centre Management Board	Bringing together different stakeholders who have interests in the town centres	Increased partnership working and consensus of views	Area Management Team	Six monthly reports
RA4	Continued support of the Morley & Rothwell Town Centre Partnerships	Implement and ratify suggested projects put forward by the Town Centre Management Board and other sources	Approving programme of improvements / schemes Overseeing the implementation	Area Management Team	Six monthly reports
			t Centre Programmes	3	
RA5	Continuation of the development of Morley Bottoms scheme	Implement regeneration strategy for Morley Bottoms	Improved facilities for local and visitors.	Area Management Team	Regular updates provided within the Area Manager's report to Area Committee
RA6	Oversee the implementation of the Marsh Street Car Park improvement programme	New upgraded car park for Rothwell.	Improved facilities for local and visitors.	Area Management Team	Regular updates provided within the Area Manager's report to Area Committee

	Working with Neighbourhoods in Need					
RA7	Supporting identified neighbourhoods in need and creation of Neighbourhood Improvement plans to support the improvement process	Continued support of multi agency steering groups to over see the implementation and development of the NIPs	Improvements to neighbourhoods in terms of service and physical improvements	Area Management Team	Regular updates provided within the Area Manager's report to Area Committee	

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ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer	<u>Monitoring</u>
	Deliver	targeted community safety	operations with the su	pport of other agenci	es
SN1	Deliver Operation Cava in targeted areas in Outer South Leeds	Deliver a minimum of 2 operations per year. Number of agencies involved in action over 2 days Agency Outputs reported/ evaluated after each Cava	<ul> <li>Safer Community</li> <li>Reduce Crime</li> <li>Offer reassurance to communities</li> </ul>	West Yorkshire Police/Area Management	Report on conclusion.
SN2	Consider CCTV cameras, both permanent and mobile in priority areas	<ul> <li>Number of days use of mobile van</li> <li>Number of areas tackled</li> <li>Installation of new, permanent CCTV cameras in agreed hotspot areas</li> </ul>	Reduction in issues/areas identified – such as anti social behaviour Reduction in fear of crime	Leeds Watch Area Management	CCTV update provided to Area Committee as part o Community Safety report

### Safer Neighbourhoods (ADP Code: SN)

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer	<u>Monitoring</u>
		Action on	anti-social behaviou	r	
SN3	Deliver actions to tackle ASB in priority areas.	Number of areas tackled. Number of ASB warnings/Acceptable Behaviour Contracts issued. Number of referrals to support agencies (e.g. Youth Service)	Reduction in ASB	West Yorkshire Police/ASBU	ASB update provided to Area Committee as part of Community Safety report.
SN4	Provide support on a range of diversionary activities to prevent/deter young people's involvement in ASB.	Number of projects created. Number of young people engaged. Gaps identified in youth provision with possible additional projects created.	Reduction in ASB	Youth Networks & Partners	Number of additional young people engaged in positive activities Reduction in children truanting from school and ASB
SN5	Identify worst truant offenders through joint visits with Education Leeds	Reduction in anti-social behaviour reports. Number of young people targeted.	Reduction in ASB	Education Leeds/Schools	Community Safety Report to Area Committee.
SN6	Target ASB in Rothwell and Morley Town Centres.	Reduction in nuisance calls. Reduction in anti-social behaviour.	Reduction in ASB	West Yorkshire Police/ Town Centre Manager	Community Safety Report to Area Committee.

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer	Monitoring							
	Action to tackle under age drinking											
SN7	Target under age drinking.	Number of licensed premises signed up to Morley Pubwatch scheme.Number of licensed premises visited by Police.Number of convictions of 	Reduction in underage drinking resulting in reduction in ASB and criminal damage. Reduction in fear of crime.	West Yorkshire Police/ Town Centre Manager	Community Safety Report to Area Committee. Monitoring report from Police.							
SN8	Target shop crime & ASB in Rothwell.	Number of premises signed up to Rothwell Shop Watch Scheme.	Reduction in crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	West Yorkshire Police/ Town Centre Manager	Community Safety Report to Area Committee. Monitoring report from Police.							
		Drugs (	working title)	1								

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ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer	Monitoring
SN9	Support the increase of locally provided drugs treatment and education services	<ul> <li>Increase in numbers of drug users receiving support</li> <li>Reduction in drugs users in area</li> </ul>	Reduction in crime linked to drug use? (Do they measure this)	West Yorkshire Police// Primary Care Trust/ Area Management	6 monthly community safety report, September and March to Area Committee

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e 34	Reduce vehicle crime in hotspot areas											
SN10	Promote the sale/distribution of car security products to local residents.	Number of security products sold/distributed.	Reduction in car crime. Increase awareness of car crime	West Yorkshire Police	Community Safety Report to Area Committee.							
Suj	Support the neighbourhood approach to Community Safety through high visibility Policing, increased Neighbourhood Wardens patrols and development of neighbourhood/ community policing initiatives											

### APPENDIX 2 (e)

ADP Code	Action	Outputs	Outcomes	Lead Agency/ Officer	Monitoring
SN11	Increase the visibility of Neighbourhood Policing Teams	<ul> <li>Frequency and area covered by PCSO's</li> <li>Increased visibility and frequency of PCSO patrols</li> <li>Community policing teams in place and all posts filled</li> <li>Police attendance at community forums</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased high visibility/ community policing</li> <li>Increase community reassurance</li> <li>Reduction in fear of crime</li> </ul>	West Yorkshire Police/ Area Management	Community Safety Report to Area Committee.
SN12	Provide personal safety information & equipment to young people via schools.	Number of young people receiving information about personal safety. Number of people receiving personal safety alarms	Reduction in/prevention of theft from person type offences. Reduction in fear of crime.	Police	Community Safety Report to Area Committee.

ADP Code	Action	Outputs Outcomes		Lead Agency/ Officer	Monitoring				
	Deliver initiatives to reduce domestic burglary								

#### **APPENDIX 2 (e)** Burglary hotspots identified SN13 Burglary and Crime prevention Initiatives developed and • West Yorkshire Community Safety Report Increased initiatives developed included in Multi agency to Area Committee. Police/ Area awareness of **Tasking Action Plans** Management crime prevention methods Number of initiatives • Increased targeting crime prevention community safety and reduced domestic burglary West Yorkshire SN14 Develop programme to tackle Number of properties receiving Reduction in numbers target hardening and/or burglary hotspots or areas at of properties Police/AMT Community Safety Report to Area Committee. risk of burglary. Smartwater property marking becoming victims of burglary. SN15 Develop programme to Number of residents receiving Reduction in numbers West Yorkshire Police shed/garage security products. Community Safety Report improve security of of properties Page 3 to Area Committee. sheds/garages in high risk becoming victims of burglary. areas. Promote development of Sustain/increase the number Increase community Neighbourhood **SN16** Neighbourhood Watch Watch Co-ordinator Community Safety Report of Neighbourhood Watches reassurance schemes to Area Committee. Number of Cold Caller Zones West Yorkshire Police **SN17 Explore development of "No** Reduction Cold Callers" scheme (to introduced. in/prevention of Community Safety Report incidents involving to Area Committee. tackle roque traders/distraction burglary) Number of reports to rogue traders. Trading Standards of breaches of the Cold Caller zone.

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### Report of the Director, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

### Outer South Area Committee

### Date: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007

### Subject: Outer South Area Committee Well-being Budget Report

Electoral Wards Affected: Ardsley & Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell	Specific Implications For:         Ethnic minorities         Women         Disabled people         Narrowing the Gap
Council Delegated Executive Function Function available for Call In	Delegated Executive     Function not available for     Call In Details set out in the     report

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks to provide Members with:

- a) a current position statement on the Well-being Budget.
- b) a progress report on revenue projects agreed to date (Appendix 1)
- c) details of two projects at 2.4 and 2.5 for consideration.
- c) details of capital projects agreed to date (Appendix 2).

Members are asked to note the current position regarding the Well-being budget, the position of the Small Grants Budget, and agree any actions.

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Each Area Committee has been allocated a Well-being Budget which it is responsible for administering. The aim of this budget is to support the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area by using the funding to support projects that contribute towards the delivery of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP).
- 1.2 The Well-being Budget for the Outer South is comprised of a capital and revenue allocation. The capital allocation is £373,573 over three financial years 2004/2007. The revenue allocation for 2006/07 financial year has been confirmed as £195,960.

1.3 Members should note the following points: -

#### <u>Revenue</u>

- 1.3.1 The amount of unspent revenue funds rolled forward to 2006/07 from previous years is **£174,238**. This figure includes any unspent funds from ringfenced amounts and any funding allocated to projects that have not claimed funding in 2005/06.
- 1.3.2 The total amount of revenue funding available for 2006/07 is therefore £370,198.
- 1.3.3 The Area Committee is asked to note that £356,886 had already been allocated from the 2006/07 Well-being Revenue Budget as listed in Appendix 1. This includes ringfenced amounts for Small Grants, Skips and Communication, Neighbourhood Improvement Plans, projects rolled forward from 2005/06 that have yet to claim allocated funding and projects allocated funding from 2006/07 budget. This leaves a balance of £13,312 yet to be committed.
- 1.3.4 The budget for community skips for 2006/07 is **£5,000.** So far this year approximately **£2,817** has been spent out of this budget leaving a balance of approximately **£2,183.**
- 1.3.5 The Area Committee agreed to ringfence £10,000 of 2006/07 funds as a communication budget. To date approximately £637 has been spent to date leaving a balance of £9,363.
- 1.3.6 The Area Committee agreed to ringfence £10,000 of 2006/07 funds as a small grants fund. To date £9,368 has been spent out of this budget leaving a balance of £632. At point 3.2 of this report approval is sought to increase this ringfence by £5,000.

#### <u>Capital</u>

- 1.3.7 Of the £373,573 capital funding a total of £343,848.75 has been committed to date leaving a balance of £29,684.25. The Area Committee has previously agreed to allocate its £373,573 capital funding allocation by Ward which meant that each Ward had £93,393 to spend.
- 1.3.8 To date the spend broken down by Ward is as follows: Ardsley & Robin Hood £92,828.75 (£564.25 balance); Morley North £71,060 including half of All Morley figure (£22,333 balance); Morley South £90,900 including half of All Morley figure (£2,493 balance); Rothwell £89,100 (£4,293 balance).

#### 2.0 Well-being Projects

- 2.1 **Appendix 1** details projects that have been commissioned by the Area Committee to date, including a current position statement and project outputs.
- 2.2 It is possible that some of the projects in **Appendix 1** may not use their allocated spend. This could be for several reasons including the project no longer going ahead, the project not taking place within the dates specified in the funding agreement or failure to submit monitoring reports. Due to this the revenue balance may be greater than the amount specified in 1.3.
- 2.3 Details of projects agreed for the capital budget to date, including a current position statement and project outputs are listed in **Appendix 2**.

2.4 Members are asked to consider commissioning the following project:-

**Project title:** Morley Bottoms Regeneration Project: Renovation and Repair of Dilapidated Buildings

Name of group or organisation: Development Department Building Standards and Compliance

Total Project Cost: £4,155

Amount proposed from Well-being Budget: £4,155

Ward covered: Morley North / South

#### Summary of project:

The renovation of run down buildings is a key element of the wider regeneration project for Morley Bottoms to improve the attractiveness of the area in terms of its environment and for business investment and making the area a place where people want to live.

The owners of the five identified dilapidated properties have so far been reluctant to invest in their premises to the extent needed to enable them to be put to beneficial use. The Council, by use of its statutory planning enforcement powers can oblige land owners to carry out repairs to their properties and encourage them to look for new beneficial uses to occupy them.

The Building Standards Service does not currently have the resources to carry out this urgent work. Funding is therefore required to commission a building surveyor and assistant to undertake a survey of those buildings or parts of buildings identified for planning enforcement action. This will form a part of the statutory notice issued under S215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. It is an offence not to comply with a S215 notice and the legislation enables the Council to carry out the works specified in the notice in default of compliance by the land owner. The Council can recover its costs either through debt recovery or as a charge against the future sale of the premises.

#### Project Costs

7.5 hrs has been allowed for each of the 5 surveys by two officers plus a further 7.5 hrs for the assistant to draw up the schedule of remedial works.

Building Surveyor  $\pounds 49.20$  per hour (on costs included) =  $\pounds 369.00 \times 5$  days (properties) =  $\pounds 1845.00$ Assistant Building Surveyor  $\pounds 30.80$  (on costs included) =  $\pounds 231.00 \times 5$  days (properties) =  $\pounds 1155$ Specification preparation (5 x7.5hr days @  $\pounds 30.80$  per hour) =  $\pounds 1155$ **Total**  $\pounds 4,155$ 

Area Committee/Area Delivery Plan Key Themes and Action Plan Priorities The proposed project meets the Area Committee priority of Regenerating Areas – Town Centres, by supporting the progression of major schemes.

**Recommend to:** The Area Committee is recommended to approve the allocation of £4,155 revenue funding to this project.

#### 2.5 Members are asked to consider commissioning the following project:-

Project title: The 'Feel Good' Furniture Shop Name of group or organisation: SLATE (South Leeds Alternative Trading Enterprise) Total Project Cost: £6,000 Amount proposed from Well-being Budget: £3,000 Ward covered: All Outer South Summary of project:

The project based in Hunslet collects from residents furniture that is no longer needed, this is cleaned and reported if necessary and then sold at reasonable prices to local people in need. The project has created 4 part time jobs and a dozen volunteering opportunities. The project offers work opportunities to people with learning difficulties. They are supported by and work with a range of agencies across the South Wedge. Although they are having rising sales and some grant funding, there is still a shortfall between income from sales and their revenue costs (mainly salaries and the use of a van). This shortfall amounts to £2,000 per month for January to March 2007.

The project has used some funding to pay for publicity and marketing and is confident that it can continue to increase their sales. They will also be applying for further large grant funding for the new financial year.

#### Project Costs

Revenue costs of scheme per month £4,000Average Income per month£2,000Monthly shortfall£2,000X 3 months (Jan, Feb, Mar 2007)£6,000Total£6,000The request for funding in for \$2,000The law

The request for funding is for **£3,000**. The Inner South Area Committee has already agreed to provide £3,000 to this project.

#### Area Committee/Area Delivery Plan Key Themes and Action Plan Priorities

The proposed project meets the Area Committee priority of cleaner neighbourhoods by encouraging recycling.

**Recommend to:** The Area Committee is asked to consider this proposal and agree any action.

#### 3.0 Small Grants

3.1 Three small grants have been approved since the last meeting.

Organisation	Project	Amount
Rothwell Juniors FC	Football Equipment	£500
All Saints Community Centre	Central Heating Equipment	£500
Pasture View Social Committee	Christmas Dinner and Bus Trips	£500
East Ardsley Flower Club	Flowers For All	£500

3.2 There are currently two small grant applications being processed which if approved would mean a total of £10,368 had been approved. It is therefore proposed that the current £10,000 revenue allocated to small grants be increased by a further £5,000 giving a new ringfenced amount of £15,000. This would leave a balance of £4,157 well being revenue funding yet to be allocated.

### 4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 Members of the Outer South Area Committee are requested to:
  - Note the budget position of the Well-being Budget as set out at 1.2 and 1.3.
  - Note the Well-being revenue projects agreed as listed in Appendix 1 and agree any changes.
  - Note the Well-being capital projects already agreed as listed in Appendix 2.
  - Consider the Well-being projects as set out in 2.4 and 2.5.
  - Consider the small grant budget position as set out in 3.0 and agree to increase the ringfenced amount by £5,000.

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# Outer South Well Being Budget November 2006 Revenue Projects agreed to date

	Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
	Budget	Allocation	£195,960	£195,960 (Estimate)			
		Carry forward	£174,238	£			
		TOTAL	£370,198	£195,960 (Estimate)			
т	Outer South Skips Budget	South Area Management Team	£5,000		To establish a skips for community use fund	<ul> <li>Provide skips for community groups to undertake clean-ups</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improved streetscene in local neighbourhoods</li> <li>Increased community pride</li> </ul>
age 45	Outer South Small Grants Fund	South Area Management Team	£10,000		To establish a small grants fund for projects meeting Area Delivery Plan priorities	<ul> <li>Support voluntary and community groups through grant aid</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased range of community activity</li> <li>Increased community participation</li> <li>Increased community pride</li> <li>Delivery of Area Delivery Plan priorities</li> </ul>
	Outer South Communications Budget	South Area Management Team	£10,000		A budget to enable effective communication and consultation on Area Committee issues in the Outer South	<ul> <li>5 newsletters</li> <li>7 questionnaires</li> <li>Promotional materials</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased awareness of the Outer South Area Committee</li> <li>Improved consultation that can be inform localised projects and plans</li> </ul>

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Appendix 1 Outcomes
Neighbourhood Improvement Area - Eastleighs & Fairleighs	South Area Management Team	£9,000	Unspent balance from 06/07 to be spent 07/08	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	<ul> <li>Smithy Lane Recreation Facilities</li> <li>Newsletter</li> <li>Fun Day</li> <li>Dog fouling poster campaign</li> <li>Martial arts classes</li> <li>Drop – In Advice sessions</li> <li>Outreach classes</li> <li>Lighting on Smithy Lane</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased number of young people taking part in diversionary activities</li> <li>Improved condition of environment, particularly reduction in dog fouling</li> <li>Reduction in Anti Social Behaviour</li> <li>Residents feeling safer in their community</li> </ul>
Neighbourhood Improvement Area - Newlands & Denshaws	South Area Management Team	£7,365	Unspent balance from 06/07 to be spent 07/08	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	<ul> <li>Drugs Outreach project</li> <li>Albert Drive Shop Improvements</li> <li>Kick around area in Newlands</li> <li>Diversionary activities for young people</li> <li>Lewisham Park Improvements</li> <li>Environmental</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased number of young people taking part in diversionary activities</li> <li>Improved condition of environment, particularly reduction in dog fouling</li> <li>Reduction in Anti Social Behaviour</li> <li>Residents feeling safer in their community</li> </ul>

	Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
Page 47	Neighbourhood Improvement Area - John O'Gaunts	South Area Management Team	£11,000	Unspent balance from 06/07 to be spent 07/08	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	Improvements to unsightly grounds Environmental enforcement awareness raising campaign Inter – generational projects Drugs Outreach project Diversionary activities for young people Pathways Initiative Community Fun Day Gardening Initiative Youth Shelter Rose Lund Outdoor Play Area Community Garden	<ul> <li>Increased number of young people taking part in diversionary activities</li> <li>Improved condition of environment, particularly reduction in dog fouling</li> <li>Reduction in Anti Social Behaviour</li> <li>Residents feeling safer in their community</li> <li>More people in the area seeking access to employment</li> </ul>
	Neighbourhood Improvement Area – Oakwells & Fairfaxes	South Area Management	£11,000	Unspent balance from 06/07 to be spent	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority	<ul> <li>Revision of street cleansing programme</li> </ul>	Improvement in physical environment.

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Appendix 1 Outcomes
			07/08	Neighbourhoods	<ul> <li>Multi Agency day of action &amp; community event</li> <li>Event to promote activities for young people in Morley</li> <li>Outreach &amp; detached work with young people</li> <li>Community cabin/facility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased resident satisfaction in area</li> <li>More young people involved in more activities</li> <li>A decrease in incidents of ASB in the area</li> </ul>
Neighbourhood Improvement Area – Harrops	South Area Management	£8,000	Unspent balance from 06/07 to be spent 07/08	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	<ul> <li>Multi Agency day of action</li> <li>Youth Shelter for young people</li> <li>Divisionary activities project for young people</li> <li>Event to promote activities for young people in Morley</li> <li>Provision of DAZL dance sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improvement in physical environment.</li> <li>Increased resident satisfaction in area</li> <li>More young people involved in more activities</li> <li>A decrease in incidents of ASB in the area</li> </ul>
Neighbourhood Improvement Area – Wood Lane	South Area Management	£10,000	Unspent balance	A plan to aimed at making	Multi Agency	Improvement in

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Appendix 1 Outcomes
			from 06/07 to be spent 07/08	improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	<ul> <li>day of action</li> <li>Environmental Improvements to shops on Manor Road</li> <li>Young person's environmental audit</li> <li>ASB prevention work with young people</li> <li>Provision of DAZL dance sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>physical environment.</li> <li>Increased resident satisfaction in area</li> <li>More young peopl involved in more activities</li> <li>A decrease in incidents of ASB in the area</li> </ul>
Streetscene Area Delivery	City Services	£2,728		Funding for a CAST team to enable the Area Committee to respond more effectively to local need.	<ul> <li>Funding towards the CAST team:</li> <li>One dedicated team for the Outer South – team of 3 and a van</li> <li>One graffiti team to share with the Inner South</li> <li>More detailed outputs being discussed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>General improvement in the environment</li> <li>Members and othe agencies able to respond to environmental concerns of the local community more quickly and effectively.</li> <li>Residents taking pride in the area</li> </ul>
Town Centre Manager	South Area Management Team	£57,270	£57,270	A Town Centre Manager	One Town     Centre	More people visiting the

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Appendix 1 Outcomes
		(£10,000 Income from Morley Town Council**)		employed to help bring improvements to Morley and Rothwell Town Centre	Manager to be appointed for Morley and Rothwell.	town centres • More commercial businesses locating in the town centres
Mobile CCTV	Community Safety	£4,860		Use of a mobile CCTV van in the Outer South	<ul> <li>Use of van for 8 hours per day for 10 days totalling 80 hours Areas identified by elected members and the Morley and Rothwell Community Policing Teams</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Decrease in anti social behaviour in hot spot areas</li> <li>Reduction in the fear of crime</li> </ul>
Upgrade of Colour Photocopier	South Area Management Team	£8,062	£4,031	Upgrading of the Area Management team's photocopier	One upgraded photocopier for the Outer South Area Management Team	The capacity to produce more questionnaires, publicity and newsletter to a higher standard.
Morley Office Rental Charges	Leeds Credit Union	£4,215	£4,215	A credit union facility to open in Morley Town Centre	A branch to be open in Morley Town Hall from December 2005	<ul> <li>More local people to saving and borrowing at a reasonable rate</li> <li>A reduction in</li> </ul>

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Appendix 1 Outcomes
Teen Challenge Bus	St Paul's Church	£2,000		For the Teen Challenge Bus which is a project aimed at getting drug users into rehabilitation to come to Morley one night a week until the end of 2007	<ul> <li>Number of people who come onto the bus*</li> <li>Number of people receiving rehabilitation as a result of the bus</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>vulnerable people seeking loans from unauthorised sauces such as loan sharks</li> <li>An increased number of drug users or people at risk of drug use accessing support and going into rehabilitation</li> <li>A decrease in drug related crime committed in Morley Town Centre</li> <li>A reduction in anti social behaviour and fear of crime i Morley Town Centre</li> </ul>
New Creation	Groundwork	£3,750		To run environmental projects in Morley schools until the end of 2008.	<ul> <li>Yellow Woods Challenge Morley Primary Schools</li> <li>Newlands Primary School recycled Christmas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase Young people and their family's knowledge of environmental issues such as recycling</li> <li>An increase in recycling rates in the Outer South</li> </ul>

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
					<ul> <li>Decorations</li> <li>Blackgates Primary School recycled Christmas decorations</li> <li>Development of bring bank sites in Morley schools</li> <li>Composting schemes in Morley schools</li> <li>Litter pick with Seven Hills primary School</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Environmental Improvements in the Outer South</li> </ul>
Lewisham Park Picnic Area	Parks & Countryside	£4,347		To create an enhanced picnic area at Lewisham Park Youth Centre	<ul> <li>To provide:</li> <li>an extended picnic area</li> <li>2 picnic tables</li> <li>an additional litter bin for Lewisham Park Youth Centre</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>An enhancement i the environment a Lewisham Park</li> <li>More local people taking advantage o the facilities available at Lewisham Park.</li> </ul>
Winthorpe Community Centre	Learning & Leisure	£10,000		Resurfacing driveway at Winthorpe Community Centre	One driveway     re-surfaced	<ul> <li>More young peopl taking advantage the play area at th side of the centre.</li> <li>Improved</li> </ul>

#### **Appendix 1 Project Delivery Organisation** Projected Projected Description Outputs Outcomes Revenue Revenue cost 07/08 cost 06/07 appearance of the environment. £4,834 Newlands Get Together Club Newlands Get Together The expansion Half the salary More young people • • and sustainability Club involved in after for an of Newlands Get additional school and holidav **Together Club** youth provision. member of staff General • maintenance work to meeting room Page 53 • Purchase of freezer and desks £2,000 An efficient hand Rein Park, Morley South Parks & Countryside Land adopted Reduction in the over of the Public Fencina number of reported Trees planting incidents of anti Open Space on • the Rein Road social behaviour in Development in the area Morley South, from the developer to Parks and Countryside Department in an area with a high level of ASB Parks & Countryside Environmental Improvements £11.320 Environmental Water vole Improved habitat • to Rothwell Pastures improvements survey to be for priority species project to Rothwell completed such as Water Pastures nature Voles, Otters, Water Shrew and area Archaeological

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Appendix 1 Outcomes
					mapping of potential medieval structures in the area	<ul> <li>Great Crested Newts</li> <li>More people visiting Rothwell to see the</li> </ul>
					<ul> <li>Re-instate a weir/dam structure on the Haigh Beck on-line to locally raise the water-level upstream</li> </ul>	environmental works
					<ul> <li>Production of publicity information</li> </ul>	
Ardsley & Robin Hood and Rothwell Gardening Scheme	Care & Repair	£15,850	£14,050	The establishment of a gardening service for Rothwell that will be aimed at older people (people over 60) and people with disabilities who are currently unable to maintain their gardens	<ul> <li>50 gardens in the first year</li> <li>75 gardens in the second year</li> <li>100 gardens in the third year</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Environmental improvements</li> <li>People being helped to maintai their own homes</li> <li>Community safety benefits</li> </ul>
Dance Classes	Dance Action Zone Leeds	£11,100		Dance classes young people at risk of being involved in anti-	Four dance     classes in the     Outer South	<ul> <li>Health benefits to young people involved</li> <li>Increase in self</li> </ul>

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue	Projected Revenue	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
		cost 06/07	cost 07/08			
				social behaviour		<ul> <li>esteem for young people involved</li> <li>Targeted young people at less risk of committing anti social behaviour</li> </ul>
Mini Breeze	Youth Service	£4,000		Involve more young people in more activities	Summer activities for young people across the Outer South area	<ul> <li>More young people involved in activities over the school holidays</li> <li>Reduction in complaints of anti social behaviour in the area over the holidays.</li> </ul>
Community Safety	West Yorkshire Police	£20,072		<ul> <li>Smartwater – security measures for victims of domestic burglary</li> <li>Morley &amp; District Pubwatch &amp; Licensing Scheme</li> <li>Rothwell Town Centre Shop Watch – tackle crime and anti- social behaviour</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Purchase and fitting of 400 smartwater kits and 400 doorbells</li> <li>12 operations and 3 test Purchase Operations</li> <li>Rental of 20 radios and purchase of a base station</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A reduction in crime and anti social behaviour</li> </ul>
Recreate	Groundwork	£2,750	£8,250	Carry out	young people	Involve young

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Appendix 1 Outcomes
				awareness raising work in schools and within neighbourhoods where action is needed most.	<ul> <li>engaged in actions to reduce waste, prevent litter, promote reuse, repair and recycling processes</li> <li>action days organised</li> <li>Work with after school clubs on environmental issues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>people in positive activities which will challenge negative perceptions of young people locally.</li> <li>Assist schools in expanding their community role.</li> <li>Cleaner neighbourhoods through encouraging reuse, recycling and reduction of waste.</li> <li>Improving neighbourhoods in need including Jonh O'Gaunts, Eastleighs and Fairleighs.</li> <li>Increasing capacity of community groups by involving them directly in the projects.</li> </ul>
Neighbourhood Workers	South Area Management	£35,000	1 year project. Unspent balance from 06/07 to be spent 07/08	Review & implement the Neighbourhood Improvement approach for • Eastleighs/ Fairleighs Newlands/	One worker (or two part time workers) to help progress NIP projects	<ul> <li>NIP action plans being implemented more effectively with greater community representation.</li> <li>Increased social capital through</li> </ul>

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected	Drojected	Description	Outputs	Appendix 1 Outcomes
Project	Derivery Organisation	Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
				<ul> <li>Denshaws</li> <li>John O'Gaunts</li> <li>Wood Lane Estate</li> <li>Fairfaxes and Oakwells</li> <li>The Harrops</li> </ul>		capacity building of small groups and the voluntary sector
Site Based Gardeners		£43,400	1 year project. Unspent balance from 06/07 to be spent 07/08	Site based gardeners at community parks	3 full time Gardeners for 1 years.	<ul> <li>Crime reduction</li> <li>Reducing fear of crime</li> <li>Increasing voluntary and community engagement</li> <li>Cleaner safer public green spaces</li> </ul>
Morley Bottoms Regeneration Scheme	Development Department	£10,000	Design and Fees	Design and Fees for the physical regeneration of the Chapel Hill area	Physical regeneration	Safer cleaner neighbourhoods
Lewisham Park Youth Centre CCTV	City Services	£151		Install CCTV	CCTV	Safer neighbourhoods, Reduction in street crime, and reduction in crime and ASB
Community Centres	South Area Management	£10,000		A ringfenced amount to cover any essential work identified by the Community	Community centre improvements	Community involvement

Project	Delivery Organisation	Projected Revenue cost 06/07	Projected Revenue cost 07/08	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
				Centres Sub- Group		
Summer & Winter Events Programme	Morley Entertainment Committee	£4,779		Summer months street entertainment and Morley Christmas lights event	Street entertainment attracting 350 people every week for eight weeks Christmas light event attracting 800 people	Thriving and harmonious communities Regeneration and promotion of town centres
Gillett Lane Environmental	Rothwell In Bloom	£3,033				
Morley Literature Festival Director	South Area Management		£5,000			
Morley Literature Festival	South Area Management		£5,000			
	SUB TOTAL 1 Projects agreed	£356,886	£97,816 (minimum)			
	Balance	£13,312	£98,144			

# Outer South Well Being Budget 2004/2007 Capital Projects agreed to date – November 2006

ĺ	Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital cost	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
	Budget		£373,573			
	Ardsley & Robin Hood					
	Neighbourhood Improvement Area – Eastleighs & Fairleighs	South Area Management	£30,000.00	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	<ul> <li>Smithy Lane recreation facilities</li> <li>Martial arts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More diversionary activities for young people in the area</li> <li>A safer</li> </ul>
					<ul> <li>Martial arts classes</li> <li>Lighting on Smithy Lane</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A sale neighbourhood with a reduction in the fear of crime amongst residents.</li> </ul>
Page 59	Sports Facility Development	Tingley Athletic Football Club	£20,000.00	The development of a home ground site with training facilities and a club house for Tingley Athletic Junior Football Club	<ul> <li>Clearance of the existing site Levelling and drainage of the site</li> <li>Provision of a new access point with car parking facilities</li> <li>Build of a new clubhouse with changing facilities and multi purpose room</li> </ul>	More people in the area benefiting from local sports facilities.
	West Ardsley Community Centre Improvements	City Services/Neighbourhoods & Housing	£16,564.00	Repairs to bring community centre back into active use	<ul> <li>Restore outside lighting</li> <li>Replace existing</li> </ul>	After school and youth provision provided in the area

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital cost	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
FIGECI		Capital COSt	Description	handrails	
				<ul> <li>Additional fencing</li> <li>Roller shutter door</li> <li>Replace gutter and fall pipes</li> <li>Connect gas supply to centre</li> <li>Maintenance works to gents toilets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More young people engaged in diversionary activities</li> <li>A base for community groups to hold activities in the area.</li> </ul>
Litterbins Ardsley & Robin Hood	Streetscene, City Services	£3,000.00	Additional litterbins for areas identified as being problematic for litter	<ul> <li>17 Dual compartment, free standing litter bins</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A reduction in the amount of litter in the area.</li> <li>Improvements to the environment</li> </ul>
East Ardsley Community Centre Fence	City Services	£13,193.00	Security measures taken around the East Ardsley Community Centre which has been a hotspot for anti social behaviour	<ul> <li>A security fence to be installed around the Centre. Security</li> <li>Lighting to be installed on the exterior of the centre.</li> <li>Planning permission to be obtained from City Services.</li> </ul>	• A reduction in the amount of vandalism the centre was experiencing.
Westerton Road	Parks & Countryside	£10,071.75		•	•

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital cost	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
Allotments Fencing					
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Sub Total	£92,828.75			
All Morley		,,			
Morley Community Radio	Morley Community Radio	£10,000.00	A radio station to be established covering the Morley area	<ul> <li>Broadcasted 12 days in December and 10 days in July</li> <li>40 people were involved in the content</li> <li>Many voluntary and statutory organisations fed into this and gave interviews on air</li> </ul>	being aware and able to voice their opinion on local issues
Morley Leisure Centre Disability Access	Leisure Services	£15,000.00	Measures to make Morley Leisure Centre DDA compliant.	<ul> <li>New disabled changing facilities</li> <li>Lowering of reception counter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More disabled people being able to access Morley Leisure Centre facilities and the health benefits that will come from that</li> </ul>
Town Centre Environmental Improvements	Morley In Bloom	£1,000.00	Environmental Improvements in Morley Town Centre	<ul> <li>Purchase of flowers, shrubs, planters and tubs and gardening equipment for use in Morley Town Centre</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A more pleasant environment in Morley Town Centre encouragir more people to shop there</li> </ul>
New Creation	Groundwork	£1,000.00	To run environmental projects in Morley schools until the end of	<ul> <li>Yellow Woods Challenge Morley primary</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase Young people and their family's knowledg</li> </ul>

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital cost	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
			2008.	<ul> <li>schools</li> <li>Newlands Primary School recycled Christmas Decorations</li> <li>Blackgates primary school recycled Christmas decorations</li> <li>Development of bring bank sites in Morley schools</li> <li>Composting schemes in Morley schools</li> <li>Litter pick with Seven Hills primary School</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>of environmental issues such as recycling</li> <li>An increase in recycling rates in the Outer South</li> <li>Environmental Improvements in the Outer South</li> </ul>
Morley Bottoms Regeneration Scheme	Development Department, LCC	£30,000	Physical regeneration to the Morley Bottoms area	<ul> <li>Improve appearance</li> <li>Fencing</li> <li>Landscaping</li> <li>Stabilizing bank</li> <li>Develop lay by</li> </ul>	Improve appearance, quality and value of the local area as well improve the public realm and environment
All Morley Sub Total		£57,000.00			

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital cost	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
Morley North					
Gildersome Springbank Green Doorstep Project	Gildersome Action Group	£5,000.00	The transformation of an area of under used public green space that is subject to fly tipping and vandalism into a community resource.	<ul> <li>Clearance of area</li> <li>Litter bins in area</li> <li>Benches in the area</li> <li>Soft landscaping</li> </ul>	An improvement to the physical environment of the area.
Gildersome CCTV Scheme	Gildersome Action Group	£13,060.00	The installation of a CCTV system around Gildersome Meeting Hall to reduce incidences of ASB and vandalism	<ul> <li>7 high resolution day / night cameras to be installed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A reduction in the incidents of crime and ASB in the area.</li> <li>A reduction in the fear of crime amongst local residents</li> </ul>
Drighlington Library Disability parking	Learning & Leisure	£4,500.00	Improvements to Driglington Library and meeting hall to make the building more DDA compliant and improve access to disabled users.	<ul> <li>Two additional disabled parking bays</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>An increase numbra of people being able to take advantage of facilities at Drighlington Libra and meeting hall</li> </ul>
Minibus	Birchfield School	£5,000.00	A new mini bus for the school to help continue	Contribution     towards mini	More young peop involved in

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital cost	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
		-	the pupils sporting	bus for the	diversionary
			success and	school	activities.
			achievements		
Neighbourhood Improvement Area – Oakwells & Fairfax's	South Area Management	£15,000.00	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	Community cabin/facility	<ul> <li>More young people involved in more activities</li> <li>A decrease in incidents of ASB in the area</li> <li>Increased resident satisfaction</li> </ul>
Morley North Sub Total		£42,560.00		1	

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital cost	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
Morley South					
Neighbourhood Improvement Area – Newlands & Denshaws	South Area Management	£30,000.00	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	<ul> <li>Albert Drive Shop Improvements</li> <li>Kick around area in Newlands</li> <li>Lewisham Park Improvements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More diversionary activities for young people in the area</li> <li>A safer neighbourhood wit a reduction in the fear of crime amongst residents</li> </ul>
Rein Park – Morley South	Parks & Countryside	£3,000.00	An efficient hand over of the Public Open Space on the Rein Road Development in Morley South, from the developer to Parks and Countryside Department in an area with a high level of ASB	<ul> <li>Land adopted</li> <li>Fencing</li> <li>Trees planting</li> </ul>	Reduction in the number of reported incidents of anti social behaviour in the area
Morley South litter Bins	City Services	£4,900.00	Additional litter bins for areas identified as being problematic for litter	14 additional dual compartment, free standing litter bins for Morley South.	<ul> <li>A reduction in the amount of litter in the area.</li> <li>Improvements to the environment</li> </ul>
Magpie Lane – Morley	Leeds South Homes	£8,000.00	Environmental	Money South.     Measures	Improvement

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital cost	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
South			improvements to secure Magpie Lane and prevent travellers from re entering the site.	taken to prevent travellers from re-entering the site on Magpie Lane	<ul> <li>the physical environment of the area.</li> <li>Residents of the area feeling more secure.</li> </ul>
Neighbourhood Improvement Area – Harrops	South Area Management	£7,000.00	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	<ul> <li>Youth Shelter for young people</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A decrease in incidents of ASB ir the area</li> <li>An increase in resident satisfactio in the area</li> </ul>
Lewisham Park Youth Centre CCTV	City Services, LCC	£9,500	CCTV scheme for Lewisham park youth centre	• CCTV	<ul> <li>A decrease of ASE in the area.</li> <li>Safer communities</li> </ul>
Morley South Sub Tota	al	£62,400.00			
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# Appendix 2

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital cost	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
<b>Rothwell</b> Neighbourhood Improvement Area – John O'Gaunts	South Area Management	£29,000.00	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	<ul> <li>Diversionary activities for young people</li> <li>Pathways Initiative</li> <li>Gardening Initiative</li> <li>Youth Shelter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More diversionary activities for young people in the area</li> <li>A safer neighbourhood wit a reduction in the fear of crime amongst residents</li> <li>An improvement in the physical environment of the area</li> </ul>
Litter Bins Rothwell	Streetscene, City Services	£5,100.00	Additional litter bins for areas identified as being problematic for litter	17 Dual compartment, free standing litter bins	<ul> <li>A reduction in the amount of litter in the area.</li> <li>Improvements to the environment</li> </ul>
Neighbourhood Improvement Area –	South Area Management	£15,000.00	A plan to aimed at making improvements in Priority Neighbourhoods	Environmental Improvements to shops on	Improvement in physical environment.

# Appendix 2

Project	Delivery Organisation	Capital cost	Description	Outputs	Outcomes
Wood Lane				Manor Road <ul> <li>Activity/equipm ent for young people</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased resident satisfaction in area</li> <li>More young people involved in more activities</li> <li>A decrease in incidents of ASB in the area</li> </ul>
Oulton & Woodlesford Sports & Social Facilities	Parks & Countryside	£20,000.00	The refurbishment and extension of the existing changing facilities / club house at Oulton and Woodlesford Sports and Social Club.	<ul> <li>Two new changing rooms</li> <li>Officials room with toilet and shower activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More young people involved in more sporting activities</li> <li>Facilities meeting Sports England Requirements for health and safety</li> </ul>
Rose Lund Centre Improvements	Parks & Countryside	£20,000.00	The extension of the Rose Lund Centre	<ul> <li>2 new changing rooms</li> <li>Officials room with toilet and shower facilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More young people involved in sporting activities</li> <li>Facilities meeting Sports England Requirements for health and safety</li> </ul>
Rothwell Sub Total		£89,100.00			· · · · · ·
Water Bowsers	In Bloom Groups	To be determined			
	TOTAL Projects agreed	£343,888.75			
	Balance	£29,684.25			



# Agenda Item 10

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## Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods & Housing

#### **Outer South Leeds Area Committee**

# Date: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007

#### **Subject: Area Managers Report**

Electoral Wards Affected: Ardsley & Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell	Specific Implications For:         Ethnic minorities         Women         Disabled people         Narrowing the Gap
Council Delegated Executive Function Function available for Call In	Delegated Executive     Function not available for     Call In Details set out in the     report

#### **Executive Summary**

This report details a range of activities taking place within the Outer South Leeds Area, providing information to the committee to enable further information to be sought if required.

#### 1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, brief details of the range of activities with which the Area Management Team are engaged, and that are not addressed in greater detail elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

#### 2.0 Town Centre Management

2.1 At its meeting in September the Area Committee agreed to establish a Town Centre Management Board (TCMB) to oversee this project. The Area Committee agreed the composition of the body which included Councillor's Judith Elliott and Stewart Golton as representatives of the Area Committee. The Board has regrettably had to accept the resignation due to ill health of Keith Robinson (Morley Chamber of Trade) as its Chair. In the absence of a nomination from a retail representative Councillor Stewart Golton was elected as Chair. The Board considered draft terms of reference, but following guidance received from the Governance Services Unit the following draft (**Appendix 1**) is presented for approval.

2.2.1 As any sub group of the Area Committee is only permitted to act in an advisory or consultative manner, Members are also asked to delegate £43,503 for 2006/07 from the Area Committee's Well-being budget to the Area Manager, as the Area Committee's designated officer, in order to facilitate the operation of the Town Centre Management Scheme. In addition, Members are asked to give the Area Manager the authority to spend the delegated budget on behalf of the Area Committee, following appropriate consultation with the Town Centre Management Board.

Members are also asked to agree that this delegation to the Area Manager be limited to £1,000 for any one single item of expenditure without referral back to the Area Committee. If the Area Manager has any reservations regarding proposals being put forward by the TCMB, then he will refer these matters to the Area Committee for determination.

#### 2.2.2 Legal and Resource Implications

The Council's constitution permits an Area Committee to establish area or issue based forums, such as the Morley and Rothwell Town Centre Management Board, to act in an advisory or consultative capacity only.

Specifically, paragraph 7.3 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, which forms part of the Council's constitution, states that the Area Committee shall determine the terms of reference for any forum established and how the membership of it will be decided.

Members are now invited to approve the terms of reference and the membership of the sub group, as detailed within the terms of reference, and as set out in this report.

With regard to resource implications, Members are being asked to delegate £43,503 for 2006/07 from the Area Committee's Wellbeing budget to the Area Manager and approve the arrangements detailed within paragraphs 2.2.1

- 2.3 The Morley Summit took place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January at Morley Rugby Club. Over a hundred people attended the evening. Keynote addresses were given by Prof Rachael Unsworth Leeds University and Judith Fozzard Action for Market Towns. A panel chaired by Dave Richmond and comprising the two speakers and Councillor Robert Finnigan, Colin Challen MP and Richard Templeman (Morley Chamber of Trade) took questions from the floor. A summary report of the evening will be prepared and circulated.
- 2.4 The Rothwell Summit will take place on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Meeting Room, Rothwell. The format will be as used for the Morley Summit with a similar panel of speakers, final details to be confirmed.
- 2.5 Work continues to progress to identify suitable accessible office space in both Morley and Rothwell, I remain upbeat that partner agencies may be able to assist with this issue.

#### 3.0 John O'Gaunts Youth Shelter

The Area Committee at its July 2006 meeting agreed an additional capital amount for this equipment. Installation is expected before the end of the month.

## 4.0 South Leeds District Partnership

The South Leeds District Partnership has held a review away day in December 2006, the outcomes of which were presented at the Board meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007. The review and discussion at the Board resulted in a revised structure and membership which streamlined the Partnership. It was agreed to retain an Area Committee representative (via the chair) from both Inner and Outer South and a representative (through Area Management) to cover regeneration.

Other membership of the Board will comprise of representatives from the subpartnerships which are: Children Leeds, Health and Well Being, Employment/Education and Training Group; Participation and Engagement (via the Voluntary and Community Sector 'Super Forum'), District Housing Partnership; Community Safety Partnership. It has also been agreed to establish a cultural and cohesion partnership which will be developed by Leeds Voice The Board also received a discussion paper on Fuel Poverty for sub-partnerships to support and take action as appropriate.

#### 5.0 Morley Literature Festival

5.1 The newly constituted organising committee met for the first time on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. A draft brief for the appointment of a Festival Director has been compiled for circulation to all arts networks.

#### 6.0 Community Centres

6.1 The Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee met on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and the minutes are attached at (**Appendix 2**) for approval.

## 7.0 Town & District Centres Regeneration

#### 7.1 Morley Bottoms

- 7.1.1 The following details provided the basis of a recent update to Morley Members, including representatives of the Town Council. Work continues to progress well on what is a very complex project. However, due to the commercially sensitive nature of some of the issues it would not be appropriate to discuss in this report as it is considered that disclosure at this moment in time would prejudice the outcome of negotiations. Once matters have progressed further full details will be placed before the Area Committee.
- 7.1.2 The first part of the traffic survey was completed in January 2007. A further stage of the survey is now to be funded in order to provide the estimated cost of the scheme.
- 7.1.3 Detailed design of the proposed lay by and public realm works is nearing completion. Legal Services are progressing action to terminate the advertising hoarding use of the lay by site. Legal Services have been advised to treat this as a priority. It is anticipated that a decision will be made by June 2007 and the hoardings removed by July 2007. A Road Traffic Order has been submitted to enable short stay car parking in the lay-by and this should be confirmed in June/July 2007. Further funding is required for the processing of the Road Traffic Order and this has been agreed with the Town & Districts Program Board

- 7.1.4 Section 215 Planning Enforcement Notices have been served on the three identified properties on Brunswick Street. Action against the owners of these properties is progressing. Elsewhere, on this agenda additional monies are sought to fund the work of a building surveyor. The surveyor is required in order to provide a detailed and fully costed schedule of works, which is attached to each of the Notices. In addition to being a statutory requirement of the Notice, once the schedules have been completed officers will also be able to assess whether it will be practical and cost effective for the Council to undertake the repair works and place a charge on the freehold title of any refurbished properties. This would mean the Council would recover the monies when the property was sold.
- 7.1.5 Officers are preparing a report on the status of the project for the Town & Districts Program Board. The Board will consider the merits of the project at the end of February. It is hoped that Board will continue to support the project and the monies originally identified to assist with the delivery of the project will be safeguarded for the Morley Bottoms area.

#### 7.2 Marsh Street Rothwell

Following final consultation in autumn 2006 on design proposals, suggestions from this were integrated where possible and all design and construction details were finalised and completed in January. Planning permission has been given and a contractor identified (it will be a company called 'Colass').

An onsite start date was provisionally (weather pending) arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> February and if all goes to plan, the work should be complete in 7 months time approx end August. In construction like this there will be some disruption to normal service however this will be kept to a minimum. Throughout the construction period the car park will remain open except for those sections where improvement work is being done (predominantly the whole area between One Stop Centre/library and the recycling place).

The scheme will continue to be project managed by Mouchel Parkman, one of LCCs contracted professional engineering consultancy services. A name and number of a contact for members of the public will be provided for any queries. The construction firm should also be putting up information on site and Mouchel Parkman will be putting out information to surrounding premises as well as the library. Members of the Rothwell Town Centre Partnership and Inter-Agency Group will also be informed.

#### 8.0 Oakwell's & Fairfaxe's Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

8.1 At the last meeting Members agreed to commission a feasibility study to site a community facility on the Oakwell's & Fairfaxe's Estate. It is expected that this report will be completed in early March.

## 9.0 Operation CAVA

A CAVA operation was recently run on John O'Gaunts (16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> January) a full report on the outcomes will be distributed to Ward Members.

#### 10.0 Recommendations

- The Area Committee is asked to note this information. 10.1
- 10.2 The Area Committee is asked to agree the Terms of Reference for the TCMB.10.3 The Area Committee is asked to agree the financial arrangements as detailed in 2.2

# **TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

# Terms of Reference:

The Board will develop a strategic overview of the town centre management scheme in Morley and Rothwell on behalf of the Outer South Leeds Area Committee.

The membership of the board will be:

Cllr Judith Elliott	-	Outer South Area Committee
Cllr Stewart Golton	-	Outer South Area Committee
Angela Gott	-	Manager of Boots the Chemist – Rothwell
Tom O'Donovan	-	Area Management Team
Joy Goodman	-	Morley Traders' Representative
Cllr Joyce Sanders	-	Morley Town Council
Peter Mudge	-	Town Centre Manager

#### Role of Board:

- 1) Confirm board membership as agreed by the Area Committee and recommend appointments to vacancies when they arise.
- 2) Election of Chair
- 3) Receive and consider action plans and other appropriate documents for Morley and Rothwell for approval by the Area Committee.
- 5) In consultation with the South Leeds Area Manager, identify projects to be commissioned from the budget for approval by the Area Committee or the South Leeds Area Manager as its designated officer.
- 6) Receive the Town Centre Manager's reports.
- 7) Invite speakers and, when required, recommend to the Area Committee the formation of expert sub-groups to address specific topics be established.
- 8) Meet monthly at a pre-agreed date and time. Review the frequency of meetings after the first 6 months.
- 9) Through appropriate structures such as Town Centre Partnerships and District Partnerships - ensure all partners are engaged and support the work of the Town Centre Management Initiative.
- 10) On behalf of the Outer South Area Committee, Morley Town Council and its partners, in consultation with the Area Manager oversee and monitor the Town Centre Management Initiative and recommend appropriate actions.



	ESENT:	Cllr T Grayshon in the Chair. Councillors: J Dunn, S McArdle, D Wilson, Officers: Tom O'Donovan, Keith Hewitt, Sarah May None	
			ACTION
1.		ns and Apologies ovan welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.	
2.	By consent	of Sub Committee of the Members present, it was agreed that Councillor Grayshon e position of Chair for the Outer South Community Centres Sub	
3.	Terms of R	eference	
	meeting. Fo	of Reference were approved at the last Area Committee llowing discussions, it was agreed that a breakdown of the eference would provide the actions for the work programme.	SM
4.	2006 & upd SM went the Committee,	Area Committee on transfer of community facilities- July late on community facilities in Outer South Leeds rough the report that was presented at the July 2006 Area which delegated the responsibility of community centres to the littee and Area Management Team.	
	Blackburn H Churwell CO East Ardsle Peel Street	anche of community facilities which transferred in July were:- Iall – Managed by LCC C – Managed by Churwell Community Association y CC – Managed by East Ardsley Community Association CC – Managed by LCC ey CC – Managed by Kaleidoscope	
	Gildersome Lewisham F Rose Lund St Gabriels Tingley You	tres identified for transfer in April 2007 are:- CC – Managed by LCC Park CC – Managed by LCC Centre – Managed by LCC CC – Managed by LCC but leased from the Diocese th & Community Centre – Managed by LCC uth Centre – Managed by LCC but owned by trustees	
	<ul> <li>West childe insur this v</li> <li>After sign work</li> </ul>	d centres are currently within the Committees portfolio. Ardsley CC has been leased to Kaleidoscope – private care provider on a 6 year full internal and external repairing and ing leased. The currently may approximately £7,000 rent p.a – vill eventually rise to £9.000 p.a. discussions with East Ardsley CA, they are now prepared to up to a new lease for the facility once further maintenance s have been completed, which funding has been secured for. ease will be a full internal and external repairing and insuring	

and will also last a duration of six years. The rental contribution from the organisation will be assed on an annual basis as part of the citywide rental support programme.

• At Churwell CC, the lease expired a number of years ago and the community association is 'holding over' on the existing terms and conditions of this lease. The facility is under review as Education Leeds is expanding provision at the nearby Churwell Primary School and it is felt that the community centre activities may be better placed within that site.

SM is currently drafting a report which is going to the February Area Committee outlining a new schedule of lettings and pricing for community facilities in South Leeds. It is suggested that Morley Town Hall and Blackburn Hall have a different schedule of charges to the other facilities in the wedge due to the nature of the buildings and size of rooms available. SM will incorporate this into the proposals being presented to Area Committee.

It present, there is a small central capital fund that has been established which SM had bid into and was successful in securing 29,750 for Blackburn Hall and 216,600 for East Ardsley CC.

There is to be a dedicated member of staff to cover community facilities initially, there was to be one officer looking after South Leeds but due to the restructure of the Regeneration service, there will be one officer covering the whole city.

Cllr Dunn raised an issue about Thorpe CC and how this facility might fit into the policies and procedures outlined in the report. SM explained that as the facility was responsibility of Leeds South Homes, it didn't fall within the remit of the report but if Leeds South Homes were agreeable, some of the principles of NHD standard practice could be applied in this case.

## 5. Work programme and focus of Community Centres Sub Committee

SM to draft a work programme / action plan and summarise data sheets for the next meeting of the Sub committee.

There were suggestions on how to market the community centres(CC), these ideas were expressed:

- Promotional leaflets listing activities that go on in community centres (CC) at one stop centres.
- Promote through local Newspapers/letters.
- Publicise CCs using photos of activities and events that take place.
- Benchmark on other CCs that have formats that work.
- Ensure demographics are more or less the same in terms of the benchmarking.
- Have available literature at the community centres.

This will be incorporated into the action plan for the Outer South facilities.

The committee agreed to visit all community centres in the area.

#### 6. Time and date of next meeting

It was decided as it stands at the moment, future meetings will take place between Area Committee meetings. Time and place to be arranged. All

SM



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## Report of Director, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

#### **Outer South Area Committee**

# Date: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007

#### Subject: Neighbourhood Improvement Plans – A way forward.

Electoral Wards Affected: Ardsley & Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell	Specific Implications For:         Equality and Diversity         Community Cohesion         Narrowing the Gap
Council Delegated Executive Function for Call In	X Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

#### **Executive Summary**

The Outer South Area Committees response to the Narrowing the Gap agenda has in part been the commitment to priority neighbourhoods through the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs). This report looks at progress of the NIPs so far and recommends future actions so that the NIPs can continue to make sustainable improvements to each area identified. Particular attention is given to the role of the Neighbourhood Worker in encouraging community involvement, how this process will be managed within the NIPs and how it will be evaluated.

#### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Narrowing the Gap forms one of three aims of the vision for Leeds 2004- 2020. There is a growing realisation that while the city continues to prosper some of the more deprived areas of the city continue to be margainalised and have not benefited from this increase in wealth and associated benefits. Therefore there is as substantial difference between areas of the city and the aim of narrowing gap is to look at interventions and actions that can address this inequality. Most importantly the emphasis is on making sure that all residents have equal opportunity and access to service provision. It is recognised that no agency alone can solve these issues, but through partnership working, Leeds can move forward in Narrowing the Gap.
- 1.2 In response to this aim, the Outer South Area Committee has developed Neighbourhood improvement Plans (NIPs). In September 2004 the Area Committee identified several Priority Neighbourhoods on the basis of levels of deprivation and instances of recurring issues such as anti social behaviour and environmental issues.

# 1.3 The below section was taken from the Area Committee report on how the Neighbourhood Areas would be managed.

"The development and delivery of the improvement plan, would, in each neighborhood be steered by a core working group of relevant officers, chaired by a ward member, and supported by the Area Management team. The make up of the working group will be dependent upon the nature of the key issues to be addressed. For example, in Newlands and Denshaws, the core group would need to include the police, the Primary Care Trust, Education, Skills and Training providers, and City Services.

It is anticipated that for each neighbourhood, between three and five key issues will be identified, and between one and four actions proposed to address each. Each action will be detailed, together with a description of the issue /s it will address, who will be involved in developing and delivering the action, and a lead officer identified for each. A timescale for the action will be provided, resource implications quantified, and the manner in which the success or otherwise of the action will be measured."

1.4 Areas were identified in three phases. The first phase included Eastleighs Fairleighs, John O'Gaunts and Newlands and Denshaws. The second phase included The Harrops, Wood Lane, and Oakwells and Farefaxes. The third phase has not yet been developed in detail due to resource commitments and priorities in other areas.

#### 2.0 Progress

2.1 Through consultation and statistical analysis key priorities were identified for the NIP areas. Because the community had been consulted there was a sense ownership for the NIP and a shared sense of purpose when creating and implementing solutions. This subsequently created a surge of energy around the NIPs and outputs and actions were achieved. Quick wins such as environmental clearance, community days and youth activities were achieved. Some other initiatives began to wane as it became apparent that some of the interventions planned were unrealistic, impractical and in some cases opposed by residents. Phase one began to be implemented in April 2005 and Phase 2 was agreed by Area Committee in December 2005 and is managed through a single steering group. Therefore the NIP steering groups have now been ongoing for a period of 12 month to two years.

#### 3.0 Achievements

3.1 There have been a number of agencies involved in the steering groups of each NIP with a real commitment to bringing around change; this type of approach is recognised as key to "Narrowing the Gap". Simply by the multi agency approach to the area, residents will have better access to mainstream services as they become more locally driven through the NIP. This has meant a greater sharing of resources but in most cases sharing of information and agreed priorities. There is no doubt that this has had a positive impact on the NIPS and is a credit to those agencies involved. Achievements include capital improvements to shops, fencing and improved facilities for young people. Revenue projects include community days, summer activities, partnership work with local schools such as the dog fouling campaign in Eastleigh's Farleigh's and drug misuse work in Newlands and Denshaws. There have been some elements of good community involvement with some community representatives being involved in the steering groups and playing a strong role. Please refer to **Appendix 1** for a summary of actions that have been achieved by NIP to date.

#### 4.0 Concerns.

- 4.1 Initially it was anticipated that NIPs would be time limited, but through experience it has become apparent that a long term commitment is more appropriate when aiming to "Narrow the Gap". Regeneration needs to be focused upon sustainable outcomes rather than short term outputs that will create a quick win effects. NIP's need to increase people's aspirations and faith in mainstream services and this will not be achieved overnight. It is only through the empowerment of local communities to address inequalities with the support and commitment of agencies to the long term issues, that real sustainable change will be created. Therefore it is a recommendation of this report that the NIP's should aim to have a long term emphasis, and that they should only draw to a close once the community feel empowered to address local issues themselves.
- 4.2 Although there has been a strong representation from agencies at the NIP meetings this has waned over the last six months. There are a number of reasons for this such as resource difficulties in the Area Management Team which has meant actions have become less coordinated. Some actions have become out of date or unachievable such as the installation of youth shelters or community cabins, which has meant that meetings have become more like "talking shops" rather than output driven. It is paramount that agencies buy into the NIPs as they should be as much a priority for other agencies as they are to Area Management.
- 4.3 There has been a lack of revenue initiatives with clear outputs and outcomes which has limited the role of the NIPs in bringing around sustainable change. Revenue projects by there very nature require more long term commitment from inception through to completion and often require agencies to add additional work to their schedules. Nevertheless there is a need for small attainable projects that link in with the priorities for each Neighbourhood to be initiated. Some NIP's have addressed this through discussing best practise from other areas but there is a real need for agencies to be proactive in producing proposals and presenting these to the NIPs.
- 4.4 Community involvement within the NIPs has been hit and miss. In some areas there already exists Resident Associations but formal links with the NIP steering groups has not been made, while in other areas there are no formalised Resident Associations at all. While the NIP steering groups are not intended as a place for the general public to attend, it is appropriate that resident representatives attend i.e. chairs and secretaries of groups. Community representation at the NIPs will assist in ensuring that real needs are addressed and that service provision and projects are appropriate, it is particularly important to work with recognised authorities such as the Parish councils. Resident representatives often provide the creativity for new projects that can be locally accountable. Following on from this there is a need to keep the community informed of what has been achieved through the NIPs and in some cases the reasons why projects have not come to fruition. In order for the NIPs to have the desired effect it is crucial that they are accountable and transparent to the local community. This type of update can be delivered through the Area Committee Newsletter or some other local device.

## 5.0 The future.

- 5.1 The Neighbourhood Worker Project commissioned by the Area Committee provides the opportunity to address some key issues for the NIPs, particularly around community capacity. The role of the Neighbourhood Worker is to empower local residents to bring forward their issues and provided them with the means to address them through the creation of Resident Associations. This will be achieved in each NIP via the model at **Appendix 2.** The model indicates the process for the delivery of community development in each NIP with timescales and outcomes. Crucially this model will form the evaluation process for what has been achieved by the Neighbourhood Worker at the end of the 12 months period. The real value of the project will lie in the capacity of community groups to take a lead role in the NIP steering groups.
- 5.2 An initial element of this work is the creation of community days. Not only will these help create community cohesion and pride in the local area, they will be a focus to re-energise the action plans by carrying out consultation work at the event. This will provide the means for agencies to use the event for consultation for specific projects such commissioning summer activity for young people or capital work to a local park. Crucially this is an area where the Neighbourhood Worker can work with residents to shape the community day early on in the community development process, which will increase capacity and empowerment. This work has already begun in Eastleigh's Fairleigh's and created the desired effect, residents have taken a keen interest in the community day and have provided a wealth of ideas, there has been an increase in the number of agencies that attend the NIP and general feeling that things are happening and projects are beginning to be formed again.
- 5.3 It is recommended that NIP steering groups should only be brought to an end once the community have created capacity through a Resident Association or the establishment of a Ward Forum. Already through the role of the Neighbourhood Worker the Resident's meeting are beginning to replica the issues and actions in the NIP steering group. However the continued attendance of all agencies would compromise the role of the Associations and would be a drain on resources. Therefore it is proposed that in the long term Ward Forums are set up such as the Rothwell interagency where Resident representatives from each NIP can bring their issues to the table. This would provide a more holistic approach as issues could be considered on how they affect the whole ward rather than isolated work in each NIP.

#### 6.0 Timescales

- 6.1 It is recommended that a further commitment is given to Phase 1 NIPs for another twelve months with a view to handing over further development to an established Resident Association or Ward Forum.
- 6.2 All of the 3 NIPs in phase 2 are currently being managed by one steering group. Each NIP needs to be locally driven and this is enhanced by having the steering groups meet in the area, it also increases the links between the NIPs and Resident groups and likely community representations at meetings. Therefore it is recommended that Phase 2 NIPs adopt separate steering groups from June 2006.

In line with this the Neighbourhood Worker should begin the model of intervention (**Appendix 2**) from June 2006.

6.3 Members are asked to note that given the above it will not be possible to action further NIPs for the foreseeable future. To begin a programme of action in these areas in the next twelve months would jeopardise work in the phase one and two in terms of sustainability and progress of work due to resources.

#### 7.0 Evaluation

A report summarising the progress in the NIPs will be presented to the Area Committee every 6 months. The report will provide NIP budgets and actions completed or in progression. The evaluation of work carried out by the Neighbourhood Worker through the Model in **Appendix 2** will also be presented.

#### 8.0 Finance

In view of the lack of project proposals for revenue projects it recommended that a clear process is implemented. Attached is a template for draft proposals to be presented to the NIPs (**Appendix 3**). These proposals will then by discussed at steering group meetings and consideration will be given to how these meet NIP objectives.

#### 9.0 Recommendations

Members of the Outer South Area Committee are requested to:

- (a). Note the contents of this report and consider any actions
- (b) Notes the summary of actions at (Appendix 1)
- (b). Agree the proposed model of community development for all NIPs (Appendix 2)
- (c). Agree the timescales for the role out of the NIPs
- (d). Agree the process for evaluation and review
- (e). Agree to receive a report to a future meeting exploring the establishment of Ward Forums
- (f). Agree the proposal proforma for revenue spend through the NIPs (Appendix 3)

#### **Review of actions for all Neighbourhood Improvement Plans**

This aims to provide quick overview of the actions implemented by each NIP. Some of the action plans on record are disjointed and its difficult to trace all actions so some of the information maybe incorrect.

#### Eastleigh's Farleigh's

	Priority	Action	Actioned	Success
1.	Environment	CAVE	Yes- to take place march 07	
2.	Environment	Community clean up days	Yes	
3.	Environment	Smithy Lane recreation Ground- clean up of Dog fowling and funding for a dog warden	Yes	
4.	Environment	Young people to design posters to stop dog fowling posters to be displayed throughout the area	Yes	Good partnership working with the local school
5.	Environment	Gardening maintenance for elderly	Yes	Through the Care and Repair programme
6.	Environment	Community garden next to the Library	No/ no sites deemed suitable	
7.	Young people	Dazl	Yes	Good attendance
8.	Young people	Martial Arts Classes	No/ Not an appropriate provider	
9.	Young people	Installation of equipment such as a youth shelter, basketball court circuit?	To some extent/ youth shelter not liked by local residents looking for alternative.	Yes log seating area
10.	Young people	Lighting – Smithy Lane		
11.	Community Involvement	Intergenerational work- setting up workshop activities between generations	?	
12.	Community Involvement	Newsletter published quartile		
13	Community Involvement	Community fund day, launch of plan and CAVA	Yes 2005 No 2006	2005 very successful
14	Community Involvement	Outreach classes, cv writing, literacy/ Joseph Priestly College. Promotion of evening classes	No- due to lack of interest	
15	Community Safety	Lighting in ginnels at the back of Smithy Lane	No	
16	Community Safety	Pedestrian crossing entrance to Blackgates primary school	Yes	

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17	Community Safety	Traffic calming measures.		
18	Community safety	Shop Fronts	Yes ongoing	

## John O Gaunt's

	Priority	Action	Achieved	Success
1	Community Safety	Investigate problems of drug use on the estate and propose actions to address this	No. PCT restructure and staffing issues.	
2.	Community Safety	Bumpy in partnership with the Youth service and Wets Yorkshire Police	Yes	The project was a success, awaiting evaluation
3.	Young People	Youth shelter & Football Cage	Yes	Installation end of Feb
4.	Young People	Dazl Dance Sessions	Yes	Good attendance
5.	Young People	Intermediate youth club	No. Due to resources	
6.	Young people	Soft outside play area for Rose Farm Early Years Outreach	?	
7.	Environment	CAVA	Yes	Well received by local residents
8.	Environment	Community Garden	Due to be implemented	
9.	Environment	John O Gaunt's Junior In bloom	Project proposal created.	
10.	Community involvement	Community Day	?	?
11.	Community Involvement	Aim to establish a Resident Association	No. However representation on the Steering Group	

# Newlands and Denshaws

	Priority	Action	Achieved	Success
1	Drugs	Introduction of Needle Safe		
2	Drugs	Identify other ways of reducing Drugs Use	?	
3.	Drugs	Breaking the Cycle Project aimed at young people an adults on the estate	Yes. The project took place June 05	
4.	Drugs	Drug outreach project spending some time on the estate	?	
5.	Environment	Environmental improvements of waste land	Yes	?
6.	Environment	Agency Interaction days. Two clean up days a year	?	
7.	Environment	Self help gardening scheme	?	
8.	Environment	Plan of action to discourage Dog fouling	?	
9.	Environment	Environmental awareness Posters campaigne in partnership with the Primary School		
10	Environment	Encourage reporting of ASB Through leaflet Drop	Yes	
11	Environment	ENCAM's training for local residents	Yes	
12	Reducing ASB	Victim support outreach sessions	No. Sessions at Morley Town Hall fully booked.	
13	Reducing ASB	Intergenerational work: Hanging basket Project Cooking Courses Project	?	
14	Young People	Consultation with young people	Yes	A better understanding of issues effecting young people
15	Young People	Kick around area aimed at young people	No. Suitable location not found	
16	Young Peopl	Improvements to Lewisham park	Yes	Not completed
17	Young People	Cyber Café Tea time club	No. Issues to do with disability access.	
18	Young people	DAZL – Dance sessions	Yes	Good attendance
19	Young People	Promoting Healthy Eating. Allotment project and education in schools and with community groups	No	
20	Raising aspirations	CV Surgery	NO. Pilot on John O Gaunt's	
21	Raising aspirations	Outreach classes from Joseph Priestly College	Yes.	Flower arranging low attendance and the

22	Raising Aspiration	Single Parent advisor drop in sessions	No	classes had to fold.

# Phase 2

# **Oakwell and Fairfaxes**

	Priority	Action	Achieved	Success
1.	Crime and Anti Social	Establish a Neighbourhood		
	Behaviour	watch.		
2.	Crime and Anti Social	Increased patrols by Morley		
	Behaviour	Community Policing team.		
3.	Crime and Anti Social	Promotion of Format and		
	Behaviour	better integration with		
		Drighlington Parish Council		
		through a community event		
4.	The Environment	Changes to Street Cleaning programme		
5.	The environment	Review of household waste		
		and production and		
		collection		
6.	The Environment	Environmental day of action		
7.	Young People	Promotion of activities for	Yes. Through	Yes
		young people in Morley,	Morley Youth	Strengthen the
		through an open day event	Network	Morley Youth
		at Morley Town Hall		network and
				targeted
				several young
				people
8.	Young people	Outreach and detached	Yes	5 Youth
		youth work		workers
				appointed
0	Veune Deenle	Youth Shelter	No. Cuitable	10Hrs each
9.	Young People	rouin Sneiter	No. Suitable	
			area not	
10	Community recourse	Community Duilding for the	found.	
10	Community resource	Community Building for the		
		use of all community members		
11	Community Resource	Increase in No of		
		Neighbourhood Warden		
		PCSO in the area		

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	Priority	Action	Achieved	Success
1.	Crime and Anti Social	Establishment of a		
	Behaviour	Neighbourhood Watch		
2.	Crime and Anti Social	Project initiated to reduce		
	Behaviour	the number of house/ sheds		
		on the estate being burgled		
3.	The Environment	Multi Agency action/ clean		

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4. 5. 6.	Young People Young People Young People	up days. Possible Grimebusters model Community facility Youth shelter Bumpy		
7.	Young People	Promote youth activities through an event at Morley town Hall	Yes	Attracted many young people and strengthened Morley Youth Network
8.	Young people	Dazl Dance Classes	Yes	
9.	Community Resource	Increase in no. of PCSO's patrolling the area		

# Wood Lane

	Priority	Action	Achieved	Success
1.	Crime and Anti Social Behaviour	Task group set up for the wood lane estate looking at Crime and anti social behaviour		
2.	Crime and Anti Social Behaviour	Revive Wood Lane Neighbourhood watch		
3.	The Environment	Multi Agency action/ clean up day.		
4.	The Environment	Changes to Street Cleansing programme		
5.	The Environment	Environmental improvements to Manor Road Shops	Ongoing	
6.	The Environment	Promote environmental walk about		
7.	Young People	Youth shelter/ kick about area on the pastures		
8.	Young people	Joint project with youth service and Police on the estate for your people at risk of committing ASB		
9.	Young people	Publicise the Job shop drop in which takes place at Rothwell Library		
10	Young People	Encourage a wide variety of classes/ courses for young people near the estate possibly starting with Dazl.		
11.	Community Resource	Increase the Number of PCSO's in the area.		

# Appendix 2

Community Development Model for implementation.

Project	Action	Aim	Timescale	Outcome	Output
1) Audit of current situation	<ul> <li>Read up on consultation carried and statistical information available for the area.</li> <li>Read up on progress of NIP and problems occurs.</li> <li>Identify existing community groups, through links with agencies and Cllr's and local information sources</li> </ul>	To familiarize with issues affecting the local community at a grass route level and assess what is already established.	One week	Good understanding of local issues and will have learnt from past mistakes and problems which should save time in the long run.	n/a
2) Outreach work and encouraging people to get involved.*	NB. Initial outreach work will be to promote the Tenants & Residents Association (T&RA). Methods include: Visits to local groups such as Mums and Tots, Luncheon Clubs, local churches to identify peers who can promote the establishment of a resident Association. Targeted leaflet drop i.e. give out leaflets to mums leaving schools Mail drop Door Knock	To give every one in the community, including hard-to- reach groups the opportunity to get involved with their local community.	Initial activity 1 Month Ongoing through out the project	More people have the opportunity to get more involved with their local community.	X amount of people informed about the T&RA as a result of outreach work. Development of contact list for residents of specific area.

3) Setting up Tenants and Residents Association *	<ul> <li>To organize venue and where possible distribution of leaflets to all houses affected by the NIP.</li> <li>Set up a resident committee, identify issues that residents would like to be addressed, and consider ways how local residents can work with agencies to address such issues.</li> </ul>	For local residents to have a say on local issues that affect them and in turn support and empower residents to help towards improving their local area.	6 months of hands on support Further 6 months indirect support	Community involvement Capacity building Established and elected Resident Association Resident Association able to sustain local involvement and eventually take the place of the NIP as action and projects are identified at	X amount of people attend T&RA Elected representatives of the community Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
4) Communication	Explore different methods of communication with local residents to raise awareness of issues in the NIPs examples include Newsletter, posters, web sites. Encourage residents to take ownership of publishing whats going on in the area	Source of information for local residents so they can access local provision and share information.	4-8 months depending on the group and area.	meetings. Increased sense of community spirit and pride over the community as well as community cohesion. Capacity building	X amount of newsletters/ leaflets produced and distributed. X number of people involved with producing newsletter (or leaflets), which is an achievement for all involved. Increase in attendance of community groups.

5) Community Event	Plan and implement a community day in conjunction with local residents and agencies Mentoring and capacity building with local residents in organizing the event.	To provide a local event in partnership with residents and agencies that is enjoyed by the local community with clear outcomes. Vehicle for consultation.	2 months (one hour bi- weekly and preparation for group)	Community involvement Raising awareness about the NIPs. Increasing Capacity building Community pride Community cohesion. Residents feel equipped to plan the next event hemselves.	X number of attendees at the events. X Number of residents involved with the preparation and organizing of the event. X number of projects developed in partnership.
6)Training and capacity building	Soft training through mentoring of resident representatives in organization skills, raising confidence, communications etc. Signposting residents to formal training such as minute writing, basic account keeping, chair skills, mentoring and		12 Months	Raising peoples self esteem and aspirations. Sustainability for the Residents Association.	Number of residents sent on formal courses.

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# Project Proposal for Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

Name of Project	
<b>Brief</b> Short description of the project no more than two paragraphs include partners involved.	
<b>Aims</b> A brief discussion of what the project aims to achieve and discuss intended outcomes	
<b>Priorities</b> Please list which priorities from the NIP that the project covers	
<b>Outputs</b> No. of people involved, No of activities etc.	
<b>Project plan:</b> Length of project, dates etc	
Resources: Costs	
Contact Details	



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Report of the Director, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department

## **Outer South Area Committee**

## Date: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007

#### Subject: Care and Repair Garden Maintenance Service

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
Rothwell	Equality and Diversity
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Community Cohesion
	Narrowing the Gap
Council Delegated Executive Function for Call In	X Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

#### **Executive Summary**

The Outer South Area Committee agreed to commission the Care and Repair Garden Maintenance Service in 2006. This report details the progress the scheme has made including, number of referrals, percentage of satisfied customers and plans for 2007.

#### 1.0 Introduction

The garden maintenance service started in July 2006, covering the Rothwell, Robin Hood, Woodlesford and Lofthouse areas of Leeds. It is targeted at those aged 60 and over and disabled people. The service is carried out by the full-time gardener employed by Care & Repair, Emily Spencer (who started work in June 2006), assisted by a volunteer who worked on the service one day a week. The service offers basic garden maintenance, including hedge and lawn cutting, weeding and general tidying. A charge of £10 per hour is made.

#### 2.0 Funding

Funding for the service has been provided by the Outer South Area Committee and Greenfingers Leeds (through Leeds Social Services), and by charges made to customers. The details of the funding streams are included in the original business plan, prepared in January 2006.

#### 3.0 Referrals

- 3.1 Between July and the end of November 2006 a total of 193 visits have been carried out to 56 customers. 50 of these live in the Rothwell area and 6 in Lofthouse. The service was advertised in the following ways:
- 3.1.1 A leaflet was produced.
- 3.1.2 Two articles have appeared in the Rothwell Record magazine.
- 3.1.3 All local organisations, forums and local authority departments were approached and given information.
- 3.1.4 Rothwell Live at Home Scheme advertised the service to its members.
- 3.1.5 Rothwell in Bloom were consulted and given information.
- 3.1.6 Councillors in both wards were given information.
- 3.1.7 All current and former clients of Care and Repair who live in the area were given information.
- 3.1.8 The Chairperson of Care & Repair lives in Lofthouse and has distributed leaflets locally.
- 3.2 Of these 56 customers, 52 have stated that they will need the service on a regular basis next year.
- 3.3 The original business plan stated that 50 gardens would be treated in year 1. This target has been achieved (56 customers received the service), despite the fact that the service has only been running since July.

#### 4.0 Customer Feedback

All customers have been sent satisfaction surveys recently to complete, and so far 36 have replied. The results are as follows:

- 4.1 All 36 said they were happy with the service.
- 4.2 27 respondents said that the quality of the service was "very good", and the remaining 9 said "good".
- 4.3 33 of the respondents said that the approach of Care and Repair staff was "very helpful", and the remaining 3 said "helpful".
- 4.4 All 36 said they would use the service again.A selection of comments included on the satisfaction surveys is attached.

## 5.0 Plans for 2007

- 5.1 One important aim for 2007 is to increase the take-up rate from the Lofthouse area.
- 5.2 A publicity drive will be carried out in February and March to advertise the service, involving local councillors.
- 5.3 A vehicle is going to be purchased to use for the service, as opposed to hiring one.
- 5.4 The target number for 2007 is to increase the number of customers to 75 who will receive regular gardening.
- 5.5 Attempts will be made to secure some small commercial contracts, charged at a higher rate in order to increase the income for the service

#### 6.0 Conclusions

The service has been very successful in its first 6 months, and we are confident that we can build on it and extend it next year. The feedback from customers has been extremely positive and the service is obviously much appreciated by local residents. The gardener is an extremely good worker and is fully committed to developing the service. She has taken all of her annual leave and 3 weeks unpaid leave during the winter months, and has lots of ideas to develop the service in future.

#### 7.0 Recommendations

Members of the Outer South Area Committee are requested to:

(a) Note the contents of the report and consider any actions.

# Agenda Annex

