



WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

**Meeting to be held at the Fairfield Community Centre,
Fairfield Terrace, Bramley, Leeds LS13 3DQ
on Thursday, 20th September, 2007 at 9.00 a.m.**

Note: Map attached at the back of this agenda

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

J Harper	-	Armley
A Lowe	-	Armley
J McKenna	-	Armley
D Atkinson	-	Bramley and Stanningley
T Hanley	-	Bramley and Stanningley
N Taggart	-	Bramley and Stanningley

Co-opted Members

Jean Bedford	-	Bramley Forum
Hazel Boutle	-	Armley Forum
Peter Green	-	Bramley Forum
Morgan Pugh	-	Armley Forum

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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.

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>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)</p>	
2			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p>	
3			<p>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC</p> <p>To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public</p>	
4			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	
5			<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To declare any personal/prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 12 of the Members Code of Conduct</p>	

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6			<p>OPEN FORUM / COMMUNITY FORUMS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is also intended to submit under this item for information/discussion purposes the minutes of the local community forum meetings. The following sets of minutes are enclosed:</p> <p>(a) Bramley and Stanningley Community Forum - 31st May 2007. (b) Armley Forum - 17th July 2007.</p>	1 - 6
7			<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JUNE 2007 AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 28th June 2007 and to discuss any matters arising.</p>	7 - 16
8	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES - INNER WEST LEEDS</p> <p>To consider a report by the West Leeds Area Manager introducing Inspector Steve Thomas from the West Yorkshire Police Authority and Gill Hunter, Community Safety Officer who will give an update on the community safety issues in West Inner Leeds for the past six weeks.</p> <p>(Executive Function) (5 Mins)</p>	17 - 18

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9	All Wards		<p data-bbox="676 181 1310 248">WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE COMMUNITY CONTACT POINTS</p> <p data-bbox="676 293 1374 546">To consider a report by the Chief Community Safety Officer providing information on the West Yorkshire Police's current community contact points and summarises good practice. The Area Committee are asked to suggest further potential contact points and to support the use of Council premises identified in the report.</p> <p data-bbox="676 584 1278 618">(Council Function) (5 Mins)</p>	19 - 26
10	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley; Farnley and Wortley;		<p data-bbox="676 725 1034 759">NARROWING THE GAP</p> <p data-bbox="676 797 1366 904">To note and comment on the results of a recent survey of priority neighbourhoods in West Leeds as outlined in the submitted report.</p> <p data-bbox="676 943 1254 976">(Executive Function) 5 Mins</p>	27 - 56
11	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p data-bbox="676 1084 1238 1117">INNER WEST WELL-BEING BUDGET</p> <p data-bbox="676 1155 1382 1413">To consider a report by the West Leeds Area Manager to update Members on the current amount of capital and revenue funding committed and available via the Area Committee Well-being budget for Wards in the Inner West area and to seek approval for new and continuing projects commissioned by the Area Management Team.</p> <p data-bbox="676 1451 1270 1485">(Executive Function) 10 Mins</p>	57 - 72
12	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p data-bbox="676 1592 1406 1659">ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACTIVITY IN THE INNER WEST AREA</p> <p data-bbox="676 1697 1406 1917">To note a report by the Chief Environmental Health Officer providing information on the work of the West Leeds Environmental Health Team during the previous financial year. The report also provides information on the priorities of that team within their service plan for the coming year 2007/2008.</p> <p data-bbox="676 1955 1270 1989">(Executive Function) 10 Mins</p>	73 - 82

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13	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>CONSERVATION AREA REVIEWS</p> <p>To consider a report submitted by the Director of City Development and the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods providing information on Conservation Areas and recommends an approach to Conservation Area review.</p> <p>(Executive Function) 5 Mins</p>	83 - 90
14	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>REVIEW OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORKER</p> <p>To consider a report by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods detailing the progress and success of the Youth Development Worker's post in Inner West Leeds over the past 12 months in addressing the gap in youth service provision for those aged 9-13 years and in engaging with the voluntary and community sector.</p> <p>(Executive Function) 5 Mins</p>	91 - 94
15	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME WORKS FOR GROUNDWORK LEEDS</p> <p>To note a report by the West Leeds Area Manager to update Members on the actions and works undertaken by Groundwork Leeds in Inner West Leeds.</p> <p>(Executive Function) 10 Mins</p>	95 - 102
16	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Thursday, 25th October 2007 at 5.00 p.m. in the Stanningley Rugby Club.</p> <p>MAP OF VENUE attached – Fairfield Community Centre</p>	103 - 104

Agenda Item 6



Department of Environments &
Neighbourhoods
West Leeds Area Management

Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum Eric Atkinson Centre, Wellington Gardens. Bramley, Leeds

Date: Thursday 31st May 2007

Present: Cllr Denise Atkinson (Chair), G Forster, A Friebe, Green, JB Quimby, T Knapton, I Hobson, E & B Rayworth, P Ward, M Smith, J Upton, PCSO A Carroll, Inspector S Thomas, Jayne Learoyd, P Miles, S Withers, David Hill, Ruth Turner, Cllr N Taggart (part).

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr D Atkinson welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the residents/tenants who attended the Licensing panel re 'Best Wishes' and the application for a license. The application was successful but can only operate 9-5pm Mon – Sat.

1.02 **APOLOGIES** - Cllr, N. Taggart (till later), Cllr T Hanley, M Tyson, J Stringer.

2.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – agreed.

3.00 Matters Arising

3.01 (4.02) Litter Bins – Still not in place. Gavin Forster to follow up. Several issues were raised re. dumping at the Ganners and green bin problems. Ruth Turner to follow up with enforcement.

**GF
RT**

4.00 Policing Issues – Police and PCSOs – Sgt Steve Thomas

4.01 Reports in Evening Post re attempted abductions of children in the Bramley area:

Sgt ST informed the forum that this has been incorrectly reported – of the 4 reported incidents – only 1 showed any evidence of attempted abduction. This was then later proved to have been an invented story. A further attempt in Hawksworth, on a young girl is unsubstantiated at this time but may prove to be serious. ST commented that the Evening Post has been guilty of irresponsible reporting and there is a need to inform the Bramley residents of the true facts. The schools will inform parents after half term. Cllr DA commented that relying on pupil post in such a serious is unwise.

4.02 Positive news – Operation Navigation has been very successful.

4.03 Bramley is no longer a hotspot for priority crime. Compared to 2004 Burglary is down by 68% and priority crime down by 58%. This gives some perspective on crime in Bramley. However Bramley/Broadleas is still a hotspot for ASB/Criminal damage.

4.04 Evening Post reported Bramley as being 2nd worse in country for Burglary – ST explained this was an article about crime relating to University campuses and it was actually Burley/Woodhouse/Headingley being referred to.

4.05 There are now 12 PCSOs working in Bramley. Several forum members complimented and thanked the PCSOs for their work and the fast response time.

4.06 Operation Kickstart begins 1st June: this is an intelligence gathering campaign re the anti-social use of motorbikes etc in the Armley/Bramley area. Confidential number – 0113 241 4897 (voicemail). The actual operational launch follows on

1st July where actions will be taken based on evidence gathered. Cllr DA suggested informing BEA etc for inclusion in newsletters. New signs are to be placed in the area – GF to check this will be before July.

- 4.07 There was a report of street legal bikes using ginnel at Rossfield Approach/Ave as a short cut – Police to follow up.

PCSOs

5.00 Environmental Health Update and Q&A session – Ruth Turner

5.01 General number for EHS – 0845 124 0113

5.02 RT introduced the range of areas in which Environmental Health work: These include Noise nuisance, drainage(private only), odour, smoke/dust, refuse (private), licensing, Planning consultation, filthy & verminous premises, empty properties, partnership working eg Police, housing regeneration & repair(private), private rented housing inspections, home improvement loans (private), disabled facilities grants, care and repair etc.

5.03 Re. Complaints about noise at St Peter’s Court/Lord Cardigan Pub: RT informed the forum that a Noise Abatement Notice has been served which has been breached once. A further incidence will lead to prosecution.

5.04 Morrisons at Swinnow – the recycling centre there is very full of electrical equipment.

6.00 Area Committee co-optee elections

6.01 Jean Bedford and Peter Green were nominated for Co-optee to the Inner West Area Committee. They were subsequently elected to this position by the forum for a further year.

7.00 Inner Area Committee Co-opted Representative - feedback

7.01 No meetings since last forum.

8.00 Just Coffee People – David Hill

8.01 DH introduced Just Coffee People as a Social Enterprise and the only providers of Fairtrade tea & coffee based in Leeds. They offer training and work opportunities for people with disabilities especially learning difficulties but also those with mental health problems. They have recently gained funding from the Inner Area Committee but are working towards being self sustainable. Cllr DA suggested they run a stall at Bramley Carnival and to discuss supplying the Eric Atkinson centre/Fairfield Community Centre.

9.00 AOB

9.01 Gavin Forster to look into rumours re. Bramley Community centre.

9.02 Cllr DA mentioned 3 present planning applications; 2 of which Cllr DA supports – Westfield Mills and Springfield Mills. The third – Oak May Court – Cllr DA is objecting to.

9.03 Bramley Carnival 21/2nd July 2007.

10.00 Dates of meetings in 2007 - 26th July
27th September
29th November

GF

Armley Community Forum

Date: 17th July 2007

Present: Cllr Harper (Chair), R Boon, A Friebe, Cllr A Lowe(part), H & D Boutle, E Bowes, D & T Maynard, E & B Rayworth, G Shaw, F Zagajewski, B Holmes, J Grainger, J Gill, B & M Guthrie, P Kempster, M Southwell, J Parsons, J Ford, M Smith, Bernadette Azari, G Eastwood, W Eastwood, Aisha Iqbal, K Anderson, K Powell, H Gardiner, A Powell, J Macleod, Tonia Jones, M Bruce, H Shields, J Ramell, S & B Richmond, FH Smyth, M Litherland.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.00 APOLOGIES

2.01 Morgan Pugh, Cllr J McKenna, Dawn Newsome, I Penman, John Preston, K Donnelly, Amanda Willis, M Woodward, D Smith, D & M Stead, Sgt Boyes, I Broughton.

3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3.01 The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record with no amendments.

4.00 MATTERS ARISING

4.01 (4.01) Road not minuted as Nancroft Crescent. Cllr JH – the existing sign is attached to a private house so it may be that a further sign would entail extra prohibitive costs from Highways.

4.02 (5.06) Isabel Stephenson – the forum’s representative at West Leeds Gateway Board - not present. Cllr JH will contact her to ask if in her absence Tom Maynard can attend Board meetings if the forum agree to this. The forum agreed.

5.00 POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

5.01 Area has been reasonably quiet of late : Police have paid particular attention to Salisbury’s recently. No Salisbury residents present to comment.

5.02 Cllr JH passed a message on from Cllr JM about a knife attack on a young girl on Ley Lane. PCSO was aware and understood the matter to be in hand.

5.03 Report of a prate radio station at Burnsalls – linked to drugdealing. PCSO not aware and will investigate.

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5.04 Red Court fire: This is being investigated – however planning permission is going through so the site should be made secure soon.

5.05 Empty property on Arnley Grange Mt (ex-nursing home) is being used for drugdealing/taking. This has been reported to Neighbourhood Watch but no action taken. PCSO to follow up.

PCSO

5.06 Reports of ‘lively’ activity around Little Scotland inc. joy-riding. PCSO aware that there are 2 families who are being evicted shortly and this may be an attempt at going out in a ‘blaze of glory’. PCSO to pass details on to traffic.

PCSO

6.00 Library Service: what’s on offer to the local community - Bernadette Azari

6.01 BA – is a new Development Librarian – tasked to ask community what they want from the service. The service is not just access to books but also free access to information of all kinds. There are many on-line services/resources available and also free training etc.

- 6.02 Directgov – help to access public information eg finding child care, pay road tax.
www.direct.gov.uk
- 6.03 Enquiry express: based in Central library – also provide public information – can ring 0113 247 6016 or email enquiry.express@leeds.gov.uk
- 6.04 Job Seekers advice: there will be advice sessions on Saturdays at Armley giving help with CVs etc. There is also a job board in the library.
- 6.05 Computer learning Sessions: including internet and email use, WORD etc.
- 6.06 Leodis.net: This website contains information about old Leeds including photographs, history, newspapers.
- 6.07 The library is also accessible 24 hrs a day via the internet – and if you don't have a computer at home the library has PCs you can use.

7.00 Farnells – An International Company working in the local community – Frank Zagajewski

- 7.01 FZ gave a brief introduction on Farnells: They have 2 sites in Armley – Armley Rd and Maybrook. Globally they employ approx. 6,000 staff and their turnover is approx \$1 billion. Locally they employ 900 of whom 80% are from the Armley/Bramley area. The stock is held at Maybrook site and the electrical components are delivered within UK and Europe within 24 hrs from here. The distribution site is very large and impressive – tours can be arranged.
- 7.02 As a company Farnells are keen to become involved with local community. They already employ local offenders. They have also been involved in a garden project with AHH and a clear-up at Charliecake park. They have a volunteers who are willing to become involved in other projects eg can offer marketing resources to local groups. They are also renovating a derelict building on Forge Lane which may then be available as a local resource. Please contact FZ for more information: FZagajewski@Premierfarnell.com
- 7.03 Work experience placements/getting back into employment: FZ – at the Maybrook site they are considering similar themes – again contact Farnells for more detail.
- 7.04 There are no plans to expand either site at present – there will be internal refurbishment at Maybrook however.
- 7.05 Volunteers to help set up at Armley Funday: FZ will ask workforce but given short notice may not be possible. AF to email FZ with flyer.

AF

8.00 Linton Homes – Malcolm Moss (Late item)

- 8.01 MM explained the plans that Linton have for the site of the old Theaker Lane Clinic. Linton were hoping to build 21 apartments but due to the statutory requirement for affordable housing – 14 seems the only viable way forward for them now. These will be ½ bedroomed and sell for under £100K. The apartments will fit into the exact footprint of the old clinic and will also include 6 internal carpark spaces. The build will be 1 – 2 stories high and if planning permission is granted in August 2007, work will commence in Spring 2008.

9.00 Any other business

- 9.01 Cllr JH showed the plans for the new build at 37 Moorfield Rd : 30 crash pads/15 carpark spaces. The forum felt this was too much for such a small site and too high ie 4 stories. Cllr Harper sent the following email to Lynsey Brownutt: 'I took the above plans to the Armley Forum where there were about 50 people present. Cllr Lowe was also there. There was a unanimous feeling that this is too intensive. Armley is an Area where we could be building Family homes and it was felt that 2 and 3 bed appts/town houses would be more acceptable. There was tremendous opposition to the 4 storey element and the blank gable end. I think it would be helpful to have a meeting with all 3 Councillors when you have had a word with the developer and, hopefully come back with a smaller scheme'.

- 9.02 Cllr JH – The Malt Shovel Public House has applied for permission to erect 2 canvas canopies for ‘smoking’ in the ‘beer garden’. This was voted on – 3 in favour, 1 against.
- 9.03 Hazel Boutle gave feedback from Inner West Area Committee. This was the first in the new financial year – the elections to the committee were covered. There were also reports from the Police, Parks & Countryside, Area Management and WNW Homes. Wellbeing fund: 2 projects were commissioned.
- 9.04 Armley Funday is Wednesday 25th July at Armley Moor – 1-4pm
- 9.05 There has been a lot of new graffiti appearing in area – to email Cllr JH with details.
- 9.06 Grow your own Food Day is Saturday 11th August 10-1pm at Armley moor.
- 9.07 20mph zone – Colton Rd/Hall Rd – needs signage.
- 9.08 Mistress Lane – speeding cars reported. PCSOs to inform traffic.
- 9.10 Cllr AL – has had complaints from a resident of flats over Anyans (Town St) re lack of parking. Cllr JH – when applied for Planning permission – they agreed to lack of parking spaces.
- 9.11 Taxis still using The Gang – this is an ongoing issue.
- 9.12 The Cedar binyard improvements will hopefully improve the recycling situation. The walls will be lowered but with railings will still be 2m high. Residents will also be invited to contribute towards the cost of their binyards being restored meaning all can be done.

PCSO

**10:00 DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 18th SEPTEMBER 7pm AOSC
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO FORUM IN
AUGUST.**

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WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 28TH JUNE, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor D Atkinson in the Chair

Councillors T Hanley, J Harper, A Lowe,
J McKenna and N Taggart

Co-optees: J Bedford - Bramley & Stanningley Forum
H Boutle - Armley Forum
P Green - Bramley & Stanningley Forum
M Pugh - Armley Forum

1 Appointment of Chair

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report outlining the arrangements for the annual selection of the Chair of the Area Committee.

In accordance with the agreed procedure, the Chief Democratic Services Officer reported that a nomination for the Chair had been received on behalf of **Councillor D Atkinson** and those Elected Members present at the West Inner Area Committee meeting were asked to take a formal vote.

RESOLVED - That following an overall majority of votes cast by those Elected Members present at the meeting eligible to vote, **Councillor D Atkinson** be elected as Chair of the West (Inner) Area Committee for the 2007/2008 Municipal Year.

2 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the West Inner Area Committee for the 2007/2008 municipal year and expressed sincere thanks to the former Chair, Councillor Janet Harper for all her hard work during her year as Chair of the West Inner Area Committee.

3 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor J McKenna.

4 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Lowe declared a personal interest in Item 16, due to her position on the West North West ALMO Board.

5 Open Forum / Community Forums

The agenda made reference to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure Rules for an Open Forum Session at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee, for members of the public to ask questions or to make representations on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. As there were no members of the public present, no issues were raised.

The minutes of the Armley Community Forum meetings held on 20th March, 17th April and 15th May 2007 were submitted for information and noted.

The minutes of the Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum meeting held on 29th March 2007 were also submitted for information and noted.

6 Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th March 2007

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

7 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Wyther Community Centre (Minute 83 refers)

Steve Crocker, West Leeds Area Manager informed the meeting that the former sponsors **Stellabrook Construction** had now withdrawn their funding to support the **Twilight Twirlers** upkeep for the use of the **Wyther Community Centre**. Unfortunately, West Area Management have already put a great deal of work on the lease for their use of the building. In conclusion, Members were informed that the Twilight Twirlers have now been offered a letting for one year at a cost of £1,500.

Members from both Wards informed the meeting that they had recently received a request for MICE money from the Twilight Twirlers.

Footpaths and Ginnels Closures/Gating Orders (Minute 85 refers)

Paul Dishman, West Leeds Area Co-ordinator, informed the meeting that the work on the **Nancroft Mount alleygating scheme** was almost completed with full resident approval and Planning permission sought for installation in August and residents had thanked the Community Safety Co-ordinator for their work. It was reported that **Wellington Mount ginnel** was the next area to focus on.

RESOLVED - That the West Area Manager be instructed to monitor the lease for the Wyther Community Centre building very closely and keep Members informed.

8 Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report and appendices outlining the Committee's role in relation to its Elected Member appointments

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to community and local engagement category appointments to outside bodies which had been delegated to the Area Committee to appoint.

It was reported at the meeting that the **West Leeds Family Service Unit** no longer existed and it was confirmed by the Chair that she had not been contacted by the organisation at all last year. Therefore, it was decided that no appointment should be made to West Leeds Family Service Unit.

RESOLVED - That Councillor J Harper be appointed to **Bramley Sure Start** for the 2007/08 municipal year.

9 Introduction of the Locality Co-ordinator for Children and Equal Opportunities

Steve Crocker, West Leeds Area Manager introduced Amanda Jackson, Locality Co-ordinator for Children and Equal Opportunities, Children's Services for West Leeds.

Amanda Jackson addressed the meeting and informed Members that she hoped to be in regular attendance at West (Inner) Area Committee meetings but at the moment she is based at Merrion House and will soon be based around the West Leeds area.

The Chair welcomed Amanda Jackson to her first meeting with the West (Inner) Area Committee.

10 Appointment of Co-optees to West Inner Area Committee

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report which sought approval for the annual appointment of co-opted Members to the West (Inner) Area Committee.

Members were reminded that the Area Committee could appoint up to 5 co-optees and that Hazel Boutle and Morgan Pugh were nominated by the Armley Community Forum and Jean Bedford and Peter Green by the Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum.

RESOLVED – That the following be formally appointed as Co-optees to the West (Inner) Area Committee:

Hazel Boutle – Armley Community Forum

Morgan Pugh – Armley Community Forum

Jean Bedford – Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum

Peter Green – Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum

11 Area Functions Schedules 2007/2008

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on the Area Functions Schedule 2007/08. The report gave details on the updated

Area Function Schedules and detailed the budgets available for delegated services for 2007/08.

The delegated functions to the Area Committee as at Appendix 1 attached to the report, included the following:

- Youth Service
- Community Centres
- CCTV Cameras
- Neighbourhood Wardens
- Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)
- Waste Management – Recycling Banks
- Public Conveniences
- Well-Being Budgets

Steve Crocker, West Leeds Area Manager pointed out at the meeting that in addition to the Well-Being Fund figures, the **Executive Board** have agreed a £500,000 one off release of **General Fund Reserves** at its meeting in April 2007 to accommodate a further **£50,000** allocation for each of the ten Area Committees on a non recurring basis and reiterated that this element of the Well-Being budget must be spent in the current financial year.

It was also pointed out that this extra allocation which has been added to the revenue Well-Being budget and is to be **earmarked** by the Executive Board **for two areas of strategic importance** for the Council as a whole. These are:

- To carry out a **conservation area review** of conservation areas in their geographical area (this is a **Best Value indicator** for the Council and it is felt that it is best addressed at a local level) and,
- Introducing **residents' only parking/extra parking provision** in particular areas of concern.

Members felt that they needed to know more about the General Fund Reserves and why there had been this surplus. It was also felt that the extra 2% revenue well-being allocation was actually a cut in the well-being budget as it is below inflation. Members also objected to being told how the money must be spent.

Members queried how much the **ALMO** had contributed towards the **funding of a Neighbourhood Warden** as this was not in their original budget. Members also reported that they were being inundated with telephone calls from residents complaining that the renovations to their properties varied dramatically, as some properties had been supplied with entirely new kitchens, bathrooms, new windows etc and other residents who may live on the opposite side of the street, have now been informed that there is a shortage of money to complete these renovations to the same standard, yet they are expected to pay the same amount of rent as those tenants who have had full renovation work completed.

In response, Steve Crocker informed the meeting that one of the Wardens for the West Inner area has been funded from money that comes from Central Government. The cost per year for each Warden is £28,000. A second Warden had been funded for Fairfield through the Safer and Stronger Communities funding. Two more Wardens had been funded for New Wortley, one through the West Inner Area Committee budget and the other funded by West/North West Homes Leeds. The crime figures are now down in this area and it is mainly due to the Wardens doing a good job for the area.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That approval be given to the updated Area Function Schedules for 2007/08.
- (ii) That the West Leeds Area Manager be requested to supply all Members of the Area Committee with:-
 - (a) Details of the source of additional funding of £50,000 for each Area Committee and,
 - (b) Details of the source of funding contributed by West North West Homes.

12 Community Safety Issues

Inspector Steve Thomas from West Yorkshire Police gave an update on Community Safety issues in the West Leeds area for the past six weeks and informed the meeting that **crime figures continue to reduce** and that there are no significant peaks or troughs to report. It was also reported that the Raynviles and Broadleas continue to be the hot spot areas of crime and anti-social Behaviour.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- The alleged indecency incident and the co-operation given to Police via the schools involved to brief parents on the incident.
- The recent arrests on the **Fairfield estate** which led to the closure of crack houses.
- The need to deal with the nuisance caused by youths on motorbikes.
- The use of CCTV cameras in the **Bramley Shopping Centre** and whether there are other areas in Bramley that may warrant CCTV cameras.

Members expressed their delight that crime figures in their Wards are down and their gratitude to Inspector Thomas for the recent Police visits in Bramley. It was also reported that two really good operations had taken place on the **Fairfield and Broadlea estates** which also involved a local MP and the West Leeds Area Manager. The operation involved Police Officers knocking on doors talking and listening to what people had to say about their area. Residents were also informed about '**Smart Water**' a UV based liquid for identifying property.

Members reported that an ideal spot for a CCTV camera would be at the elderly residents establishment at **Ashlea Court** as there had recently been a mugging just by the Globe Public House. In response, Officers informed the meeting that a key issue is the cost of establishing CCTV schemes linked to LeedsWatch and the associated revenue costs which have to be met that requires up to date statistical data to support the case. Members requested that Inspector Thomas monitor crime levels in this area.

Inspector Thomas also gave a brief presentation on the Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) Armley application referred to in Appendix 1 of the Well-Being Budget application for funding (Minute 13 refers).

A lengthy discussion ensued and specific reference was made to the following issues:

- Members referred to numerous assaults which occurred outside the Kentucky Fried Chicken, the petrol station on **Tong Road** and various assaults and anti-social behaviour outside a number of licensed premises and fast food shops on **Armley Town Street**.
- Members also expressed their concern at the increase in the number of bookmakers on Armley Town Street. It was reported that during the day people seem to congregate outside the bookmaker premises drinking alcohol.
- It was also felt that major violent crimes and murder should be resourced by the Police Authority as it is crime that should be a priority of the Police.
- Members felt that the Police do not use the new Licensing Laws as they feel that they have a lot of powers of their own now. For example, the Police made no objections to the license for the **Upstairs Downstairs Nightclub** as no-one from the Police Authority attended that Licensing Committee meeting where local Ward Members had put their objections forward.
- It was also report that there is a huge problem of alcohol fuelled crime in and around the **Lord Cardigan Public House** especially in the summer and in the hot weather. As early as 6.20 p.m. patrons start throwing bottles into the car park causing problems for the elderly in **St Michael's Court and St Peter's Old People's Homes** which often carries on until 2.00 a.m. or even 3.00 a.m. in the early hours of the morning.
- The Area Committee agreed that a letter of complaint should be sent on behalf of this Area Committee to the Rt Hon Jack Straw MP, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor expressing this Committee's views in relation to the lack of serious sentences handed out to offenders.

The Chair thanked Inspector Thomas for his attendance.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That Inspector Thomas be requested to organise a similar operation for the Armley area and to attend the Armley Forum to promote the use of 'Smart Water'.

- (iii) That the Area Manager be instructed to write a letter on behalf of this Area Committee expressing their views in relation to the lack of serious sentences handed out to offenders to Mr Jack Straw, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor.

(Note: Councillor Taggart arrived at the meeting at approximately 5.40 p.m. during discussions regarding the above item)

13 Inner West Area Committee Well-Being Budget

The West Leeds Area Manager submitted a detailed report providing details of the amount of Well-Being capital and revenue funding available for the 2007/08 financial year and the commitments already approved.

Rebecca Boon presented the report and Inspector Thomas gave a brief presentation regarding Appendix 1 – Designated Public Places Order application (Minute 12 refers).

Detailed discussion on the report and appendices followed.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the report and information appended to the report, which includes the available balance of the Area Committee's revenue and capital Well-Being Budgets, be noted.
- (ii) That approval be given to the funding for those projects approved in previous years as outlined in paragraphs 3.0, 3.1 and 4.0 of the submitted report.
- (iii) That the following decisions be made in relation to **revenue** projects as detailed in the appendices attached to the submitted report:
 - (i) Designated Public Places Order - **£12,090 - Approved**
 - (ii) Back on Track Project - **£1,600 – Approved**
- (iv) That the Small Grants proposals, as detailed in paragraph 6.1, which have been approved since the last meeting of the Area Committee be noted.
- (v) That approval be given to allocate the sum of **£3,000** for skips to allow for the purchase of skips throughout the 2007/08 municipal year.
- (vi) That approval be given to allocate the sum of **£2,000 per Ward** for Small Grant applications from Extended Schools Cluster as outlined in paragraph 7.1 of the submitted report.
- (vii) That approval be given to allocate the sum of **£5,000** for the cost of contributing to community engagement and consultation events as outlined in paragraph 8.1 of the submitted report.
- (viii) That the contents of the appended report from Listening Ear be received and noted.

14 Parks and Countryside Update for Inner West Leeds

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report which informed the Area Committee of a presentation which would give an update on the following issues concerning Parks and Countryside.

- The work of the service generally, including updates on quality assessments, satisfaction survey etc
- The work of the service within the area, including area specific updates on projects, quality assessments, satisfaction survey etc and,
- Plans and aspirations for the area.

Also appended to the report was a copy of the presentation.

The Chair welcomed Phil Staniforth to the meeting who gave the Area Committee an update on Parks and Countryside across Leeds and particularly in the West Inner area.

Phil Staniforth informed the meeting that in line with the 79% score on the National Satisfaction Survey, Leeds has now moved up two places on the Chart.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the contents of the report and presentation be received and noted.
- (ii) That the Chief Recreation Officer be requested to supply all Members of the West Inner Area Committee with details of the following:
 - a list of the amount being spent in other Leeds parks compared with the parks in the Armley and Bramley & Stanningley Wards
 - a list of the ten Leeds Quality parks and Green Flag parks
 - a list of Section 106 money being spent on parks in the Armley and Bramley & Stanningley Ward.

15 Area Panel Nominations for West Inner Leeds

The Strategic Landlord submitted a report which requested the nomination of Elected Members to the Area Panels of the West North West ALMO Board. Members were reminded of the ALMO review which reduced the number of ALMOs and of the Area Panels that had been created and would cover the Inner West area.

Appended to the report was a copy of the Area Panel Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED - That Councillors McKenna and Taggart be appointed to the ALMO Inner West Area Panel.

16 Inner West ALMO Update

The Chair welcomed Claire Warren, Chief Executive of Leeds West/North West Homes who submitted a report which gave an outline of the presentation. The presentation included Leeds West Homes year end performance, transitional arrangements and formation of the new ALMO Company, current performance and future challenges and future working arrangements between the Area Committee and West/North West Homes Leeds.

A discussion ensued and Claire Warren responded to Members' questions and comments.

In summary, the main issues raised were as follows:

- Formation of the new ALMO – to be given a full list of the memberships for the ALMO Board, its Sub Groups and the Area Panels and requested a full list be sent to all West Inner Area Committee Members.
- Area Panels/Budget and responsibilities – Members requested information on the budget and responsibilities.
- Current and Future Challenges/Customer Satisfaction Survey - Members felt that 72% satisfaction was too low and that parity for decent homes was not being met especially on the recent home improvements issue. It was felt that work already completed by the contractors needs to be rechecked for customer satisfaction. It was also felt that there should be more consultation with tenants on choice.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the contents of the report and presentation be received and noted.
- (ii) That the Chief Executive, West/North West Homes Leeds be instructed to supply Members of the Area Committee with a full list of memberships for the ALMO Board, its Sub Groups and the Area Panel.
- (iii) That the Chief Executive, West/North West Homes Leeds be instructed to give details of the budget and responsibilities to all Members of the Area Committee via email.

(Note: Councillor Hanley left the meeting at 7.10 p.m. during discussion of the above item)

17 Area Manager's Report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report to inform Members of progress on a number of projects in West Leeds as follows:

- The regeneration of the West Leeds Gateway
- The proposed improvements to Armley Town Street
- The Leeds Bradford Corridor studies
- The Fairfield Local Area Management plan
- The Local Enterprise Growth Initiative proposals for West Leeds

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to be held on Thursday, 20th September, 2007

- The results of the recent survey of priority neighbourhoods in West Leeds
- The analysis of how far the Area Committee are in narrowing the gap between the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods

Steve Crocker, West Leeds Area Manager presented the report and responded to Members' questions and comments.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the progress to date on the West Leeds Gateway be noted.
- (ii) That the Area Committee endorses the need to establish project governance arrangements.
- (iii) That the Area Committee endorses the proposed programme of work for the West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Team 2007/08.
- (iv) That the progress on the plans for Armley Town Street and the Town Street heritage plans be noted.
- (v) That the Area Committee supports the continued joint working with Bradford MDC and METRO.
- (vi) That the Area Committee supports the application by the LEGI Programme Board to secure LEGI investment for West Leeds.
- (vii) That the results of the neighbourhood given in the most deprived areas be deferred to the September 2007 Area Committee meeting.

18 Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings

RESOLVED – That the following be approved:

Date	Time	Venue
20 th September 2007	9.00 a.m.	Fairfield Community Centre
25 th October 2007	5.00 p.m.	Stanningley Rugby Club
6 th December 2007	9.00 a.m.	Armley One Stop Shop
7 th February 2008	5.00 p.m.	Fairfield Community Centre
3 rd April 2008	9.00 a.m.	Stanningley Rugby Club



Originator: Gill Hunter

Tel: 224 3200

Report of the West Leeds Area Manager

Inner West Leeds Area Committee

Date: 20th September 2007

Subject: Community Safety Issues, Inner West Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:
Armley
Bramley and Stanningley

Ward Members consulted

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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

Executive Summary

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.0 This report enables a West Yorkshire Police representative and Gill Hunter to give an update on Community Safety Issues in Leeds for the past 6 weeks.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is responsible for delivering actions to reduce crime and disorder in the West Wedge. It is made up of representatives from key statutory agencies who also have representation on Inner and Outer West Tasking teams.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Community Safety is one of the priority areas for the Area Committee. Regular reports are received from West Yorkshire Police on key issues and activity in the Inner West Area.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

4.1 Tackling crime and disorder and addressing the fear of crime is a top priority for the citizens of Leeds as evidenced by previous consultation undertaken on a citywide and local level.

4.2 The citywide community safety partnership, Safer Leeds, has identified a number of key priority themes for 2005 – 2008. These are:

- Acquisitive Crime;
- Anti-social behaviour;
- Drugs;
- Reassurance;
- Violent Crime;

Locally delivered actions will contribute to these priorities. In addition Operation Champion has been rolled out throughout the city and will be targeting hot spot areas by police division.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

5.1 The West Area Management Team includes an officer with specific responsibilities for Community Safety who co-ordinates activity and acts as the link officer with West Yorkshire Police.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 Crime and Community Safety is a priority for the Area Committee, and a representative from West Yorkshire Police, North West Division, attends the Inner West Area Committee meetings to provide a regular update on key issues.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Members are asked to note the update from West Yorkshire Police.



Originator: Andy Mills

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Report of the Chief Community Safety Officer

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 20th September 2007

Subject: West Yorkshire Police Community Contact Points

Electoral Wards Affected:
All wards in Leeds

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

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

Executive Summary

The report provides information on West Yorkshire Police's current community contact points and summarises good practice. It asks area committees to suggest further potential contact points, and to support the use of council premises if these are so identified.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

The purpose of this report is to inform Members about West Yorkshire Police's community contact points, to seek Area Committee input into selecting further contact points (based on an evaluation of good practice) and to support the use of any council premises so identified.

2.0 Background Information

In line with local government reform, the police are seeking to improve the ways in which they can be contacted by and engage with the public. One aspect of this is the use of "contact points" based in communities rather than traditional police stations. (Note that this is different to police attendance at forums).

3.0 Issues for the area committee

- 3.1 Appendix 1 is an extract from an internal West Yorkshire Police (county-wide) review of its contact points. The summary indicates best practice. The most important point is the first one – the contact points should be located where people will go anyway. The arrangements range from the simple to the sophisticated – joint arrangements for sharing premises with other agencies. Some examples include joint surgeries with ward Members.
- 3.2 Appendix 2 provides information on current arrangements (note that these were correct at the time of writing but the most up-to-date versions can be found on the relevant Neighbourhood Policing Team webpage – see <http://www.wypnpt.org/>). Specific information on dates has not been included here; the purpose of the list is not to give the full details of contact points but to start a consideration of locations that may improve on these).
- 3.3 Through their local knowledge, Members may be able to propose other potential contact points or indeed be interested in developing further joint arrangements. Any suggestions from the area committee should be passed to the local Neighbourhood Policing Team, and the committee is asked to endorse the use of those locations as contact points (especially where these are council premises) if the police follow through on its suggestion. Note that the police's capacity to service further - rather than different – points might be an issue.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

There are no implications for policy or governance.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

There are no legal and resource implications unless council premises are identified and resources requested to enable their use as contact points. In such cases the implications will be an issue for the relevant service and asset management. This report is not seeking funding for contact points from the area committee.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 The use of contact points by the police is part of both the neighbourhood policing and the localization agendas.
- 6.2 West Yorkshire Police have identified good practice as to operating contact points.
- 6.3 Members may be able to identify opportunities for further good contact points within their wards.

7.0 Recommendation

Members are asked to consider this report and identify any further suitable contact points to the relevant Neighbourhood Policing Team, and the area committee is requested to support the use of identified premises for this purpose.

Community Contact Points – Examples of Good Practice (Extract)

A key aspect for Neighbourhood Policing Teams is the opportunity for face-to-face contact with the public to discuss local problems, many of which are suitable for NPT intervention on a problem-solving basis. Community contact points have a vital role to play in this process.

A survey of existing contact points around the force area in March 2006 revealed some inconsistency around the force, in that some NPTs had fixed regular contact points, whereas others had regular or non regular flexible points. At the Quality of Service Commitments Project Board on 21st June 2006, DCC Hodson agreed that as a general principle, all NPTs should have at least one fixed regular contact point per month, to provide some consistency and clarity for members of the community.

Summary of Good Practice

- “Watering Holes” – arrange contact points where people would congregate naturally, in areas that are a focal point for the community and that are likely to be visited for other purposes. E.g. regular coffee mornings, supermarkets, libraries. Using supermarkets etc for contact points has often resulted in issues being raised that are not of a local nature, due to visitors not always living in the locality. However, from a public reassurance point of view, it does give the member of the public the satisfaction of having been able to speak to somebody about his or her issue.

Divisions also need to be aware that the positioning of a contact point could preclude certain members of the community from attending. E.g. using church rooms may put off people not of that faith from attending. In Thornton (Bradford North), they have also experienced that where a contact point was based in church rooms, the church was against having computers installed in the premises.

- Joint initiatives - contact points that are jointly run with other partnerships tend to be more effective, in terms of being able to suggest and offer solutions to problems raised at the time.
- If residents won't come to you, go to them - e.g. a Reassurance Mapping Project on the Rivers Estate at Airedale/Ferry Fryston, Castleford. This is a previous mining community where the residents historically have tended not to engage with the police. The police turned the tables around by knocking on doors and speaking to residents to find out what local problems existed. This was followed up by a proper action plan and an initiative to deal with the problems. Without this the trust gained by the police would have gone.
- Flexibility with opening times - most contact points are only open during office hours, but feedback suggests that this excludes many people in employment with regular hours. Some divisions are currently experimenting with opening some contact points in evenings. However the concern is that these hours may then preclude the elderly from

attending. Possibly the solution could be to alternate day time opening and evening opening of some individual contact points. The disadvantage of this is that premises that open in the evenings are harder to find when looking for accommodation to host community contact points.

- Creativity with staffing - in most Divisions, contact points are staffed using primarily PCSOs, to leave Police Officers free to deal with core business. In Bradford Community Safety area and especially in Keighley Division, Inspector Tony Walker set up community contact points staffed by Police Volunteers. The Volunteers receive training on routing enquiries and complaints and so far have fielded many complaints and enquiries, which previously would have gone to Help Desks. A further advantage of staffing the contact points with volunteers rather than PCSOs was that it left the PCSOs free to do proactive community work.
- Publicity – contact points need to be well publicised, particularly those that are not at a fixed point and not held regularly. Different methods of publicising have been used, such as advertising in local papers, force web site, through Neighbourhood Watch schemes etc.

Accommodation - Often the acquisition or leasing of non-police accommodation, or leasing of police accommodation to other partners is involved in the setting up or continuance of any contact points.

Conclusions

The findings of the research to date identify that the organisation does not have a corporate response to the running of Community Contact Points, particularly in relation to maintaining records of visitors to contact points, information obtained and resulting actions.

Community Contact Points are a form of engagement activity. The force has a Community Engagement Policy and work to date has identified that there are varying degrees of engagement activity taking place. What is apparent is that as an organisation, we do not have systems and processes that allow us to capture our engagement and operational activity. We need to be able to audit that activity and to capture 'who, what, why, where, when and how' it takes place. Proposals have been suggested around the development of an information hub to address this problem, linked to recording key individual networks.

Inspector Penny Abson – HQ Community Safety 5/3/07

Current NPT Contact Points

City & Holbeck

Rothwell: Every Thursday between 4pm and 6pm at Rothwell Library, Marsh Street, Rothwell Centre.

Middleton: Every Wednesday between 2.30pm and 4pm at the St George Centre Middleton. Every Thursday between 2pm and 3pm at the Middleton Family Centre at 256-262 Sissons Road Middleton, a joint surgery with the Leeds South Homes housing representative.

Belle Isle: Between 1130am and 1pm every second Monday at the Belle Isle Family Centre (St Barnabus Church, Belle Isle Road).

Methley: Every second Wednesday of the month between 4pm and 6pm at the Methley Community Centre.

Drighlington: On a weekly basis on Saturdays from 1030am to 1130am at the Drighlington Library, Moorland Road, Drighlington.

Gildersome: Every Saturday on a bi-weekly basis from 10am - 12am at the Gildersome Library.

Ardsley: Every Wednesday from 12 noon to 2pm at East Ardsley Community Centre, Main Street, East Ardsley.

Morley Police Station: The Morley Police Station Help desk is open from 8am - 8pm every weekday from Monday to Friday, and from 10am - 6pm Saturdays. The Help Desk is closed Sundays.

Officers are available to speak to at the following locations on a weekly basis:

Mondays....3pm to 5pm St Lukes Church Malvern Road **Beeston**

Wednesdays....3pm to 5pm Co-Op Town Street **Beeston**

Fridays...4pm to 5pm St Matthews Community Centre St Matthews Street **Holbeck**

City NPT Contact Points: The HUV contact point takes place each Wednesday between 12pm and 2pm at the Round Foundry Media Centre, David Street.

Pudsey Weetwood

Ireland Wood, Tinshill, Cookridge, Adel & Holt Park: (ASDA at Holt Park).

The police contact point at the stables Adel is being discontinued due to lack of attendance. A new venue for the Adel contact point will be the Adel War Memorial Club.

Horsforth (Morrisons on Town Street): Police contact point between 11am to 1pm.

Yeadon & Rawdon: The Morrisons surgery is held on every Wednesday 11am - 12 noon.

Guiseley: Morrisons, Otley Rd 12 noon - 1pm. Surgeries run on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Otley: every Tuesday at Otley Library, Nelson St, Otley 2pm - 4pm.

Pool: 10am - 12 noon on the fourth Thursday of every month at The Methodist Church Hall,

Bramhope: The Robert Craven Memorial Hall between 10am and 11am.

Armley: Armley One Stop Centre, Town Street, Armley, Thursdays, 10am - 12 noon.
Armley Mosque, Brooklyn Terrace between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

The Armley Street Wardens Surgery is held on Monday mornings 10 - 10:30am at Wortley Community Centre on Green Lane/Tong Road. PCSOs do not attend this on a regular basis.

The Raynville surgery will be held at Hollbush Primary school.

Bramley: every Tuesday 10am-12pm at the Bramley Housing Office, Town St, Bramley.
The Fairfield Police Surgery will be held once a month at Fairfield Community Centre, Fairfield Terrace.

The Rossfield surgery will be held at St. Peters Church.

There is also a surgery held at Whitecote primary School for parents and local residents.

Pudsey & Swinnow: Pudsey One Stop Shop, Pudsey Town Hall between 10am - 12pm.
A Police Surgery is held at St James' Church.

Tyersal: Tyersal Social Club on Wednesdays between 7pm and 9pm.

Tyersal Road at 7.30pm until 9pm.

Farsley: The Police Surgery is held at Farsley Library.

Calverley & Rodley: Calverley Methodist Church, *Chapel Street*.

Farnley: Police Surgery at Cow Close Library

Police Surgery at St James Church Hall, New Farnley on Thursdays 10am until 12 noon.
Police Surgery at St Michael and all Angels Church Hall on Tuesdays 6pm until 8pm.

Wortley: Police Surgery at St John's Church, *Dixon Lane* Wortley at 5pm to 7pm.

The Gambles: Police Surgery is held between 10am-12noon at the Library on *Heights Drive*

North East Leeds

Wetherby - Town Hall

Wetherby school gate contacts:

St. James Primary 3.00pm to 3.20pm

Crossley St. Primary 3.00pm to 3.20pm

Deighton Gates Primary 3.00pm to 3.20pm

St. Josephs Primary 3.00pm to 3.20pm

Thorner - Parish Centre 10.00am

Victory Hall contact point - Parish council meeting 7.00pm

Aberford 7.30pm

Scholes Community Forum Manor House 9.45am

Barwick & Scholes Parish Council Scholes, Village Hall

Barwick Methodist reading rooms 7.30pm

Scarcroft Village Hall 8.00pm

Boston Spa

Boston Spa Comp school gates 3pm – 3.45pm

Millennium Gardens 11 – 11.45am

Bramham - OAP shelter 4pm -5pm

Clifford - Village Hall 4pm - 5pm

Walton and Thorp Arch at Walton Village Hall 4pm - 5pm, 11am - 12noon

Shadwell parish meetings and contact points 7.15pm – 8.00pm

Collingham with Linton parish meetings and contact points 7.15pm – 8.00pm

North East Inner

Sainsburys, Moor Allerton Centre

Lingfields Open House, Alwoodley

North Call, Cranmer Bank, Alwoodley

Stainbeck Church, Stainbeck Road, Meanwood 1pm - 2pm

Open Door (opposite Allerton Grange High School), 225 Lidgett Lane, Roundhay Monday –

Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-2pm

Tesco, Roundhay Road

Chapel Allerton Children's Centre (new), Blake Grove, Chapel Allerton 10am-12pm

East Outer

Swarcliffe and Stanks forum at St Gregor's social club

Crossgates Forum at Cross Gates and District Good Neighbours building (opposite Cross Gates Shopping Centre, on Station Road, next to the church)

Halton Moor: Joint surgery with local councillors - Halton Moor One Stop Shop and Halton Library on the first Saturday in every month.



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Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 20th September 2007

Subject: Narrowing the Gap in West Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:
Armley, Bramley, Farnley and Wortley

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

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

1.0 Purpose of this Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform members about the results of a recent survey of priority neighbourhoods in West Leeds and the analysis of how far we are succeeding in narrowing the gap between the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and the rest.

2.0 Summary of Findings

2.1 In November 2005 the Inner West Area Committee identified four neighbourhoods for priority action to improve service delivery and narrow the gap between these neighbourhoods and the rest of the wedge. These areas were the Broadleas and Fairfield in Bramley, Wythers and New Wortley in Armley. In addition the Outer West Area Committee identified the Bawns in Farnley and Wortley as being a priority neighbourhood for action. All of these neighbourhoods lay within the 10% most deprived in the country at that time; Fairfield lay within the 3% most deprived, with New Wortley being just outside the 3% level. Local Area Management Plans were drawn up and approved by the Partnership on actions designed to lead to narrowing the “deprivation gap” between these neighbourhoods and the rest by 2008.

2.2 Becki Jarvis and Chris Hobden of QA consulting undertook a survey of local residents in the priority areas on behalf of The West Area Committees over a three

week period in February and March 2007. A total of 379 residents were surveyed, of which 108 were in the Wythers, 72 in New Wortley and 81 in the Bawns and 118 in Broadleas. In addition 89 residents of Fairfield were surveyed as part of the City Wide priority areas research. The aim of the neighbourhoods survey was to provide detailed local information about how the local community view their neighbourhood which enables conclusions to be reached about whether plans for these neighbourhoods are working. This report summarises the main result of this survey and a detailed commentary on the data is provided in Appendix One.

2.3 Evidence from the survey showed that

- Key areas of concern for residents were around levels of crime, anti-social behaviour, clean neighbourhoods and activities for teenagers.
- Health provision, sport and leisure facilities, recycling, education, facilities for disabled people and public transport were regarded as satisfactory and did not give residents major cause for concern.
- Some issues such as levels of noise, tackling road and footpath disrepair, facilities for young children and providing affordable decent housing are important in some but not all of the neighbourhoods.
- Residents of Fairfield and Wythers recorded an overall improvement in levels of satisfaction with service provision over the past year. The Bawns, Broadleas and New Wortley remained the same. None of the areas had worsened.

2.4 Actual data on service delivery in West showed :

- Crime has fallen overall 2004 -7, and there has been a considerable success in reducing the crime gap in areas like New Wortley and the Bawns.
- Environmental problems have increased overall 2004 -7, less so in West Leeds than the city, and there is a marginal narrowing the environmental gap between Inner and Outer west.
- The number of workless households has increased by about 12% between 2004 and 2007 both within West and citywide. The worklessness gap is improving in Fairfield, staying the same in the Wythers but getting worse in New Wortley, Broadleas and the Bawns.
- Education data shows increasing numbers achieving the A-C standard at GCSE in West Leeds high schools between 2003 and 2006 (an increase of 22%), however both inner and outer west attainment remains below the city average. Whereas the educational attainment gap in between outer west schools and the city is narrowing however, that between inner west schools and the rest of the city actually widened overall
- The results of educational attainment levels for neighbourhoods are even more revealing, with the educational gap widening as children grow older. At Key Stage One, the levels of attainment were exceptionally poor in only one of the five areas, the Wyther. By Key stage 4 (GCSE A-C) all five areas had poor attainment levels - between 16 and 35 percentage points below the West average. The numbers achieving no qualifications at Key Stage 4 in the five areas ranged from 9.5% in Wythers to 21.7% in New Wortley as against 6.4% for West Leeds as a whole.

2.5 The narrowing the gap evidence presents a mixed picture. Clearly more work needs to be done and other sources of data need to be analysed. We need more work on the outcome data to get a broader picture of trends although it is clear that tackling crime has been the big success story in West and educational attainment remains our strongest challenge. From the perception survey data it is clear that we need to

involve residents more closely in actions in order to challenge perceptions that are incorrect and to deliver more effective services. There is clearly a need for greater involvement in residents meetings and perhaps a broader role for the various ward forums in getting across to residents what is happening on the ground.

3.0 Conclusions

3.1 Significant progress has been made across a range of the Inner West Leeds Area Committee priorities over the last three months as identified in this report

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

4.1 The work of the West Leeds Area Management Team in delivering the Area Delivery Plan for Inner West Leeds is part of the Council's corporate agenda in achieving closer working and better services.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

5.1 The Area Delivery Plan and the Strategy Success are administered through West Leeds Area Management team. This report had indicated that new resources are being brought into the West wedge to tackle the problems identified in plans.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 Inner West Area Committee members are invited to note and comment on the results of the neighbourhood survey in our most deprived areas

Appendix One : Narrowing the Gap in West Leeds – the evidence

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 This report provides The West Area Committees with an overview of the survey data from Fairfields, Bawns, Wyther, Broadleas and New Wortley neighbourhoods in comparison to data from across the city.
- 1.2 The data was acquired through face to face consultations with local residents in each of the target estates. The work was carried out by QA research over a three week period in February and March 2007.
- 1.3 The consultations used the same approach covering all the Intensive Neighbourhood Management areas (2006). This has allowed comparisons to be drawn from the results on how we are progressing in West Leeds in terms of neighbourhood renewal in comparison to the city as a whole.

2.0 The Results

Table 1 What are the top five factors that make somewhere a good place to live?

Services	West Priority Areas	Leeds Priority Areas	City wide Annual Survey
Low level of crime	42%	40%	47%
Low level of anti-social behaviour	39%	42%	32%
Shopping facilities	26%	24%	33%
Clean neighbourhoods (e.g. no litter)	26%	26%	20%
Activities for teenagers (e.g. youth centres, activity centres)	22%	24%	22%
Survey numbers	(2007) 379	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

- 2.5 These factors show local resident's priorities in making a neighbourhood a good place to live- areas that are clean, safe with activities for teenagers and with good shops appear in the West priorities as they do in other parts of the city. Other factors given prominence in West areas were Low Levels of Noise (21%), Affordable Decent Housing (21%) and Health (20%). Education provision at 11% was perhaps much lower than might have been expected. A second question asked what the top five features that needed improving locally – the results are given in table 2

Table 2 What top five features need improving locally?

Services	West Priority Areas	Leeds Priority Areas	City wide Annual Survey
Activities for teenagers (e.g. youth centres, activity centres)	35%	36%	28%
Level of anti-social behaviour	42%	47%	34%

Low level of crime	33%	35%	27%
Clean neighbourhoods (e.g. no litter)	27%	27%	20%
Road and pavement repairs	25%	25%	34%
Survey numbers	(2007) 379	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

2.6 Thus four out of the five factors that make an area a good place to live were the most important issues for residents in terms of service improvement; the one exception was that shopping facilities were not one of the top five issues, and road and pavement repairs were. In West the only other factor that needed improving was listed as Facilities for Young Children at 19%. Interestingly Health (only 6%) and Education (only 3%) were not services seen by residents as in need of improvement.

2.7 The overall results show that the LAMP plans are targeting the correct issues to tackle initially: crime, anti social behaviour, activities for teenagers and clean neighbourhoods. What also interesting however is that health and education outcomes– both important indicators leading to the neighbourhoods being designated as deprived – are not perceived as priorities by local residents.

2.6 Each of the deprived neighbourhoods is now examined in turn.

3.0 Results for the Fairfields Neighbourhood , Bramley

3.1 The Fairfields estate has received funding from Neighbourhood element and SSCF leading to numerous projects being developed for improving service provision. Overall the projects delivered through the LAMP have been perceived as being successful by partner agencies, and have led to increased partnership working on the estate to improve services. The survey responses are as follows.

3.2 Table 3 What top five factors make somewhere a good place to live? (Fairfields residents)

Services	Fairfields	Leeds priority areas	
Low level of anti-social behaviour	43%	42%	Low level of anti-social behaviour
Low level of crime	38%	40%	Low level of crime
Road and pavement repairs	30%	26%	Clean neighbourhoods (e.g. no litter)
Clean neighbourhoods (e.g. no litter)	30%	24%	Shopping facilities
Well lit streets	30%	24%	Activities for teenagers (e.g. youth centres, activity centres)
Number surveyed	(2007) 89	(2006) 878	

3.4 Other factors listed by Fairfield residents as making for a good neighbourhood were good shopping facilities (29%) low levels of noise (28%) and good health facilities (24%)

3.5 Table 4 What five service improvements need to be made to the Fairfields?

Services	Fairfields
Road and pavement repairs	44%
Low level of anti-social behaviour	44%
Activities for teenagers	39%
Low level of crime	35%
Clean neighbourhoods	30%
Number surveyed	(2007) 89

3.6

These results show that the focus of the LAMP work should be on crime and anti-social behaviour, along with the appearance of the estate. Each of these issues is being tackled but perhaps needs to be better publicised. For example:

- Road and pavement repairs are being carried out through the Local Area Management Plan.
- Low levels of anti-social behaviour – these are being dealt with by specific actions against individuals with a new warden being based on the estate, an a much more visible presence of the neighbourhood policing team and PCSO’s
- Activities for teenagers – through the Fairfield Partnership there are numerous events taking place in the community centre for all age groups. BARCA run a number of events within the area for young people.

More could be done, yet resources for road and pavement repairs are inevitably limited. Facilities such as the mobile youth bus could be provided. Increased publicity for the PCSO surgeries and more high visibility warden patrols could also be examined. Overall however a closer feedback between service providers and the community could lead to better information flow, increased knowledge of service improvements and a reduction in the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

3.7 Table 5 Overall how satisfied are you with Fairfields as a place to live?

	Fairfields	Leeds priority areas	City wide annual survey
Very Satisfied	22%	23%	34%
Fairly Satisfied	44%	40%	43%
Neither satisfied or not satisfied	8%	11%	8%
Fairly Dissatisfied	10%	14%	12%
Very Dissatisfied	10%	11%	5%
Number surveyed	(2007) 89	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

3.8 Overall this shows a marginally more positive of Fairfield residents in comparison with the other Leeds priority neighbourhoods. This measure will be very useful in future years to judge the effects of change on the satisfaction levels.

3.9 Table 6 Do you feel that the Fairfields has got better or worse in the last year?

	Fairfields	Leeds Priority Areas 2006	Annual Survey 2005
Better	26%	19%	11%
Worse	20%	34%	24%
Stayed the same	52%	41%	59%
Have lived here for less than a year	2%	5%	3%
Don't Know	0%	1%	2%
Number surveyed	(2007) 89	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

3.10 In comparison to both the Leeds priority areas and the annual survey the work done on the Fairfields estate on the whole appears to have made a direct impact on the people living there, leading to an increased amount of people responding that the area had improved since last year.

3.11 Table 7 How well informed do you feel about Leeds City Council's services and benefits (Fairfield residents)?

	Fairfields	Leeds Priority Areas	City wide Annual Survey
Keeps us very well informed	4%	7%	9%
Keeps us fairly well informed	42%	33%	38%
Gives us only a limited amount of information	37%	34%	32%
Doesn't tell us anything about what it does	13%	20%	14%
Don't know	3%	5%	7%
Number surveyed	(2007) 89	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

3.12 Overall it can be seen to be a mix of feelings on the estate about being kept informed. This suggests that more work needs to be done to make sure that the whole estate is informed of services rather than the people who use (for example) the Fairfield Community centre.

3.13 Table 8 Do you feel you can influence decisions about public service delivery in Fairfield?

	Fairfields	Leeds Priority Areas
Definitely agree	1%	3%
Tend to agree	19%	24%
Tend to disagree	29%	30%
Definitely disagree	31%	25%
Don't know	19%	18%
Number surveyed	(2007) 89	(2006) 878

3.14 The figures for influencing decisions are lower than anticipated given that the estate has numerous structures in place to allow such inputs in to strategic decisions. This perhaps shows that processes have to be publicised to allow the members of the estate to feel more involved in making changes to their estate.

3.15 Also on a positive note 72% of people feel like “they belong” to the estate. This figure is higher than perhaps expected and gives a positive outlook for the future.

4.0 Results for the Wythers Neighbourhood – Armley

4.1 Table 9 What are the top five factors that make somewhere a good place to live (Wyther residents)

	Wythers	Leeds Priority Areas 2006	
Low level of crime	42	42	Low level of anti-social behaviour
Parks and open spaces	31	40	Low level of crime
Clean Neighbourhoods	26	26	Clean neighbourhoods (e.g. no litter)
Low level of anti-social behaviour	26	24	Shopping facilities
Road and pavement repairs= Shopping facilities	21	24	Activities for teenagers (e.g. youth centres, activity centres)
Number surveyed	(2007)108	(2006) 878	

4.2 These figures highlight the underlying desire for residents on the estate to have access to open space. Affordable decent housing (21%), activities for teenagers (20%), well lit streets (19%) and facilities or young children (20%) were also highlighted as ideal

4.3 Table 10 What are the top five improvements do you feel most need to be made in Wythers?

Services	Wythers
Activities for teenagers (e.g. youth centres, activity centres)	39
Road and pavement repairs	29
Facilities for young children	29
Clean neighbourhoods	25
Low levels of crime = anti social behaviour	24
Number surveyed	(2007)108

4.4 The improvements identified are very different from those expected on such as estate. Crime and ASB would be expected to feature but this shows that local priorities are to focus on are more around local facilities for children and young people as opposed to increased police levels and ASB work. These improvements are being addressed through the Wyther Improvement Group but further work will be required to fulfil the needs identified.

4.5 Table 11 Overall how satisfied are you with Wythers as a place to live?

	Wythers	Leeds Priority Areas	Annual survey
Very Satisfied	22%	23%	34%
Fairly Satisfied	44%	40%	43%
Neither satisfied or not satisfied	19%	11%	8%
Fairly Dissatisfied	6%	14%	12%
Very Dissatisfied	8%	11%	5%
Don't know		1%	
Number surveyed	(2007) 108	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

4.6 Even though the Wythers has had a poor reputation in the past, local residents are happy overall with where they live. This is a good starting point for future works

4.7 Table 11 Do you feel Wythers has got better or worse in the last year?

	Wythers	Leeds Priority Areas 2006	Annual Survey 2005
Better	19%	19%	11%
Worse	13%	34%	24%
Stayed the same	64%	41%	60%
Have lived here for less than a year	3%	5%	3%
Don't Know	2%	1%	2%
Number surveyed	(2007) 108	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

4.8 With comparison to the other Leeds Priority Areas citywide there is overall a more positive outlook from Wyther residents in relation to improvements completed on the estate. Significantly less people feel the area has got worse over the last year. This is a steady base to build on in the coming year.

4.9 Table 12 How well informed do you feel about Leeds City Council's services and benefits (Wyther residents)?

	Wythers	Leeds Priority Areas	Annual Survey
Keeps us very well informed	6%	7%	9%
Keeps us fairly well informed	29%	33%	38%
Gives us only a limited amount of information	29%	34%	32%
Doesn't tell us anything about what it does	32%	20%	14%
Don't know	5%	5%	7%
Number surveyed	(2007) 108	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

4.10 The results would tend to indicate that more of the residents surveyed on the Wyther do not feel well informed about local services. This is surprising given the consultation taking place on the works going on throughout the estate. It possibly highlights that the methods currently being used are not as effective as they should be.

4.11 **Table 13 Do you feel you can influence decisions about public service delivery in your area (Wythers residents)?**

	Wythers	Leeds Priority Areas
Definitely agree	1%	3%
Tend to agree	31%	24%
Tend to disagree	20%	30%
Definitely disagree	23%	25%
Don't know	25%	18%
Number surveyed	(2007) 108	(2005) 2000

4.12 More residents of the Wythers feel as though they can influence public service delivery than in the rest of Leeds priority areas. This feeling can hopefully be built on and enhanced to get the full feelings of the residents felt at the appropriate forum.

4.13 Another significant piece of information is the fact that 63% of respondents felt as though they belonged to the Wythers - a good basis to facilitate community engagement projects through the Wyther Improvement Group.

5.0 **Results for the New Wortley neighbourhood– Armley**

5.1 **Table 14 What are the top five factors that make somewhere a good place to live? (New Wortley residents)**

	New Wortley	Leeds Priority Areas	
Low level of crime	60%	42%	Low level of anti-social behaviour
Low level of anti-social behaviour	39%	40%	Low level of crime
Affordable Housing	33%	26%	Clean neighbourhoods (e.g. no litter)
Shopping Facilities	31%	24%	Shopping facilities
Clean Neighbourhoods	28%	24%	Activities for teenagers (e.g. youth centres, activity centres)
Number surveyed	(2007)72	(2006) 878	

5.2 Low level of crime and anti social behaviour is by far and away the most important factor making an area a good place to live according to New Wortley residents – 60% listed this in their responses. A clean neighbourhood and good quality parks and open spaces are equally important with road and pavement repairs featuring as a low priority. It is to be noted that 31% of respondents sited shopping facilities as a key component of a good estate, affordable housing by 33% and health facilities were listed by 25% of respondents.

5.3 Table 15 What five improvements do you feel most need to be made in New Wortley?

Services	New Wortley
Level of Crime	32
Levels of Anti Social Behaviour	32
Clean neighbourhoods	29
Road and pavement repairs	24
Affordable Decent Housing = with Activities for teenagers (e.g. youth centres, activity centres)	21
Number surveyed	(2007)72

5.4 With regards to improvements which need to be made, continuing to tackle crime and anti social behaviour were stressed as was a clean neighbourhood, road and pavement repairs, activities for teenagers, clean neighbourhoods and road repairs and improvements and affordable housing. Facilities for young children were regarded as satisfactory as was local health and education provision.

5.5 Table 16 Overall how satisfied are you with New Wortley as a place to live?

	New Wortley	Leeds Priority Areas	Annual survey
Very Satisfied	15%	23%	34%
Fairly Satisfied	47%	40%	43%
Neither satisfied or not satisfied	11%	11%	8%
Fairly Dissatisfied	11%	14%	12%
Very Dissatisfied	14%	11%	5%
Don't know		1%	
Number surveyed	(2007) 72	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

5.6 62% of New Wortley residents were “satisfied or “fairly satisfied” and 25% “dissatisfied or fairly dissatisfied” with their neighbourhood as a place to live, similar proportions to other Leeds Priority Areas satisfied

5.7 Table 17 Do you feel New Wortley has got better or worse in the last year?

	New Wortley	Leeds Priority Areas	Annual Survey
Better	17%	19%	11%
Worse	26%	34%	24%
Stayed the same	35%	41%	60%
Have lived here for less than a year	8%	5%	3%
Don't Know	13%	1%	2%
Number surveyed	(2007) 72	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

5.8 17% of residents of New Wortley thought the area was better than a year ago with 35% thinking it had stayed the same. Over a quarter of residents thought that the estate had got worse in the past year. However 63% of residents stated that they are satisfied with

the estate as a place to live.

5.5 Table 18 How well informed do you feel about Leeds City Council's services and benefits (New Wortley residents)?

	New Wortley	Leeds Priority Areas 2006	Annual Survey 2005
Keeps us very well informed	14%	7%	9%
Keeps us fairly well informed	29%	33%	38%
Gives us only a limited amount of information	33%	34%	32%
Doesn't tell us anything about what it does	14%	20%	14%
Don't know	10%	5%	7%
Number surveyed	(2007) 72	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

5.6 Overall 43% of residents feel that they are "well or fairly well" informed about services and benefits locally although 14% stated that they were dissatisfied with how they were informed.

Table 19 Do you feel you can influence decisions about public service delivery in your area (New Wortley residents)?

	New Wortley	Leeds Priority Areas 2006
Definitely agree	7%	3%
Tend to agree	18%	24%
Tend to disagree	17%	30%
Definitely disagree	38%	25%
Don't know	21%	18%
Number surveyed	(2007) 72	(2006) 878

5.7 High proportions (55%) of residents of new Wortley believe they cannot influence decisions about public service delivery in their area.

5.8 With regards to having a sense of belonging to the neighbourhood 51% believed they totally belonged and 42% thought that local people worked together to improve the neighbourhood.

6.0 Results for the Bawns neighbourhood– Farnley and Wortley

The Bawns estate was identified by the Outer West Area Committee as an area that needed specific and targeted work to bring it up to a level cohesive with the rest of Leeds. A Local Area Management Plan group has been established in order to take forward the work identified as necessary by both residents, in this survey, and service providers.

6.1 Table 20 What top five factors make somewhere a good place to live? (Bawns residents)

	Bawns	Leeds Priority Areas	
Low level of crime	46%	42%	Low level of anti-social behaviour
Clean neighbourhoods	33%	40%	Low level of crime
Low level of neighbourhood noise	29%	26%	Clean neighbourhoods (e.g. no litter)
Low level of anti-social behaviour	28%	24%	Shopping facilities
Activities for teenagers	28%	24%	Activities for teenagers (e.g. youth centres, activity centres)
Number surveyed	(2007) 81	(2006) 878	

Bawns residents identified low levels of crime, anti social behaviour, grime, noise nuisance, the availability of activities for teenagers as making a neighbourhood fit to live in. The above fit in with the aims of the Bawns LAMP group and also the improvements that people report need to be made in the Bawns in Table 21. Neighbourhood noise is the exception here – it was only identified as a problem on the Bawns by 11% of residents.

6.2 Table 21 What improvements do you feel most need to be made in the Bawns?

Services	Bawns
Activities for teenagers (e.g. youth centres, activity centres)	41%
Clean neighbourhoods	33%
Level of anti-social behaviour	32%
Level of crime	30%
Road and pavement repairs	20%
Number surveyed	(2007) 81

Activities for teenagers came out by far as the most important issue for residents and this is the first thing the Bawns LAMP has already started to look at, in conjunction with the young people on the estate, to try and tackle this problem. Other initiatives the LAMP group are working on to tackle the other problems include:

- Litter picking with local schools
- Environment awareness days
- PCSO surgeries
- Improved Streetscene
- Highways improvements

6.3 Table 22 Overall how satisfied are you with your neighbourhood as a place to live (Bawns residents)?

	Bawns	Leeds Priority Areas	Leeds Annual survey
Very satisfied	23%	23%	34%
Fairly satisfied	42%	40%	43%
Neither satisfied or not satisfied	11%	11%	8%
Fairly dissatisfied	13%	14%	12%
Very dissatisfied	11%	11%	5%
Don't know		1%	
Number surveyed	(2007) 81	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

The figures for the Bawns are similar to those in the Leeds wide survey or priority areas. Overall these results are encouraging as 65% of those surveyed are either very or fairly satisfied as the Bawns as a place to live, but the number of very dissatisfied people is also significant and unacceptable. It is hoped the proposed plans for community action will reduce this figure in further surveys making residents proud of their estate and giving them back ownership.

6.4 Table 23 Do you feel your neighbourhood has got better or worse in the last year (Bawns residents)?

	Bawns	Leeds Priority Areas	Leeds Annual Survey
Better	11%	19%	11%
Worse	30%	34%	24%
Stayed the same	53%	41%	60%
Have lived here for less than a year	2%	5%	3%
Don't Know	4%	1%	2%
Number surveyed	(2007) 81	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

Although some work has taken place in the Bawns estate over the last year, 30% of respondents still said that the area had got worse. The following were particularly identified as getting worse; Road and pavement repairs (35%); Activities for teenagers (25%); Excessive neighbourhood noise (23%); Level of crime (35%); Level of anti-social behaviour (43%); Doorstep collection of recycling (20%); Clean neighbourhoods (40%); Wage levels & cost of living (27%).

Five of these concerns were also identified amongst the issues most need addressing; Road and pavement repairs; Activities for teenagers; Level of crime; Level of anti-social behaviour; Clean neighbourhoods. This gives added focus to those issues and these will be prioritised within the action plan revision for the area.

6.5 Table 24 How well informed do you feel about Leeds City Council’s services and benefits (Bawns residents)?

	Bawns	Leeds Priority Areas	Annual Survey
Keeps us very well informed	5%	7%	9%
Keeps us fairly well informed	30%	33%	38%
Gives us only a limited amount of information	34%	34%	32%
Doesn’t tell us anything about what it does	28%	20%	14%
Don’t know	4%	5%	7%
Number surveyed	(2007) 81	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

The Bawns residents clearly feel they are not well informed with 28% believing the council “doesn’t tell them of anything” and 34% believing they only get limited information. It is difficult to ascertain who the respondents identified as ‘the Council’; - this is likely to include a number of local service providers. It is clear however that all partners need to work on communication. The Bawns LAMP had already identified a number of actions including; a local newsletter; fun days; consultation; to assist with promotion of the work going on in the area and this survey further enhances the need for this.

6.6 Table 25 Do you feel you can influence decisions about public service delivery in your area (Bawns residents)?

	Bawns	Leeds Priority Areas
Definitely agree	1%	3%
Tend to agree	17%	24%
Tend to disagree	41%	30%
Definitely disagree	22%	25%
Don’t know	19%	18%
Number surveyed	(2007) 81	(2006) 878

With only 18% of residents feeling able to influence decisions on public service delivery, despite recent changes in customer services, there is clearly some way to go in the Bawns. This has already been identified as a priority locally with the tenants and residents group failing due to decreasing numbers and commitment. However 35% of respondents also said they would like to be more involved in decision making than they are currently. This equates to 28 people, who the LAMP group need to identify and encourage becoming more involved.

7.0 Results for the Broadleas neighbourhood – Bramley

The Broadleas estate has in the last couple of years suffered from a range of ASB and criminal activity. The Youth Inclusion Programme (Youth Inc) now operates from the old Sandford community Centre targeting the Top 50 young people deemed most at risk of offending by a partnership made up of the Police , Social Services, Schools and other agencies. In addition a Junior YIP operates both schemes drawing in funding from the Youth Justice Board, the Children’s fund and Positive Activities for Young People funding.

A local resident group holds regular meetings and run a community shop on the estate which is further supported by a neighbourhood Warden. There is good agency involvement in the Broadleas Improvement group (BIG) which also acts in support of a Local Area Management Plan seeking to bring about improvements in education, community engagement, training, housing and health improvements as well as supporting joint ventures to tackle crime and ASB.

7.1 Table 26 What top five factors make somewhere a good place to live? (Broadleas residents)

Services	Broadleas	Leeds Priority Areas	
Low level of crime	46%	42%	Low level of anti-social behaviour
Clean neighbourhoods (e.g. no litter)	33%	40%	Low level of crime
Activities for teenagers	28%	26%	Clean neighbourhoods (e.g. no litter)
Low level of anti-social behaviour	28%	24%	Shopping facilities
Affordable decent housing	25%	24%	Activities for teenagers (e.g. youth centres, activity centres)
Number surveyed	(2007) 118	(2006) 878	

7.2 The factors listed in the Broadleas include low levels of crime, grime and anti social behaviour, activities for teenagers, and affordable decent housing. Health services were identified by 20% of the respondents and “Access to nature” by 20%

These overall priorities clearly match those of the BIG whose key actions for the future include:

- Further Police and Warden activity aimed at enforcement and controlling crime and ASB(including Operation Champion focus on the area when appropriate)
- Further development of the YIP and other schemes such as mobile youth provision aimed at increasing the range of activities available on the estate for young people.
- The provision of more structured play space / activities
- A review of available building potential for affordable housing as currently carried out by Firebird JVC aimed at establishing sustainable mixed housing development.

7.3 Table 27 What improvements do you feel most need to be made in the Broadleas?

Services	Broadleas
Activities for teenagers	34%
Clean neighbourhoods	33%
level of anti-social behaviour	32%
Low level of crime	30%
Road and pavement repairs	23%
Number surveyed	(2007) 118

- 7.4 These 5 top priorities reflect BIG focus on the estate and in particular the need to :
- Ensure regular community clean ups take place aimed at increasing local pride in the estate utilising educational agencies and the Bramley Pride team
 - Increased holiday activities and general youth work through the Youth Inc Centre
 - Closer working with Police and other agencies aimed at driving down levels of ASB including projects such as the new Youth Forum aiming to reduce levels of criminal damage on the estate

7.5 **Table 28 Overall how satisfied are you with Broadleas as a place to live?**

	Broadleas	Leeds Priority Areas	Annual survey
Very Satisfied	28%	23%	34%
Fairly Satisfied	48%	40%	43%
Neither satisfied or not satisfied	6%	11%	8%
Fairly Dissatisfied	9%	14%	12%
Very Dissatisfied	8%	11%	5%
Don't know		1%	
Number surveyed	(2007) 118	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

- 7.6 On the whole this shows a good level of satisfaction levels within the estate which is testified to by this estate being the second highest in West Leeds in right to buy applications and good level of interest in choice based letting applications in most areas of the estate.

7.7 **Table 29 Do you feel the Broadleas has got better or worse in the last year?**

	Broadleas	Leeds Priority Areas	Annual Survey
Better	19%	19%	11%
Worse	25%	34%	24%
Stayed the same	48%	41%	59%
Have lived here for less than a year	7%	5%	3%
Don't Know	2%	1%	2%
Number surveyed	(2007) 118	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

- 7.8 In general these figures are comparable with the city average with the general response being one of no change. Discussions through the BIG with residents representatives however recognise a growing confidence in the estate with crime levels down substantially and generally a cleaner neighbourhood. The key challenge for agencies is how to better promote the effective work on Policing and tackling of ASB which has been carried out over the last year and which has done so much to improve the estate thus far.

7.9 **Table 30 How well informed do you feel about Leeds City Council's services and benefits (Broadleas residents)?**

	Broadleas	Leeds Priority Areas 2006	Annual Survey 2005
Keeps us very well informed	9%	7%	9%
Keeps us fairly well informed	32%	33%	38%
Gives us only a limited amount of information	29%	34%	32%
Doesn't tell us anything about what it does	22%	20%	14%
Don't know	8%	5%	7%
Number surveyed	(2007) 118	(2006) 878	(2005) 2000

7.10 Clearly more work needs to be done in relation to involving residents more closely in actions / outcomes if we are to challenge perceptions and deliver more effective services. There is a need for greater involvement in residents meetings and perhaps a broader role for the Bramley and Stanningley Forum in getting across to residents what is happening on the ground. Lack of involvement in decision making is at the root of problems that have been experienced recently with regard to issues such as the siting of the Mobile Youth Bus and the development of the YIP scheme.

7.11 **Table 31 Do you feel you can influence decisions about public service delivery in your area (Broadleas residents)?**

	Broadleas	Leeds Priority Areas 2006
Definitely agree	2%	3%
Tend to agree	26%	24%
Tend to disagree	28%	30%
Definitely disagree	23%	25%
Don't know	21%	18%
Number surveyed	(2007) 118	(2006) 878

7.12 There is clearly scope for much work in this area that must seek to bring about more effective community engagement and involvement in decision making which will need to be a focus for BIG. The YIP for example is partly seeking to address this issue through development of work with parents which will have the broader impact of disseminating what is happening on the estate in relation to services and young people.

7.13 Taking all things into account 57% of respondents feel as though they belong to the estate, highlighting a number of potential residents that could be utilised to help any campaign lift the rest of the estate on the priority issues.

8.0 Narrowing the gap: the evidence in West Leeds

- 8.1 The national deprivation indices cover income and employment deprivation, health and disability, education, skills and training, housing and services, living environment, and crime. Examples of three data sets are given here. The raw data is available to partners if required.

Priority Crime

- 8.2 Using priority crime data provided by West Yorkshire Police it is clear that priority crime fell in Inner West Leeds (burglary, robbery, theft from motor vehicles, theft of motor vehicles) from 3383 crimes in 2003/4 to 1831 in 2006/7, a reduction of 1554 priority crimes. In Outer West Leeds the number of priority crimes reduced from 2253 in 2003/4 to 1240 in 2006/7 a reduction of 1013 crimes. In Inner West this meant a reduction of 27 crimes per thousand population, whereas in outer west the reduction was 18 crimes per thousand population. As well as overall levels of crime falling, the crime “gap” between Inner and Outer West has therefore narrowed
- 8.3 Priority crime fell in all five of our priority neighbourhoods between 2003/4 to 2007/8. Figures for the beat area covering New Wortley for example have fallen by 74% 2003/4-2006/7 (ie they are now a quarter of what they were four years ago). This represents a sharp narrowing of the gap- overall crime in West Leeds fell by 45.5% over the same period. Crime figures in the Bawns also represent a narrowing of the crime gap – that beat area had a reduction of 55%. Crime figures for the areas covering Broadleas and Wyther had a 31% reduction overall, and Fairfield a 21% reduction overall. Despite the reduction in numbers these still figures still represent a widening of the crime gap for these areas because crime in other neighbourhoods has fallen at a faster rate.

Tables 32: Priority Crime data 2003-7

Source: West Yorkshire Police

Beat 1 (incl New Wortley)	TOTAL crime	BURGLARY	ROBBERY	THEFT of MV	THEFT from MV
2003/4	867	373	33	85	376
2004/5	355	116	15	83	141
2005/6	261	79	22	30	130
2006/7	228	84	20	34	90
% 4 yr reduction	74%	78%	39%	60%	76%
Beat 6 (incl Broadleas and Wythers)	TOTAL crime	BURGLARY	ROBBERY	THEFT of MV	THEFT from MV
2003/4	621	135	12	40	110
2004/5	427	104	10	41	94
2005/6	325	71	11	20	58
2006/7	430	83	8	32	53
% 4 yr reduction	31%	39%	33%	20%	52%
Beat 8 (incl Fairfield)	TOTAL crime	BURGLARY	ROBBERY	THEFT of MV	THEFT from MV
2003/4	494	236	18	98	142
2004/5	362	170	13	86	93
2005/6	301	140	13	47	101
2006/7	386	216	7	43	120
% 4 yr reduction	22%	8%	61%	56%	15%
Beat 4 (incl Bawns)	TOTAL crime	BURGLARY	ROBBERY	THEFT of MV	THEFT from MV
2003/4	363	150	16	66	131
2004/5	250	91	5	63	91
2005/6	216	72	6	47	91
2006/7	162	70	9	26	57
% 4 yr reduction	55%	53%	44%	61%	56%

Totals : Inner West Beats 1/2/5/6/7/8

Popn :	TOTAL crime	BURGLARY	ROBBERY	THEFT of MV	THEFT from MV
56,269					
2003/4	3383	1607	150	506	111
2004/5	2190	822	116	489	763
2005/6	1626	674	96	243	613
2006/7	1831	768	86	300	677
% reduction	46	52	43	41	39

Totals: Outer West Beats 3/4/9/10/11/12/13

Popn :	TOTAL crime	BURGLARY	ROBBERY	THEFT of MV	THEFT from MV
59406					
2003/4	2253	869	77	376	931
2004/5	1774	656	50	345	723
2005/6	1258	498	39	225	496
2006/7	1240	521	51	157	511
% reduction	45	40	34	58	45

Environmental Health

8.4 Trends in Environmental data can be seen by examining Environmental Health records. The data is available for the period 2004/5 – 2006/7 although the data relates to wards rather than neighbourhoods. Within the City of Leeds the number of Environmental Health cases rose by 51% in the three years 2004/5- 2006/7 from 10,533 recorded cases to 15,877 cases. In Inner West Leeds the number of cases rose by less than this - 31% and Outer West Leeds by 18%.

8.5 Environmental Health data includes Noise nuisance, Pest Control, Health and Food inspection, and Licensing. Noise Nuisance can be considered as the nearest proxy we have to changes in environmental disturbance and separating out this it can be seen that noise nuisance in West has increased by only a small amount. In Inner West it rose from 598 cases in 2004/5 to 641 in 2006/7, an increase of 7%. In Outer West the level of noise nuisance increased from 531 in 2004/5 to 576 to 2006/7 an increase of only 8%. This compares with a rise of 39% increase for the City as a whole. Although West has performed well therefore there is no discernible narrowing of the gap between Inner and Outer West Leeds.

Table 33: Environmental health data by West wards 2004/5-2006/7

Source: Environmental Health

	2004/5			2005/6			2006/7			
	Noise	Other	Total	Noise	Other	Total	Noise	Other	Total	
Armley	381	258	639	346	374	720	366	536	902	
Bramley	217	163	380	232	182	414	275	154	429	
Inner West Total	598	421	1019	578	556	1134	641	690	1331	
% change	1.00		1.00	0.97		1.11	1.07		1.31	
Farnley +W	243	162	405	254	212	466	286	230	516	
Pudsey	158	126	284	139	133	272	163	163	326	
Calverley + F	130	154	284	129	170	299	127	183	310	
Outer West Total	531	442	973	522	515	1037	576	576	1152	
% change	1.00		1.00	0.983		1.07	1.08		1.18	
Leeds	5726	4807	10533	6542	6097	12629	7964	7913	15877	
% change	1.00		1.00	1.14		1.20	1.39		1.51	

Education and Skills

8.6 Education and skills data is available for a large variety of indices. One commonly used measure of attainment is the level of pupils achieving 5 GCSE grade A-C or equivalent. The league tables changed in 2006 to include just GCSE passes including English and Maths. Comparable data is available for the period 2003-6 for all seven West Leeds high schools. Although pupils do not all attend the high school nearest to their homes, this data does give a broad picture of attainment in different parts of the West wedge.

8.7 For the city as a whole the Leeds City schools GCSE score has been below the national average over the past four years but has been increasing at a faster rate. The Leeds-National differential was 6.3% points in 2003, in 2006 the difference was down to 5.1% points. Within West Leeds only one school achieved results above the Leeds and the national GCSE average, Pudsey Grangefield. Aggregated results for all Outer and Inner West Leeds schools show that they fall below the Leeds City figure in every one of the four years. The rate of increase outer west schools has been faster than the Leeds average however and hence the percentage points difference between the Outer West schools and the Leeds average is decreasing. In 2003 the gap was 5.6% points whereas in 2006 it was down to 3.2%. For Inner West schools the gap is widening however from 16.6% in 2003 to 17.2% in 2006. Hence there is evidence of a widening rather than a narrowing of the gap in West Leeds between the poorest areas and the rest in educational attainment.

Table 34 GCSE A-C equivalent by West Leeds High School

Source: Education Leeds

School	2003	2004	2005	2006
Wortley High %	17	19	18	25
West Leeds High %	15	24	24	26
Intake %	24	15	23	19
Inner West av %	19	19	22	23
Inner West trend	1.00	1.00	1.16	1.21
Farnley Park %	19	25	29	22
Crawshaw %	39	49	43	38
Pudsey Grangefield %	27	33	42	50
Priesthorpe %	34	27	27	39
Outer West av %	30	34	35	37
Outer West trend	1.00	1.13	1.16	1.23
Leeds %	35.6	36.4	38.2	40.2
Leeds trend	1.00	1.02	1.07	1.13
England %	41.9	42.6	44.3	45.3
England trend	1.00	1.02	1.06	1.08

Worklessness

8.8 The level of worklessness in West Leeds rose between 2004 and 2007 by 1135 from 10935 to 12 070. This increase of 11% was the same as Leeds as a whole over the period. The situation in the most deprived neighbourhoods varied. The worklessness gap narrowed in Fairfield and the Gilpins, was the same as the city average in Whingate, Heights, Landseers and Upper Wythers, and widened in New Wortley, St Bartholemew, Mistress Lane, Broadleas, Moorside, Highfields and Bawns.

Table 35 Worklessness by West Leeds deprived neighbourhoods

Source: Job Centre Plus

**Worklessness data
2004-7**

Ward	Deprived SOA	IMD	2004	2005	2006	2007	% change 04 / 07
Armley	New Wortley	1063	365	370	400	420	11.5
	Gilpins	1171	230	225	210	235	10.2
	Upper Wythers	1305	290	280	280	315	10.9
	St Barts	1868	240	235	245	280	11.7
	Mistress Lane	3185	245	235	255	285	11.6
	Bramley	Fairfields	417	280	280	280	290
Broadleas		2297	280	275	285	340	12.1
Moorside		2531	205	225	215	250	12.2
Landseers		2617	205	215	210	230	11.2
Farn +W	Highfields	1645	270	290	325	365	13.5
	Heights	1650	285	285	270	315	11.1
	Whingate	2925	200	205	205	220	11.0
	Bawns	3061	225	240	260	280	12.4
West total			10935	10770	11015	12070	11.0
Leeds total			65945	65010	65870	72,110	10.9

Sub Categories :

Unemployed Claimants / Sick and Disabled Claimants / Lone Parents /Other

Red = most deprived 3%, Orange = most deprived 10% Yellow = most deprived 20% of SOA's

Conclusion

8.9 The evidence from the perception survey of residents in West Leeds Neighbourhoods was:

- The key areas of concern for residents were levels of crime, anti-social behaviour, clean neighbourhoods and activities for teenagers.
- Health provision, sport and leisure facilities, recycling, education, facilities for disabled people and public transport were regarded as satisfactory and did not give residents major cause for concern.
- Some issues such as levels of noise, tackling road and footpath disrepair, facilities for young children and providing affordable decent housing were important in some but not all of the neighbourhoods.
- Residents of Fairfield and Wythers recorded an overall improvement in levels of satisfaction with service provision over the past year. The Bawns, Broadleas and New Wortley remained the same. None of the areas had worsened.

8.10 The narrowing the gap evidence showed:

- Crime has fallen overall 2004-7, and there has been a considerable success in reducing the crime gap in areas like New Wortley and the Bawns.
- Environmental problems have increased overall 2004-7, less so in West Leeds than the city, and there is a marginal narrowing the environmental gap between Inner and Outer west.
- The number of workless households has increased by about 12% between 2004 and 2007 both within West and citywide. The worklessness gap is improving in Fairfield, staying the same in the Wythers but getting worse in New Wortley, Broadleas and the Bawns.
- Education data shows increasing numbers achieving the A-C standard at GCSE in West Leeds high schools between 2003 and 2006 (an increase of 22%), however both inner and outer west attainment remains below the city average. Whereas the educational attainment gap in between outer west schools and the city is narrowing however, that between inner west schools and the rest of the city actually widened overall
- The results of educational attainment levels for neighbourhoods are even more revealing, with the educational gap widening as children grow older. At Key Stage One, the levels of attainment were exceptionally poor in only one of the five areas, the Wyther. By Key stage 4 (GCSE A-C) all five areas had poor attainment levels - between 16 and 35 percentage points below the West average. The numbers achieving no qualifications at Key Stage 4 in the five areas ranged from 9.5% in Wythers to 21.7% in New Wortley as against 6.4% for West Leeds as a whole.

Appendix Two

West Leeds Area: Neighbourhood attitudes survey 2007

Commentary by area

Bawns, Farnley and Wortley

Q1: if we split the responses up into three sub-categories; 1/ culture, 2/ community safety, 3/ aesthetic value; the following conclusions can be drawn from the figures:

- The highest percentage concerns are for low crime levels, clean neighbourhoods and low ASB (i.e. apparent predilection toward community safety and aesthetic value). The lowest level of concerns are for training opportunities, good race relations, facilities for elderly and disabled and low pollution (mostly cultural aspects). Judging by the other statistics, there appears to be an overriding concern for community safety in the area.

Q2: with regards to improvements most desirable in the area:

- The highest percentage concerns are for crime and ASB reduction. Interestingly, activities for teenagers is also seen as important, perhaps as a way of tackling problems of ASB as perceived by residents.

Q3: interesting to note that only 2% felt that community activities have improved, which could account for the 41% notion in Q2 that more activities for teenagers are required.

Q4: Of the five areas, Bawns is the one with the highest percentage of residents who feel they do not belong to their neighbourhood, and the lowest percentage of those who feel the community works together to improve matters.

Q5: among the five areas, the Bawns has the lowest percentage of those who feel the area has got better over the past year.

Q6: the Bawns has the smallest percentage of those who feel people of different ethnicities get on well in the neighbourhood (corresponds with the low percentage of good race relations in Q1).

Q7: low percentage of agreement that people respect ethnic differences concurrent with Q6.

Q8: second (to Fairfields) highest percentage of residents who feel unsafe walking around their neighbourhood during day and highest percentage for after dark. Concurrent with high percentage of desire for low crime levels in Q1.

Q9: highest percentages for noise nuisance and rubbish / litter. Interesting that only a small percentage sees the race issue as problematic.

Q10 & 11: of the five areas, the highest percentage of residents who are very dissatisfied with the way LCC run things and feel things have got worse over the past year.

Q12: of all potential areas of expenditure for 2007, the highest percentage suggested is for activities for teenagers.

Q13: of the five areas, the Bawns had the highest percentage of those dissatisfied with refuse collection. Perhaps conversely with the findings in Q1, Bawns also has the smallest percentage of those dissatisfied with ASB services.

Q14: in relation to findings from Q10, Bawns has second (to Fairfields) lowest percentage of residents who feel that LCC keeps residents well informed of services it provides.

Q15: Bawns has relatively low percentages concurrent with findings in Q14.

Q16: as with Q14 and 15.

Q17: almost level with Broadleas, Wythers and Fairfields as regards residents willing to take a more pro-active role in local improvement.

Q18: considerably higher percentage of residents who read council leaflets to those in the other areas.

Q19: further indication that leaflets are the preferred source of information.

Q20: of the five areas, the lowest percentage of residents to have lived in the area for less than a year.

Q21: of the five areas, the lowest percentage of properties owned outright.

Q22: compared to other four areas, fairly average balance of employed and unemployed residents.

Q23-25: compared to other four areas, fairly average inclinations toward self-employment.

Q26-28: second to Broadleas in percentages of residents who do not consider themselves to be disabled or in need of special needs.

Q29: second largest percentage of Christians of all five neighbourhoods.

Q30: of all five neighbourhoods the Bawns has the highest percentage of British.

Q31: comparably low percentages of residents on higher income brackets.

Broadleas, Bramley

Q1: if we split the responses up into three sub-categories; 1/ culture, 2/ community safety, 3/ aesthetic value; the following conclusions can be drawn from the figures:

- Broadleas residents want lower crime levels, affordable decent housing and shopping facilities. The lowest level of demand is for more domestic recycling facilities. The percentages indicate an overriding concern and demand for community safety.

Q2: As with Bawns, the highest percentages for desirable improvements are activities for teenagers and to achieve lower levels of ASB. Possibly residents view the former as a way of dealing with the latter.

Q3: High percentages feel that children's facilities and ASB have got worse marry with those findings in Q2. Health, education and clean neighbourhoods are the highest percentages for where people feel that things have improved.

Q4: Of the five areas:

- The highest percentage of those who feel they are very satisfied with their area as a place to live.
- Second highest percentage of those who feel they totally belong to their area.
- Highest percentage of those who feel the community works together to improve the area.

Q6: Second lowest percentage of those who feel people of different ethnic backgrounds get on well in their area (perhaps conversely with findings in Q4 that the community works together to improve the area).

Q7: Second highest percentage of those who definitely disagree that people respect different ethnic origins (perhaps consistently with Q6).

Q8: Highest percentage of those who feel a bit unsafe walking around the neighbourhood during the day, and joint highest with Fairfields for walking after dark. Perhaps conversely, the area also has the second highest percentage for very safe in the latter category.

Q9: Highest percentages for vandalism and ethnic attacks seen as very big problem.

Q10: Joint highest percentage (with Fairfields) that is very satisfied with the way LCC run things.

Q12: Activities for teenagers, road / pavement repairs and tackling crime are the most desirable areas of investment for LCC in 2007.

Q15: Statistics indicate a fairly gross dissatisfaction in residents' feelings toward being able to contact the council about issues affecting them.

Q18 & 19: By far the largest percentages of residents find out about council matters via leaflets and prefer this method.

Q20: Largest percentage of residents has lived in the area for 11+ years.

Q21: Highest percentage of properties that are council owned.

Q22: Highest percentage of residents who are wholly retired from work.

Q23-25: Percentages indicate an extremely low motivation among residents to start a business of their own.

Q26-28: High percentage do not consider themselves disabled.

Q29-30: Largest ethnic group is British Christian.

New Wortley, Armley

Q1: if we split the responses up into three sub-categories; 1/ culture, 2/ community safety, 3/ aesthetic value; the following conclusions can be drawn from the figures:

- The highest percentage of any neighbourhood seeking lower crime levels: higher than other areas by a wide margin. This would indicate a prevalent desire for improvement in community safety.

- Q2: Desirable improvements are concurrent with Q1 – lower crime and ASB, though clean neighbourhoods ranks highly as well.
- Q3: Significant percentage of those who feel health services, traffic congestion, tackling excessive neighbourhood noise, education provision, public transport and road safety have got better, whilst parks and open spaces, shopping facilities, affordable decent housing, sport / leisure facilities, facilities for young children, level of pollution and wage levels / cost of living have got worse.
- Q4: Of the five areas, the highest percentage of residents who are very dissatisfied with their area as a place to live.
- Q6: Highest percentage for those who tend to disagree that different ethnicities get on well in the area.
- Q8: Highest percentage of residents who feel very safe walking round their area in daylight and fairly safe at night.
- Q9: Joint highest (with Fairfield) percentage of people who view drug abuse as a very big problem in area. Highest for drunken behaviour, people sleeping rough and abandoned / burnt out cars as very big problem, whilst rubbish / litter not a problem at all.
- Q12: Highest percentages of residents believe LCC should invest in activities for teenagers in 2007. Second highest is tackling ASB. Consistent with both Bawns and Broadleas.
- Q13: Highest percentage of residents who are very dissatisfied with parks and open spaces in their area. By a huge margin the highest percentage of those who are very satisfied with the community centre.
- Q14: Highest percentages who feel LCC keeps residents very well informed on council provisions.
- Q15: By wide margin the highest percentage of those who feel they have a say in council matters.
- Q16, 17: Highest percentage of those who definitely agree they can influence council decisions and want to be involved in them.
- Q18: Highest percentage of residents find out about council matters via leaflets.
- Q20, 21: Highest percentage of residents have lived in the area 11+ years and currently in council owned property.
- Q22: Highest percentage of residents who are permanently sick / disabled.
- Q23, 24, 25: Vast majority do not run their own business and have never considered doing so.
- Q26: Two thirds of residents interviewed do not consider themselves disabled.
- Q29, 30: Most predominant ethnicity is British Christian.
- Q31: Of those who chose to answer, the largest income bracket is under £3120.

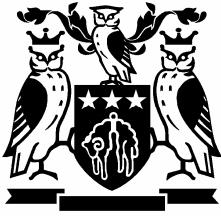
Wythers, Armley

- Q1: Highest percentage request is for lower levels of crime.
- Q2: Facilities for young children, road / pavement repairs and activities for teenagers are the most desirable areas for improvement.
- Q3: Joint highest (with New Wortley) percentage of those who feel level of crime has improved. Highest percentage who feel community facilities and elderly facilities have got worse.
- Q4: Second highest percentage who feel local people work together to improve the neighbourhood.
- Q8: Second highest percentage who feel very safe walking around during day and highest during night.
- Q9: Highest percentage of residents who do not consider drug abuse, drunkenness and abandoned cars to be a problem at all.
- Q12: Facilities for young children is the highest percentage for LCC in investment in 2007.
- Q13: Highest percentage of residents who are very dissatisfied with sport facilities, libraries, community safety services and community centres.
- Q14: Highest percentage of residents who feel council tells them nothing about its provisions.
- Q18, 19: Council leaflets are most common and preferred source of council information.
- Q20, 21: Highest percentage of residents have lived in the area 11+ years and in council owned property.
- Q22: Highest percentage is looking after the home.
- Q23, 24, 25: Small minority run their own business.
- Q26: Three quarters of those interviewed do not consider themselves to be disabled.
- Q29, 30: Majority Christian British.
- Q31: Of those who provided an answer, the most predominant income band is £5200-£8319.

Fairfields, Bramley

- Q1: Low crime and ASB are highest percentages.
- Q2: Road / pavement repairs and low ASB are most desirable areas for improvement.
- Q3: Highest percentages that feel access to nature, community activities, parks and open spaces, shopping facilities, refuse collection, sport / leisure facilities, recycling facilities, clean neighbourhoods, community facilities and facilities for young children and elderly have got better; and health services, traffic congestion, neighbourhood noise, level of crime and ASB and road safety have got worse.

- Q4: Highest percentage of residents who feel they totally belong to their neighbourhood.
- Q5: Highest percentage of those who feel the neighbourhood has got better over the past year.
- Q8: Highest percentage of those who feel very unsafe walking around during day.
- Q11: Highest percentages of those who feel LCC have run things better over the last year.
- Q12: Activities for teenagers and road / pavement repairs are most common requests for improvement for this year.
- Q13: Highest percentage of those who are very satisfied with libraries.
- Q18, 19: Council leaflets are most common and preferred source of council information.
- Q20: Highest percentage of residents have been living in the area 11+ years and in council owned property.
- Q22: Highest percentage is wholly retired from work.
- Q23, 24, 25: Vast majority of residents do not run their own business.
- Q26: Two thirds do not consider themselves to be disabled.
- Q29, 30: Majority white British.
- Q31: Of those who chose to respond, the most common income bracket is £5200-£8319.



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 20th September 2007

Subject: Inner West Area Committee Well-Being Fund Update

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: Armley Bramley & Stanningley</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Executive Summary

This report provides details of the amount of well-being capital and revenue funding available for the remainder of the financial year 2007-2008. Members are asked to note this information, comment on any new applications and consider them for approval.

1.0 Purpose of This Report

1.1 This report seeks to update members on the current amount of capital and revenue funding committed and available via the Area Committee Well-Being Budget for wards in the Inner West area. It seeks approval for new and continuing projects commissioned by the Area Management Team.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The capital and revenue allocation for 2007-08 Inner West is:

Capital Allocation 2007-2008 £ 72, 512
Revenue Allocation 2007- 2008 £197, 490 (this includes an extra £50,000 for environmental projects including conservation area reviews and residential parking projects)

2.2 Following approval of two applications at the committee meeting on 28th June 2007 the amount of revenue remaining for 2007/8 is £16,450.17 and £ 9,002.77 capital.

3.0 New applications for Well being funding.

3.1 The applications below have been received for this Area Committee.

Project Title	Year	Amount	Capital or Revenue	Ward	Appendix
Headcam Monitors	2007/08	£7,200	Revenue	Armley Bramley & Stanningley	1
Bell View Mount Railings	2007/08	£1,263.13	Capital	Bramley and Stanningley	2
HipHopes Edutainment	2007/08	£2,800	Revenue	Armley	3
Surestart Bramley	2007/08	£1,500	Capital	Bramley & Stanningley	4

In addition an update on Bramley Elderly Action's Community Engagement project is attached as Appendix 5. Members will recall that this project was approved earlier in the year with a request that funding be released in phases, subject to progress reports being approved by Area Committee.

4.0 Small Grants and Skips.

4.1 The following applications for small grants have been received since the last area committee meeting.

Small Grants - Project	Date approved	Amount
Raynville Intergenerational mural	12.06.07	500.00
Community Art Project	04.07.07	400.00
Youth Consultation	04.07.07	500.00
Charlie Cake Calendar Competition	12.07.07	500.00
S&S Dance Group	30.07.07	495.00
Surestart Women's group	30.07.07	220.00
Mesmac Armley Signs	30.07.07	269.08
	TOTAL	£2884,08

SKIPS		
Armley Fun Day		90.00
Ley Lane Wardens Clean Up		220.00
Armley Ridge Road Allotments		110.00
Operation Champion Broadleas		95.00
Christchurch Clean Up		95.00

Mortuary Lane		95.00
TOTAL		705.00

5.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

5.1 Well Being projects support the actions contained in the Inner West Area Delivery Plan. Ward members have been consulted on this plan and on the projects commissioned to deliver improvements to the area. This Plan contributes to the priorities of the Departmental, Council and Corporate Plans by aiming to create better neighbourhoods and confident communities.

6.0 Legal and Resource Implications.

6.1 The financial resource implications of well-being projects will be processed through the Area Management's well-being budget. Staff resources will be provided by Area Management and partner agencies.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The well-being fund provides financial support for key projects in the Inner West Area.

8.0 Recommendations

8.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) note the financial status of the Well-Being Budget, capital and revenue.
- b) comment upon and approve where appropriate requests for funding for large, small grants and skips.
- c) Note the contents of the report from Bramley Elderly Action (Appendix 1) and approve the next installment of funding approved as per the Area Committee meeting of 8th February 2007.

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Area Committee Well Being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Appendix 1

Project Name: Head Cam monitors

Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police

Project Summary:

Head cams are a mini camera which fits under a police helmet to record images which can be used in evidence to support ASB and criminal matters. The head cams have been piloted in other police authorities and have led to a reduction in ASB, improve community safety and a reduction in the fear of crime.

Outcomes (please summarise the main outcome / output / benefit the project will achieve):

The cameras have been piloted in other police authorities and a report on the project showed that the use of body worn video devices led to an increase in the proportion of crime where the offender was brought to justice compared with incidents where cameras were not used.

The cameras will be used to reduce ASB, improve the quality of evidence, reduce overall crime, improve community safety, reduce the fear of crime and will have a positive impact on all round behaviour.

The head cams have the advantage of leaving officers hands free whilst dealing and recording incidents. The cameras will be deployed within the neighbourhood Police Team in the hotspot areas within Bramley & Armley area.



Project Cost (please indicate how much the project will cost, how much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue):

Each unit costs £1,800 fully operation.

The proposals are to have 2 head cams for Armley and 2 for Bramley NPT a total of 4.

The total costs for 4 head cams is £7200.00

Identify which geographic areas will benefit and which Area Committee (Inner or Outer) you are applying to: Inner Area covering both wards

State who will receive the funding for this project:

West Yorkshire Police North West Division

Area Committee Well Being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Appendix 2

Project Name: Bellmount View Railings

Lead Organisation: Area Management

Project Summary:

Several complaints have been made in relation to criminal damage and anti-social behaviour from residents living on Bellmount View and the adjacent ginnel that leads through the Bellmount's onto Broad Lane in Bramley. These concerns have also been raised by the police at the multi-agency tasking meetings and as a consequence an assessment of the ginnel was made by Brent Brady from Community Safety and the Area Community Safety Co-ordinator. The purpose of the site visit was to look at possible solutions to reduce the opportunity for crime and ASB. From the site visit the junction of Bellmount View where there are 3 access points onto the ginnel, were identified as the main problem location. In particular a low wall which acts as a bench and a gathering point for youths to congregate and caused problems in relation to ASB and damage to the surrounding properties and vehicles. To improve the situation it was agreed at the Inner West multi-agency meetings with partner agencies to increase patrols by the PCSO's , clean-up the ginnel to remove rubbish, secure fencing to an ALMO property at the junction of the ginnel and to explore the possibility of funding railings to be placed on the low wall to prevent youths congregating.

The police and local residents support this as a solution to help assist with the problem. On the date of the site visit it became very apparent that this ginnel is used regularly by a wide cross section of the community, so closure or gating this ginnel would not be an option.

Outcomes (please summarise the main outcome / output / benefit the project will achieve):

By placing railings on the low wall would act as a deterrent for youths to gather and caused criminal damage to nearby properties and vehicles and would also reduce the number of complaints of noise and incidents of ASB around this area. It would also reduce the amount of litter and debris therefore contributes to environmental improvements in the ginnel.

Project Cost (please indicate how much the project will cost, how much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue):

- The cost 8.6 metres of railings at 750mm high fixed into the top of the dwarf wall at the end of Bellmount view.

Total price £ 1,263 .13 including VAT capital

Identify which geographic areas will benefit and which Area Committee (Inner or Outer) you are applying to:

Inner Area Committee - Bellmount area

State who will receive the funding for this project:

The metal shop supplier of railings & alley gates for Community Safety


Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal
Inner West Area Committee

Appendix 3

Project Name:
Hip HopES /Edutainment

Lead Organisation:
Invizible Circle Education

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project):
<p>Twelve week programme of issue based groupwork that utilises the positive elements and artforms (DJing, MCing, Rappin/ Rhyme Writing, Beatboxin, Graffiti, Breakdance, Film/ Video Making, Design/ Fashion/ Street Style, Street Knowledge) of Hip Hop Culture to educate, inform and empower.</p> <p>We will also provide on-going mentoring, guidance and volunteering opportunities for all of the young people we work with, if appropriate.</p> <p>Partners: including New Wortley Tenants Association, Mothers Against Violence (MAV), Nice Things Music</p>

Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities, why the project is needed and links to key priorities):	
<p>Twelve week programme of issue based groupwork that utilises the positive elements and artforms of Hip Hop Culture to re-engage, educate, inform and empower. Although not our preference, a six week programme can be devised and delivered which acts like a short sampler for the preferred 12 week means of delivery.</p>	
	<p>Hip HopES, Edutainment...</p> <p>⁶⁶edutainment...education through entertainment⁶⁹</p> <p>KRS-ONE</p>
SAMPLE PROGRAMME	
WEEK 1	<p>Introductions Group Knowledge, Bonding and Forming Hip Hop Culture session Programme/ Artform sharing/ devising Group Rules, Agreements, Norms</p>
WEEK 2	<p>Re-visit Group Rules, Agreements and Norms 1st Artform Samples Further Programme/ Artform sharing/ devising Role Model exploration, Inspirations</p>

(Within peers, family and community, wider)

WEEK 3 – 8	Issue based Artform explorations Expressions through Artforms Event Development
WEEK 9	Aspirations, futures Ways forward, next steps... Action planning, 'needs' to implement Rehearsals
WEEK 10	Re-visit Action Plan Contacts Rehearsals
WEEK 11	Event, performance
WEEK 12	Celebration, closings

The project has been requested by the tenants association and wider community members, particularly young people. We see the programme providing positive alternatives to crime and anti social behaviour in the local area. Levels are high in the area and our project will impact positively on these levels and more importantly the mid –long term mindsets and thinking of the 'offenders'. The project will also provide a regular focus to remove groups from the streets and begin the 'socialisation and citizenship' based educational journeys that we provide.

There are also a range of additional benefits including health and well being benefits through for example physical activity such as Breakdance and Beatboxin.

Outcomes (summarise the main outcome/output/benefit the project will achieve):

Key Outcome Areas

Self Confidence, awareness and esteem
Positive Attitudes and behaviours
Citizenship, Community development
Hip Hop Culture and history understanding/ exploration
Artform experience and skills development
Range of interpersonal and transferable skills development
Overall personal and social development

Overall improved understanding between cross generational/ cultural groups, increased levels of respect from, and between, groups of young people, and clearer understanding of the elements and benefits of community spirit and cohesion.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

Mainly New Wortley, but possibly wider Armley/ inner west areas

Project Cost . Please indicate;

How much the project will cost. (please list all partners and their contributions)

£6000 (12 week programme including performance)

New Wortley Tenants Association

Venue for duration of project, Session support

Mothers Against Violence (MAV)

Speakers/ Workers

Nice Things Music

Production, Studio and Studio engineer time

How much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue)

£2800

(all artist fees, session equipment hire, transport, some volunteer expenses, etc)

Who will be in receipt of the financial order. (name of the organisation and contact details)

Invizible Circle Education, Pod 29, The Unit, Park Lane House, Park Lane, Leeds LS3 1AA

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Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal
Inner West Area Committee

Appendix 4

Project Name: Sure Start Bramley

Lead Organisation: As above

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project): The project will provide meeting space for many partner agencies:

Health Visitors
Social Workers
West Leeds Debt forum
Common Assessment Framework
Housing
Leeds Enterprise Growth Initiative
Primary Care Trust
BARCA
Education Leeds
David Yeadon Associates

Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities, why the project is needed and links to key priorities):

To build a partition wall with door frame and door in the main office of the Family Resource Centre which will create adequate meeting space for multi agency meetings. Because there is very little meeting space within the west wedge and many venues charge rent for this service, this project is greatly needed so we can carry out the good work that is being developed in the west.

This project meets all the key priorities developed by the Area Management team as any organisation will be able to use this resource.

Outcomes (summarise the main outcome/output/benefit the project will achieve):

Better communication between organisations
Good working practices
A better out come for families and their children
A central meeting place within the wedge.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

All the west wedge

Project Cost . Please indicate;

How much the project will cost. (please list all partners and their contributions)

£1500 from the Area Committee Well Being Fund

£ 200.00 allocated from Sure Start Bramley project management costs

How much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue)

£1500.00 Capital

£ 200.00 revenue for project management

Who will be in receipt of the financial order. (name of the organisation and contact details)

Sure Start Bramley

Approved

Date

Not Approved

Date

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**Report to Area Committee on Bramley Elderly Action's
Community Participation Project
May - August 2007**

The grant has enabled us to extend our work in the community in the following ways:

- Working with Fairfield Community Partnership to set up a lunch club - the Partnership have successfully applied for funding for a 6 month pilot and we are helping to publicise the scheme (which is due to start on 10th August), recruit volunteers and members for the group, provide transport (if needed). At the same time as contacting all our members on Fairfield to recruit for this, we will be able to offer additional support to those older people whose homes will be undergoing refurbishment.
- Working with Pauline Ward (Moorside Community Centre) and Skippko Community Arts Project to recruit and support people to take part in their 'Tall Tales' project - an arts project aimed at socially isolated older people. This project will (hopefully) start early autumn
- Working with the Church of the Nazarene (Westover Road) to hold a reminiscence/social event for residents of Westholme Aged Persons Home (Wortley) and older people living near to the church
- Recruiting and supporting 3 older people to participate in Leeds West North West Homes area panel
- Co-ordinating the E-bus to go to Fairfield Community Centre during Adult Learners Week. The event was organised to coincide with their Thursday Lunch, to encourage people to use the centre and to find out more about IT and other adult learning opportunities
- Liaising with PCSO's to give out timers (for turning on lamps whilst people are away from home) in our drop in.
- Taking information to Bramley Carnival
- Taking information/'message in a bottle'/energy saving lightbulbs - and a 'history quiz' to (a very windy) Gamble Hill Fun Day
- Encouraging the re-establishment of, and attendance at Bramley Clinic's Older People's Wellbeing clinic.
- Having a 'community information' section in our newsletter with information from the Community Forum

All of these activities have strengthened our links within the local community and given us some indication of need for development in the future, including:

- More opportunities for older people to communicate with local service providers. The community forum is not necessarily the most appropriate way for many older people, as the time and the format is not easy for people who are frail or have hearing difficulties. We are exploring the possibility of having coffee mornings or talks at lunch clubs to ensure that older people know what is going on.
- Further outreach and consultation with older people across Bramley through another piece of participatory appraisal in the autumn
- Looking at ways to target older men, who don't access services and can be very isolated.
- Ensuring input at Community Forum, Debt Forum etc to ensure that the needs and views of older people in Bramley are represented
- Looking at ways to reach older people living on the estates which don't have community facilities nearby (Langleys and Summerfields, Gamble Hills, Calverleys)

As the Committee will appreciate, community development work is always costly in terms of time and it is something which our other current funding streams don't include to any great extent. We really value the opportunity that this funding from Area Committee is giving us to ensure that our services reach as many older people as possible

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Report of Chief Environmental Health Officer.

West Leeds Inner Area Committee

Date: 20th September 2007

Subject: Environmental Health Service Activity in the Inner West Area

Electoral Wards Affected:
 Armley
 Bramley & Stanningley

Ward Members consulted
 (referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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

Executive Summary

This report provides information to the West Leeds Inner Committee on the work of the West Leeds Environmental Health Team during the previous financial year. It also provides information on the priorities of that team within their service plan for the coming year 2007/8.

1.0 Purpose of This Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the work of the Environmental Health Services West Area Team within the inner area of West Leeds during 2006/7. It is intended to give information about the focus of the team and its activities within the Inner West Leeds area. The report also provides information to members on the location, make up and future priorities for the team. A presentation will be made at the West Leeds inner area committee meeting which will expand on this report.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Environmental Health Services operate 5 teams, each covering one of the five designated wedges of the City. The area teams deal with all aspects of Environmental Health with the exceptions of food safety, health and safety and air quality. These are dealt with by specialist teams which operate city wide.

3.0 Main Issues

West Team location and staff

- 3.1 Environmental Health Services West Area Team are based at the old South Pudsey Community Centre on Kent Road.
- 3.2 The West Team is made up of the Service Manager, Ruth Lees, Deputy Service Manager, Paul Spandler, 3.5 Environmental Health Officers, 4 Technical officers and Office Support. In addition the Armley Asbestos Project Team are based in the West Team.
- 3.3 The City wide Out of Hours Noise service is also managed within the West Team.
- 3.4 The West Team also covers a significant portion of the city centre.

Key Work Areas of the Team

- 3.5 Housing - Enforcing standards in the private rented sector including houses in multiple occupation, bringing long term vacant property back into use, providing Home Improvement Assistance for vulnerable home owners and the Armley Asbestos Project.
- 3.6 Environmental Protection – Investigating and abating nuisance caused by noise, odour, smoke, dust, drainage, filthy & verminous premises.
- 3.7 Consultancy Services – Planning applications, premises license applications .
- 3.8 Partnership Working - Area Management, Operation Champion, Anti Social Behaviour Unit, Leeds West North West Homes, West Leeds Housing Partnership and Education Leeds, Entertainment Licensing, West Yorkshire Police.

Requests for service and proactive work in the Outer West Area.

- 3.9 1331 requests for service were received between the 1st April 2006 and the 31st March 2007. 902 service requests in the Armley ward and 429 in the Bramley & Stanningley ward. This represents an overall increase in requests for service in comparison with last year of 14%. Increase in requests for service by ward breaks down as 20% for Armley and 4% for Bramley & Stanningley. Armley continues to be a high activity area, receiving the fifth highest number of service requests of all the City's wards.
- 3.10 Noise nuisance accounted for 48% of all requests for service. 13 noise abatement notices have been served within the inner area. A persistent noise offender was prosecuted resulting in a fine totaling £698. One offender on the Broadlea estate had their hi fi system, television and DVD player confiscated by officers.
- 3.11 43 private rented dwellings have been inspected and action taken to improve conditions. 26 dwellings were found to contain such serious hazards that formal

repairs notices were issued to the landlords, requiring that essential repairs were undertaken in order to bring the properties up to standard. The Leeds Landlord Accreditation Scheme has been successfully promoted with 148 landlords owning properties in the West area currently signed up.

- 3.12 Home Improvement Assistance Loans to a value of £41,510 have been provided to owners of homes in the inner area. The low interest loans allow vulnerable homeowners on limited income to have essential repairs and improvements carried out to ensure their homes are weather tight, warm and with modern facilities.
- 3.13 All long term empty properties within the inner area have been visited as part of Environmental Health Services Empty Property Strategy. Owners have been traced and encouraged to bring their properties back into use. Enforcement action has been taken to secure and repair derelict and nuisance properties
- 3.14 The West Team has been actively involved in all Operation Apollos and latterly Operation Champions within the inner area. The Team have undertaken environmental audits of the Broadleas, Swinnow, Wythers and Raynvilles areas. An information stall was set up at Bramley Shopping Centre providing advice on a range of environmental issues.
- 3.15 The West Team regularly attend and contribute to a number of community forums across the inner area including the Wythers Improvement Group and the Inner Area Crime & Grime Tasking meetings. Officers take the lead on all environmental and public health issues. As a follow on from the Wythers Improvement Group it is proposed to set up an Environmental Health advice surgery at the Community House. An officer will be on hand to take enquiries and provide advice to members of the community.
- 3.16 There is a high concentration of commercial and industrial premises within the inner area. Environmental Health Services have been involved with a number of nuisance investigations involving waste transfer stations and manufacturing works as well as smaller concerns including shops, pubs, food premises and offices.
- 3.17 A joint operation with City Services Enforcement and West North West Homes was undertaken on an area to the rear of Armley Town Street which was infested with rats. It was ensured that shopkeepers were storing and disposing of trade waste correctly. Any defective drainage was attended to and all overgrowth in the area was cut back.
- 3.18 The smoke free legislation came in to force on July 1st. The West Team have proactively promoted issues in relation to the smoke free legislation. Advice has been provided to licensees on their legal responsibilities. A poster advising customers to “keep the noise down when smoking outside” has been produced and distributed by the team to be displayed in licensed premises. In addition many planning and licence variations relating to smoking shelters have been processed. During this process all possible measures have been put in place to minimize the impact caused by the use of these.
- 3.19 Enforcement action to remedy defective private drains and sewers increased significantly on previous years. 106 unblocking and repairs notices were served.

large public sewer systems each serving approximately 20 properties in Bramley were repaired by works in default at a joint cost of £15,000.

- 3.20 The Armley Asbestos Project is in its eleventh year. To date 713 properties from the 800 within the designated area have been tested for asbestos. £8.8 million has been spent on the regeneration of the area with 584 properties now decontaminated

Closer Working with area management

- 3.21 Officers of the West Team have been working more closely with Area management to deliver a programme of agreed proactive work which supports the work of the LAMPS in the Wythers and Lower Wortley area. A copy of this programme is contained at appendix 1. As a follow on from the LAMP meetings an Environmental Health advice surgery is being trialed at New Wortley Community Centre. An officer will be on hand to take enquiries and provide advice to members of the community

Service plan and targets for 2007/08

- 3.22 Five key priorities have been identified for the coming years:

- To achieve the national performance indicators in relation to housing standards, decency and empty properties.
- To deliver the capital programme through loans, grants and regeneration projects
- To investigate and respond to requests for service from the public in relation to public health matters.
- To support the 2012 Public Health Agenda.
- To develop our work with partners including District Partnerships, Area Housing Partnerships, PCT, ASB and Care and Repair to support the narrowing the gap agenda.

In addition two key local targets have been identified:

- The Cedars Bin Yard Improvement Scheme. £9,300 has been secured from the Inner West Area Committee Well Being Fund to fit security gates and bin rails to privately owned bin yards to help reduce fly tipping, arson and anti social behaviour in the area.
- The “Scotlands” area of Armley has been identified as a hotspot for poor housing conditions, a high proportion of private rented accommodation, vacant and derelict properties and fly tipping. Environmental Health Services are to proactively target problem properties and take the necessary enforcement action on a street to street basis.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 4.1 The work of the West Team contributes to the aims of Vision II, particularly “Going up a league as a city – making Leeds an internationally competitive city, the best place in the country to live, work and learn, with a high quality of life for everyone,” and

“Narrowing the gap between the most disadvantaged people and communities in the city”.

4.2 The team has an impact in contributing to two of the eight themes of Vision II namely “Environment City - a reputation for environmental excellence” and “Health and Wellbeing – creating a healthy city”.

43 Following on from Vision II the team contributes to the seven strategic aims in the Corporate Plan 2005/08.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

5.1 The work of the west Team involves legal enforcement of various statutes which are delegated to officers in accordance with the Council’s constitution.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The work of the West Team supports the Inner West Area Committee in achieving its aims.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that the contents of this report are noted by the West Leeds Inner Area Committee.

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Environmental Health Services – Working in the Inner West Area

Objectives:

- To support the multi agency approaches to tackling environmental issues in the area.
- To carry out health initiatives aimed at vulnerable groups.
- To provide financial assistance to vulnerable home owners to provide decent homes.
- To carry out promotions and education in the area on health and environmental issues.
- To identify and bring back into use long term empty properties within the area.
- To lead and work with agencies to secure environmental improvements.
- To provide a rapid and efficient response to environmental complaints eg noise, dust, drainage, odour, smoke.

Actions	By whom	By when	Success measured by	update
To promote Home improvement assistance loans within the Gilpins to enable vulnerable home owners to improve their properties.	EHS Neighbourhood wardens Area management	June 2007	Take up of HIA loans in the Gilpins to bring homes up to a decent standard.	All home owners contacted Jan 07
To survey externally all privately owned properties within the Gilpins and taken enforcement action as necessary to ensure repairs are carried out	EHS Neighbourhood wardens	September 2007	All external repairs carried out	All non ALMO properties surveyed in June 07. Notices served for drainage and accumulations. Some referred to city services.
To survey the Gilpins for HMO's and ensure they are licensed or meet the relevant standards	EHS	September 2007	All HMO's identified	All surveyed June 07. 3 HMO's identified, to be visited.
To identify all empty properties within the Gilpins and take action as appropriate to bring them back into use.	EHS Neighbourhood wardens City services Area management	March 2008	Empty properties brought back into use.	All surveyed June 07. No empty properties.
To survey and identify areas of environmental damage within the Gilpins and	EHS Neighbourhood wardens City Services Area	March 2008	Areas of environmental damage improved.	June 07 a few with over grown hedges. Letter to be sent.

work with partners to secure improvements	management			
To identify all privately rented properties within the Gilpins and offer inspections to all tenants to secure any necessary improvements. Taking enforcement action as appropriate.	EHS	March 2008	Improved standards in private rented sector	All PRS identified and contacted Jan 07
To promote the availability of grants available to tackle fuel poverty within the Gilpins	EHS Neighbourhood wardens	June 2007	Take up of grants to tackle fuel poverty.	All contacted Jan 07
To hold a drop in surgery for local residents at the New Wortley Community Centre. To provide advice and support in relation to environmental and housing issues.	EHS	July 2007	Residents attend drop in sessions and advice and support given.	Held 27/3/07. Good response but in the future more informal drop in sessions to be held once per month.
To hold a promotional event aimed at tackling noise nuisance in the high rise flats within inner West Leeds	EHS ASB Area Management Neighbourhood wardens	May 2007	Improved awareness of noise nuisance and how to both prevent and report it.	
To work with partners to provide improvements to 2 bin yards within the Aviarys area to support the exit strategy for that area.	Aviarys project manager Area management	March 2008	2 bin yards improved	Working with area management and ground work
To lead on environmental	EHS City Services	March 2008	Improvements secured to areas of	MATS meetings

issues and bring partner agencies in as necessary to deal with issues identified by the inner and outer multi agency tasking groups.	Neighbourhood wardens ALMO's Parks and Countryside Area management		environmental blight.	arranged for year
To promote Home improvement assistance loans within the Wythers to enable vulnerable home owners to improve their properties.	EHS Neighbourhood wardens Area management	July 2007	Take up HIA's within the Wythers to bring homes up to a decent standard.	
To identify all empty properties within the Wythers and take action as appropriate to bring them back into use.	EHS Neighbourhood wardens City services Area management	March 2008	Empty properties brought back into use.	
To identify all privately rented properties within the Wythers and offer inspections to all tenants to secure any necessary improvements	EHS	March 2008	Improved standards in private rented sector.	
To promote the availability of grants available to tackle fuel poverty within the Wythers	EHS Neighbourhood wardens	July 2007	Take up of fuel poverty grants	
To hold a drop in surgery for local residents at the Wythers Community House. To provide advice and support in relation to environmental and housing issues.	EHS	July 2007	Residents attend drop in sessions and advice and support given.	All sorted once community house opens. Occupiers of community house not interested.

To work with partner agencies to tackle problem bin yards in the Cedars and to ensure residents are aware of their responsibilities.	EHS City Services ALMO Area management.	July 2007	Bin yards in the Cedars improved and residents aware of their responsibilities.	Grant of £10000 obtained. Currently going through community consultation.
To work with partner agencies and contribute to the Respect agenda by tackling anti social behaviour caused by noise nuisance	EHS ASB Neighbourhood wardens	March 2008	Complaints of noise nuisance responded to swiftly both during the day and out of hours.	353 noise complaints responded to in West Leeds.



Report of the Directors of City Development and Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 20th September 2007

Subject: Conservation Area Reviews

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: Armley Bramley & Stanningley</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Executive Summary

The report provides information about Conservation Areas and recommends an approach to Conservation Area reviews.

Each Area Committee has been allocated an additional £50,000 this year from General Fund Reserves for 2007/08. One of the areas identified by the Executive Board that they would like Area Committees to consider when deciding how to spend this extra money was on carrying out Conservation Area Reviews.

The report provides information about Conservation Areas and notes that Leeds now has 64 Conservation Areas but so far only 5 of these have up-to-date appraisals.

It is suggested that the Committee considers allocating an amount from this year's well being allocation (estimate of £15,000 per Conservation Area review at this stage) to support a review of a Conservation Area. This would then allow a programme to be developed and implemented over the next 12 months in a consistent manner which follows planning guidance.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

The report provides information about Conservation Areas and recommends an approach to Conservation Area reviews.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Each Area Committee has been allocated an additional £50,000 this year from General Fund Reserves for 2007/08. One of the areas identified by the Executive Board that they would like Area Committees to consider when deciding how to spend this extra money was on carrying out Conservation Area Reviews. This is a Best Value/Comprehensive Performance Assessment indicator for the Council. Executive Board would like to make progress in this area and feel there is an opportunity for the Area Committees to influence how this work goes forward.
- 2.2 A Conservation Area for this purpose is one designated by a local authority under the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990. The Act defines it as “an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance”.
- 2.3 Central government policy is set out in Planning Policy Guidance Note 15 (PPG 15). The government expects local authorities to review “from time to time” which areas it has chosen to be Conservation Areas and to bring forward ideas for their conservation through appraisals/management plans. Designating and reviewing Conservation Areas is a planning function carried out by the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) in City Development.
- 2.4 Leeds now has 64 Conservation Areas but so far only 5 of these have up-to-date appraisals. The requirement for current appraisals has become a Key Performance Indicator under the Best Value/Comprehensive Performance Assessment. Although national targets are yet to be set, a poor performance in this area of work could clearly lead to loss of future government funding support. It may also lead to a number of out dated Conservation Area appraisal documents over time if action is not taken to do further reviews.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 City Development have developed a modified version of the appraisal and management plan system outlined in PPG15 and set out in English Heritage Guidance. Normally the management proposals are incorporated into the appraisal rather than being published separately. Three principles are followed.
- an appraisal must also include a review of a Conservation Area’s boundaries as these are inevitably out-of-date as notions of what is worth conserving change over time.
 - the local community must be involved in the process to ensure that there is support for the appraisal and that it can be treated as a “material consideration” in the planning system.
 - the published appraisal should be to a common format which is short, practical and available on the web.

- 3.2 The whole process takes about 15 weeks per area on average. Work can be divided into three areas:
- Professional – management and survey/analysis/appraisal writing
 - Graphical/IT – preparing documents, exhibition and publicity material, web publishing
 - Administrative/logistical – progress chasing, leafleting, meeting.
- 3.3 Some of the steps could be handled in-house by SDU (through temporary posts and with possible help from Area Management with local contacts and consultation) but the piloting through the planning system can be done only by SDU. The meat of the work could be done by either SDU (again through temporary posts) or by consultants.
- 3.4 As part of the City Centre Area Action Plan in the Leeds Development Framework, the 10 Conservation Areas in and around the city centre (UDP boundary) are currently under review as part of a characterisation project being developed with English Heritage and part-funded by them. The work is being done by Jacobs under the Strategic Design Alliance. This GIS-based project aims to give a better understanding of the character areas which make up the city centre and from this to review and appraise the Conservation Areas there. This has the benefit of rooting the Conservation Areas in their wider area. It also brings economies of scale in reviewing the Conservation Areas in a batch. This is suggested as a useful model for the rest of the City.
- 3.5 Where communities have already undertaken conservation area studies these can be picked up and used where appropriate. For the majority however no recent work has been done and it would be more practical to set up a team to carry out around 10 reviews in an overlapping rolling programme which will require careful timetabling. This would aim to deliver in approximately 12 months a consistent set of appraisals embedded in GIS.
- 3.6 Based on recent experience an indicative cost for 10 scattered Conservation Area Reviews (one per Committee area) would amount to about £100k for professional work. To this would need to be added £50k for additional SDU project management giving a total of £150k. If more than 10 reviews took place there might be further economies of scale.

4.0 Proposals

- 4.1 Attached to this report are two appendices. The first is a map which shows the 64 designated Conservation Areas and Area Committee boundaries. The second appendix is a table highlighting the Conservation Areas in each Committee's area.
- 4.2 It is suggested that the Committee considers allocating an amount from this year's well being allocation (estimate of £15,000 per Conservation Area review at this stage) to support a review of a Conservation Area. This would then allow a programme to be developed and implemented over the next 12 months in a consistent manner which follows planning guidance. Once the details about the number of reviews to be supported has been collated this will enable officers to put

together a programme and finalise the financial contributions required from each of the Committees.

- 4.3 It is recognised that the number of Conservation Areas varies across the different Area Committee areas. In some areas Members may wish to progress more than one review and this may be feasible but will depend on capacity within SDU to progress a large number of reviews in a rolling programme. If the Committee wants to put forward more than one area for review it is suggested that a priority is given to them if possible to assist with programming of work.
- 4.4 In terms of selecting which area(s) to review at this time, the Committee might wish to consider those Conservation Areas which:
- Are subject to the most development pressure/regeneration effort and where up to date boundaries and appraisal will therefore have the most impact
 - Are in communities already expressing interest in their future development which would allow the Conservation Area Review work to be part of wider community led initiatives such as Village Design Statements

5.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

The proposals outlined in this report fit with existing Council policy and address an area which will have an impact on Best Value/Comprehensive Performance Assessment indicators.

6.0 Legal and Resource Implications

As indicated in Section 4, there is an estimate of £15,000 per Conservation Area review at this stage. Corporate Finance have confirmed that a programme of reviews as suggested in the report would be an acceptable way to utilise the funding available to the Area Committees. Any spend from a co-ordinated programme of reviews from this year's allocation which slips into the next financial year would not present a problem.

7.0 Conclusions

In making the additional £50,000 allocation to each Area Committee in 2007/08 the Executive Board had an expectation that Area Committees would spend some of this on carrying out Conservation Area Reviews. It is suggested that the Committee considers allocating an amount (estimate of £15,000 per Conservation Area review at this stage) to support a review of one or more Conservation Areas. This would then allow a programme to be developed and implemented over the next 12 months in a consistent manner which fits with planning guidance and can be incorporated into the work programme for the Sustainable Development Unit.

8.0 Recommendations

The Area Committee is asked to consider the proposal in the report and agree an allocation and priority for conservation area reviews in its area.



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App 2 Area Committees and Conservation Areas July 2007

<p>North West Outer <i>Otley</i> Guiseley Town Gate Guiseley Park Gate Yeadon Rawdon -Cragg Wood Rawdon – Little London Rawdon – Low Green Horsforth Horsforth - Newlay Adel</p>	<p>North West Inner Kirkstall Abbey Burley Village Meanwoodside (part) Headingley <i>Moorlands</i> <i>Clarendon Road</i> <i>Hanover/Woodhouse Squares</i> <i>University</i> <i>Blenheim Square</i> <i>[West Park]</i></p>
<p>West Outer Calverley Woodhall Hills Farsley Calverley Bridge Rodley (part) Pudsey Fulneck Upper Moorside</p>	<p>West Inner Rodley (part) Bramley Town Street Bramley Hough Lane Bramley Hill Top Armley Mills <i>[Armley]</i></p>
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<p>North East Outer Harewood East Keswick Bardsey Scarcroft Shadwell Thorner Barwick Walton Wetherby Linton Boston Spa/Thorp Arch Clifford Bramham Aberford</p>	<p>North East Inner <i>Roundhay</i> Chapel Allerton <i>Gledhow Valley</i> <i>Chapelton</i> Meanwoodside (part)</p>

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Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 20th September 2007

Subject: Review of Youth Development Worker

Electoral Wards Affected:
Armley
Bramley & Stanningley

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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

Executive Summary.

This report seeks to review the post of Youth Development Worker which was approved at Area Committee on 8th December 2005 to work across both Inner and Outer West areas to support and develop work with young people aged 9-13. It also highlights the success in engaging and supporting the voluntary sector in their provision and improve links with the Youth Service and in working with volunteers to develop their contribution to the provision. However it also recommends that, notwithstanding the success of the work achieved, this post is not renewed beyond current tenure.

1.0 Purpose of This Report.

To detail the progress and success of the Youth Development Worker's post in inner west Leeds over the past 12 months in addressing the gap in youth service provision for those aged 9-13 years and in engaging with the voluntary and community sector.

2.0 Background Information.

2.1 Area Management has a clear remit to link with Services for Young People under its delegated functions and to address the council's corporate objective of 'Creating Better Neighbourhoods and Confident Communities'. To address this priority a Youth Development Officer, Mark Metcalf was appointed to work for 12 months in hot spot neighbourhoods across west Leeds and was funded by both Inner and Outer West area committees. In inner west Leeds the communities were New Wortley, Fairfield and Broadleas.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Activities with children aged 9 to 13 years.

- 3.2 There have been a number of successes – the most obvious being that most of the sessions of face-to-face work have attracted a healthy number of children and young people. The breakfast journalism club organised at St Bartholomew’s Primary School on Tuesday’s attracted 8 children and combined with the successful session run for young people at the West Leeds City Learning Centre in July, revealed this to be an area which should be explored for future youth and children’s work.
- 3.3 The ‘Town Street Tales’ arts and mural project undertaken with the council’s Professional Development Team also had good attendance, partly because many of the sessions have been in schools but also because the quality of work was excellent with more than 25 figures of ‘historical importance’ prepared for display in Armley Town Street. Work is still ongoing with regard to other parts of the work, but all should be close to completion by the end of October. A very good ½ hour radio programme on the project was broadcast by INTERPLAY in July during the period of the I Love West Leeds Festival.
- 3.4 The numbers attending the summer sports sessions have been very good as has the quality of work – the sessions based around New Wortley Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) were particularly good. In general the behaviour of the children and young people was very good.
- 3.5 Mark was able to build a number of close working partnership arrangements on behalf of the Youth Service with a number of organisations – these include a large range of community organisations (around 10 in all) and an increasing number of schools, (around 8 in all, some of them through the extended schools programme) and West Yorkshire Police. Mark also built relations with a number of local children and their parents/carers.

4.0 Working with the Voluntary and Community sector

- 4.1 One of the major problems the Youth Development Worker has faced was in establishing new community groups. He had hoped to be able to offer funding advice to new and/or prospective groups. In practice Voluntary Action Leeds are already doing much of this work and have excellent library facilities and access to resources. In some respects Mark therefore found himself unnecessarily ‘competing’ against other much better resourced bodies.
- 4.2 A second difficulty has been in undertaking “capacity building” – through a series of ‘basic skills’ sessions (on public speaking, funding, using the press and fund raising). These have suffered through failing to attract enough volunteers and management committee members to make running them worthwhile. Mark has been more successful however in introducing volunteer workers to the Youth Service, and of these several have subsequently gone on to volunteer and to attend a number of

training sessions to help them when working with young people. Most of these however have wanted to work with those aged 13+ rather than those aged 9-13 years.

5.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

5.1 The work of the youth development officer supports the City Council's Children and Young People's Development Plan

6.0 Legal and Resource Implications

6.1 None.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The youth development worker post in 2006/7 has achieved many of the objectives set when the project was established. The post-holder has built up some excellent relations and developed some new volunteer led organisations which should be sustainable in the future. His recommendation would be for the area committee to fund such groups directly in future to undertake work for 9-13 year olds rather than to provide additional funding for a youth development post as such. Another option may be to make funding available through the recently established West Leeds Youth Work Partnership (WLYWP) which aims to bring all youth service providers in the area, voluntary and statutory, together to agree common principles and joint planning. Over the summer Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) monies were made available for groups working with under 13s to apply for. Whilst discussions are at an early stage it may be possible to fund such work in conjunction with the WLYWP although resolution is needed in those discussion about the degree of emphasis on under 13s work when most providers are required to work with the 13-19 target age range.

8.0 Recommendations

7.1 The contents of this report are noted.

7.2.1 The Area Committee consider the role of the Youth Development Worker. Officer recommendations are :

- Funding of the Youth Development Worker ceases after the 12 month contract
- Future funding of under 13s voluntary and community youth groups, either directly or through the WLYWP, is the preferred way ahead on a case by case basis, as long as proposed work fits within Area Delivery Plan priorities.

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Report of the Area Manager

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 20th September 2007

Subject: Environmental Programme Works for Groundwork Leeds

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: Armley Bramley & Stanningley</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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1.0 Executive Summary

This reports provides details on current and completed projects in inner west neighbourhoods and the consultation and community development work currently in progress by Ground Work Leeds. Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

2.0 Purpose of This Report

The report has been compiled to update the Committee on the actions and works undertaken by Groundwork Leeds in inner west Leeds. We will be updating on all community actions and capital and revenue programme progress in the area.

3.0 Background Information

Groundwork Leeds, is an Environmental Charity working throughout Leeds. We work with the local community to help them address environmental problems in their local area. In West Leeds we have been working with different partners and community groups to help achieve this. We also attend all relevant meetings and endeavour to use our resources and time to positively impact on the areas that we are working in. The main aims of Groundwork are to help develop community interest in the neighbourhood, through their active involvement in environmental improvements.

4.0 Main Issues

Inner West Capital Projects

4.1 Armley

Butts Mount – Project had overlapped into April, due to the acquisition of land by a neighbouring resident. This has been resolved and the fencing has been erected. The project is now complete.

Aviary Mount – This project has been identified with Leeds West North West Homes Estate Management Officer. The aim is to create a useable greenspace for local residents, to compliment the housing around the site. Consultation has been completed for the site and a sketch design will be drafted to present to the residents for approval and alterations.

West Leeds Binyards – The priority areas for this years programme are the Cedars and Aviaries. The binyards to be completed have been identified and the specification for the design are being discussed. This will most likely be a reduction in wall heights and fencing to 1.8m around the binyards with lockable gates and railings to attach the bin to. Consultation will aim to be completed by early September to allow the programme to progress quickly.

Wyther Tree Planting – This project was developed during the Wyther Environment Week and is funded by those organisations who took part. The funds will go towards tree planting on the estate, this will take place in November.

4.2 Bramley & Stanningley

Maggies End – Initial consultation complete. Initial design has been completed and checked by the group. Consultation of the design with the residents to be undertaken. The land is vested in City Development: Parks & Countryside and so the right to develop the land must be agreed before any additional progress is made.

Stanningley Road Streetscape – This project has been designed and has been sent to members of the local groups to gain their opinions of the design and to make any changes which they feel necessary. Once this has been done the works will go ahead.

Rossefields – This project is still to be identified, the initial proposal had to be disregarded due to future plans for the selected site. A meeting must be arranged to discuss new proposals.

Binyards – The binyards on the Nansens and some on the Henleys will be completed as part of the works. In order to complete as many binyards as possible the specification for these binyards will be to reduce the wall and install an internal railing to which the bin can be secured.

Inner West Revenue

4.3 Armley

In Armley Groundwork works closely with the Armley Common Right Trust (ACRT) to help them maintain the common land and where possible make improvements to these areas. Groundwork's Garden team has been available to help with the maintenance of Charlie Cake Park on two occasions and with the continued care provided by the ACRT this area of Armley is coming along very well. We have also been attending the ACRT meetings about the future of their sites. Designs have been drawn up by Parks & Countryside and we will help the Group to consult with residents about the designs and what features they would prefer, we will also help the group to find funding for the projects and to complete application forms.

We have been involved in the planning of the Armley Funday, attending meetings and offering support. For the actual event, we arranged a children's activity which would help to brighten up the area and encourage young people to be greener. Young people were invited to colour plant pots and then planting flowers in these pots. This gave the young people a fun activity whilst we could talk to the parents and consult about the area. We helped the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) with consultations about the timeline, the area, and methods of conservation in Armley. We gave away 60 plants and consulted 21 adults.



At the Armley Funday Groundwork also arranged for a Cleaner Greener Leeds piece of theatre to educate people about the issues around littering and the environment. This actively involved 5 local young people in the play and many people watched.

One of the capital projects in Armley this year is the work to improve Aviary Mount Greenspace. This is an area which was either garages or housing which has been knocked down. The area has been left to degrade and has become very wild. Groundwork have been consulting residents in the area about the project and have so far consulted 50 people from the area. The majority of people would be very happy with something on the land.

Groundwork have also been working on the issue of Binyards in Armley there have been some problems with the theft and burning of wheelie bins in the Cedars area. The issue of the binyards has been of high priority and as such the proposed design for the binyards has had to be carefully considered. We have attended meetings and discussed the issues of binyards with members of the LCC and ALMO staff. I will be completing consultation of binyards in the coming months. The new structure of the binyards will safely secure the bins whilst keeping the people using them safe.

Groundwork will be helping the 'Great Armley Litter-pick' on the 2nd of September, this is an attempt to involve the residents of Armley in tidying up their local area and becoming more responsible for the environment. We will help by supplying litter pickers, gloves, Hi Vis vests and bin bags. Groundwork will also be attending the session to help on the day and provide support.

4.4 **Bramley & Stanningley**

Fairfields Estate – The Fairfields is the priority SOA in the west and so, much of the work we do is targeted around this area. We work closely with the Fairfield LAMP and Improvement group (FIG) to help improve the area and help lift it out of the bottom 3% of SOA's. We also work closely with the Fairfield Community Partnership (FCP) in the aim of including the opinions of the residents as closely as possible.

Out of this partnership we have developed a Capital Programme which will develop 4 sites and help to improve the community identity of the Fairfields. As part of the consultation for Maggie's End we knocked on the doors of and posted letters to the houses around and near the site. We received 23 consultations, the majority happy with the ideas. One of the issues that was raised through the consultation with residents was the issue of traffic outside the school. As such we will aim to include a session with the school children, where we will design road signs



to warn drivers about the school and to ask them to slow down. This will take place once the schools return from holiday. We have worked closely with the FCP on this scheme and they are keen on the idea of promoting the identity of the Fairfield neighbourhood through this project. Therefore we agreed that the scheme would reflect the entrance feature on Stanningley Road with similar Fairfield Community Partnership Emblems.

The work on Stanningley Road Railway Site will brighten up the approach to the estate with planting beds and restoration of the seating. The aim of the scheme has been agreed in partnership with the FCP and the designs will be shown to the group early September for further revisions and opinions.

The binyard scheme on the Fairfields will have to be tailored for the specific area as the problems and solutions are different for the various neighbourhoods. We will decide the best appropriate method for improving these with the FCP.



The development works we have completed on the Fairfields include attending the relevant LAMP and FIG meetings and partnership meetings with the FCP. Through these partnerships we have identified the need for an environment awareness event. This was developed through meeting with key partners and identifying the appropriate events. At the Fairfield Environment Days we involved residents and the local primary

school in shrub planting and a litter pick at the local school, recycling awareness, a fruit and veg stall, creating art from recycled material and a planting session with Groundwork, planting hanging baskets and planters. This not only encourages young people to get involved in the environment and gardening, but also enhances the environment of the estate. In total we involved **16** young people in the litter pick and **16** children were involved in the planting shrubs at the school with BTCV. We gave away **62** hanging baskets or planters, which were planted and taken home by the school children.

Through the Fairfield LAMP we recently decided to work towards 'In Bloom' standard on the estate. This first action through the Environment Days on the Fairfields will help to work towards 'In Bloom' by involving the residents in the environment and by putting out Hanging Baskets and Planters it will brighten up the Estate. The capital improvements will also help to increase the amount of flowers on the Fairfields and brighten up the neighbourhood.

Groundwork Leeds is working in Partnership with Leeds Ahead to use volunteers during Pro Bono week. This project will involve **40** volunteers for one day on the estate to tackle environmental issues. We aim to plant 10,000 daffodil bulbs, clear ginnels, pick litter and help to tidy hedges and gardens. This again should help to raise the standard of the Environment on the Fairfields towards 'In Bloom'

Broadleas Estate – Groundwork is also working with our Youth Worker and BARCA to develop a Junior Warden scheme on the Broadleas estate. The aim will be to consult with local young people and find out what improvements they would like to make in their area. We will identify the sites and help them to design the area themselves. We will also include tidy ups and litter picks and get the young people involved in some aspects of the build. We have identified an unused space on Broadlea Street and the garden at the Youth Inclusion Base on Broadlea Hill. This project will help to improve ownership and responsibility for their environment and to develop skills for the young people.



An officer from Groundwork attends the Broadleas Improvement Group (BIG) meeting where we are concerned with improving the greenspaces on the estate. Links with BARCA

organisation have been established and we have been involved in litter picks where we have tidied up the surrounding area. For this event we had help from **4** young people and **2** adult volunteers. The event was successful and we collected large amounts of litter and drastically improved the football pitch and surrounding grass.

As part of Operation Champion in Bramley, Groundwork supplied BARCA and Neighbourhood Wardens with litter pickers, gloves, Hi Vis jackets and bin bags. This helped them to have a large scale litter pick on the Broadleas estate and improve the area.

Wyther Estate – We have been attending the Wyther Improvement Group (WIG) meeting. Through the Wyther Environment Week we received funding to offset carbon emissions from the week. We are working with the group and residents to decide the best location for these trees. We are working with Leeds Ahead to use volunteers from companies in Leeds and involve them in planting trees and in making an



environmental impact on the Wyther Estate. The project will plant heavy standard trees with contractors and volunteers will be involved in planting Whips and transplants around the estate. We will also continue to work with the local schools where we planted 2 Orchards within the schools grounds. This included planting apple, plum and pear trees with the primary school children.

4.5 **Wedge Wide Work**

West Leeds Environment Network

Meetings with the West Leeds Environment Network (WLEN) discuss work going on in West Leeds. Groundwork is an important member and we help to organise the group. We have setup a website to publicise the work and to attract residents and interested parties to join in on the tasks.

The WLEN has specifically organised a project in Armley to improve the nature of the binyards, this is a £200 grant available to residents, we organise the delivery of items to their houses so that they can improve their binyards themselves with other members of the community. This can be painting, creating raised planters and



generally using the binyard as more of a community space. The scheme has also been rolled out to include any general improvements people would like to make to the fronts of their houses or in tower blocks. We have had requests from a number of tower blocks to provide planter tubs and shrubs for the flats.

We also ran an Allotment Awareness Day on Armley Moor Top, this involved the different partners of the group setting up stalls and raising awareness of the environment, allotments, healthy eating and exercise. Groundwork involved local people in creating a raised planter to fill with plants and vegetables. We had many people interested in the works and watching and learning how to create the raised planter. We also had 1 young person help with the building of the planter and planting the plants.

4.6 West Leeds Green Gateways.

Attendance of meetings and input where relevant. Provide information on the schemes that we are running which could be linked into the Green Gateway.

4.7 West Leeds Baseline Survey.

We are working in partnership with the Area Management Team to track the progress being made in the environment in West Leeds. The project will target the 5 most deprived neighbourhoods in West Leeds, this being, the Bawns, Broadleas, Fairfields, New Wortley and the Wyther Estates. We have produced the survey that will be used for the project. The questions that will be asked and the methods of recording the data have been agreed. We now need to identify the specific areas on the estates which will be used as samples for the study. We will then complete Quarterly Surveys on these areas to track the changes in the environment.

4.8 Operation Champions.

Work with the Operation Champion to meeting the aims of the environmental impact of the operation. This involves litter picks with residents and schools, where possible the inclusion of a team from Groundwork to tackle larger scale projects. We will be looking to include a mini Operation Champion in with Environment Weeks where possible to add weight to both projects and to have a greater impact in the neighbourhood.

4.9 Bulb Bonanza 2007

Groundwork are running the Bulb Bonanza Project again this year with 75,000 Daffodil bulbs and 75,000 Crocus bulbs. These will be available to churches, community groups and schools throughout Leeds. I will be targeting TRA's community groups and local primary schools to have action days, planting bulbs and actively working in their local environments.

5.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

The work undertaken by Groundwork Leeds in partnership with the local community and statutory agencies contributes to the council's aim of cleaner greener neighbourhoods and safer stronger communities.

6.0 Legal and Resource Implications

Some of the projects undertaken by Groundwork Leeds are funded from the Inner West Area Committee and are subject to review during the financial year. and at close of the project.

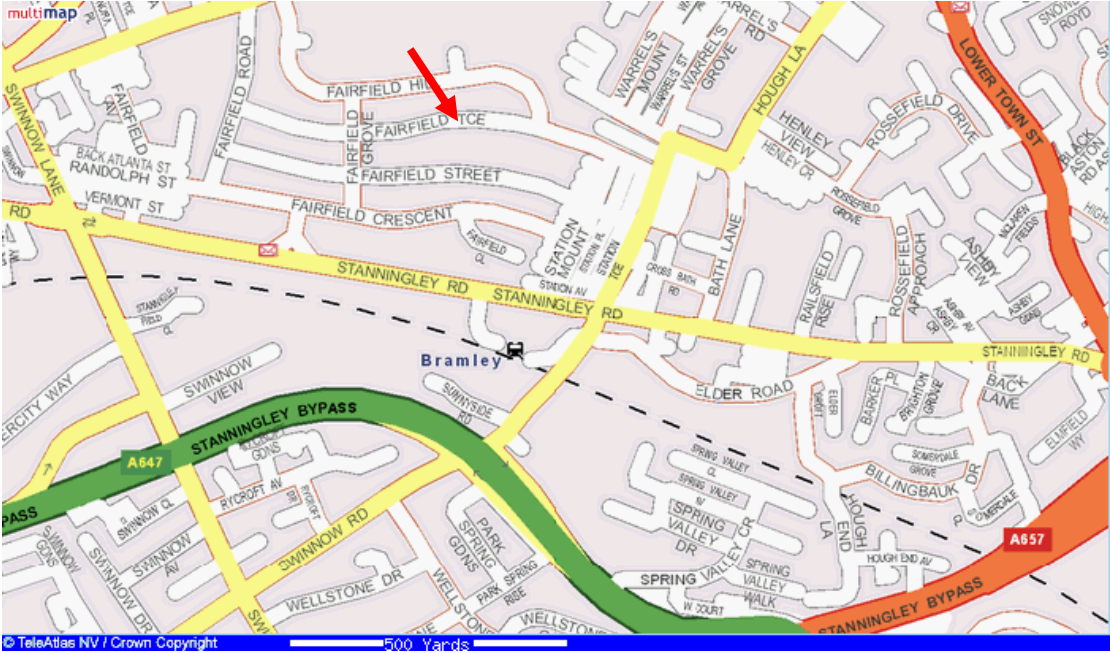
7.0 Conclusions

In the Inner West Wedge Groundwork has worked closely with the relevant partnership groups to improve the environment and community input in the environment. Through this we hope to develop community cohesion and by providing activities and involvement in the environment deter young people from anti-social behaviour. We have worked with **251** adults, **220** Young people and attended **33** partnership meetings and **25** group capacity building meetings

8.0 Recommendations

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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