



WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

**Meeting to be held in Stanningley Rugby Club, Coal Hill Lane, Leeds 13 on
Thursday, 25th October, 2007 at 5.00 pm**

Note: Map of Venue 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>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC</p> <p>To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public</p>	
3			<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>	
4			<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>	
5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</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 & Stanningley Community Forum – 26th July and 27th September 2007.</p> <p>(b) Armley Community Forum – 18th September 2007</p>	1 - 10
7			<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2007 AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the attached minutes of the last meeting held on 20th September 2007 and to discuss any matters arising from the minutes.</p>	11 - 18
8	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES - INNER WEST LEEDS</p> <p>To consider a report by the West Leeds Area Manager on the community safety issues in Inner West Leeds for the past six weeks.</p> <p>(Executive Function) 10 Mins</p>	19 - 20

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9	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>AREA DELIVERY PLAN 2007/08 UPDATE AND FUTURE OF ADP 2008/09</p> <p>To consider a report by the West Leeds Area Manager on the progress on the Inner West Area Committee Area Delivery Plan (ADP) 2007/08 and to inform Members of the proposed content and format of the ADP for 2008/09.</p> <p>(Executive Function) 10 Mins</p>	21 - 42
10	All Wards		<p>CONSULTATION ON THE LEEDS STRATEGIC PLAN 2008/2011</p> <p>To consider a report and presentation by the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning Policy and Improvement) introducing the Strategic Plan 2008/2011 and to consider the draft strategic outcomes and improvement priorities which will shape the content of this plan.</p> <p>(Council Function) 20 Mins</p>	43 - 48
11	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>WEST INNER WELL-BEING BUDGET</p> <p>To consider a report by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods 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>(Executive Function) 10 Mins</p>	49 - 72

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12	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>WEST LEEDS COUNTRY PARK AND GREEN GATEWAYS</p> <p>To note a report by the Chief Recreation Officer on progress made with the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways project since the last WLCP Forum meeting held on 11th June 2007.</p> <p>(Council Function) 10 Mins</p>	73 - 76
13	All Wards		<p>LEEDS JOINT AREA REVIEW</p> <p>To note a report and presentation by the Director of Children's Services on the Joint Area Review (JAR) Leeds.</p> <p>(Council Function) 15 Mins</p>	77 - 100
14	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>LEEDS BRADFORD CORRIDOR REGENERATION UPDATE</p> <p>To note a report by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to update Members on joint work taking place between partners of Leeds City Council and Bradford MDC on the Leeds Bradford Corridor.</p> <p>(Executive Decision) 10 Mins</p>	101 - 108
15	Armley		<p>ARMLEY TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS</p> <p>To note a report by the West Leeds Area Manager informing Members of the latest progress on projects which are part of the regeneration of Armley Town Centre.</p> <p>(Executive Function) 10 Mins</p>	109 - 114

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16	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT JOBS SKILLS AND ENTERPRISE IN WEST LEEDS</p> <p>To consider a report by the West Leeds Area Manager informing the Area Committee of the current opportunities that exist to bid for European Funding to assist jobs, enterprise and skill levels in West Leeds.</p> <p>(Executive Function) 10 Mins</p>	115 - 118
17	All Wards		<p>LEEDS LOCAL ENTERPRISE GROWTH INITIATIVE PROGRAMME UPDATE</p> <p>To note a report by the LEGI Programme Manager on the progress of the Leeds LEGI programme.</p> <p>(Council Function) 10 Mins</p>	119 - 122
18	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p>DATE TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Thursday, 6th December 2007 at 9.00 a.m. Armley One Stop Centre, Armley Town Street, Leeds 12.</p>	

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

Date: Thursday 26th July 2007

Present: Cllr Denise Atkinson (Chair), Cllr T Hanley, R Boon, A Friebe, K Donnelly, K Stanley, P Green, D & L Siron, J Lockett, H Garrand, N Gibson, A Maskell, J Frost, P Miles, M Tyson, J Upton, E & B Rayworth, L Bowman, C Roberts, JB Quimby, Jayne Learoyd, J Bedford, S Fothergill.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr D Atkinson welcomed all to the meeting and especially the new Rossefields group.

1.02 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr N.Taggart, J Stringer.

2.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – agreed.

3.00 Matters Arising – none.

4.00 Policing Issues – Police / PCSOs – no-one in attendance.

4.01 RB/Cllr DA commented on the great success of Operation Champion earlier in the week.

5.00 Refuse Collection of recyclable materials / Q&A session – Kate Stanley

5.01 Kate Stanley – Education assistant from City Services gave a short talk on why we recycle and what can be recycled in the green bins:-

- Most paper including glossy magazines, junk mail, newspapers, leaflets, envelopes with windows, catalogs etc with staples (NOT the Next Directory).
- Cardboard – including food packaging but NOT juice/milk tetrapak cartons (there will be facilities at Household waste sites soon for these).
- NOT polystyrene.
- Cans: All food and pet food cans (washed out) – ok to leave labels on. Drinks cans including those with widgets.
- NO aerosols or paint cans.(these can be disposed of at household waste sites).
- Plastics: Look for number in triangle 1, 2 and 4 are recyclable. If letters used instead – PET, HDPE and LDPE are recyclable. General rule is all clear plastic or opaque bottles BUT NO tops. Plastic bags including carriers, bread bags are also recyclable.
- NO shredded paper as gets stuck in machinery (can be disposed of at household waste sites or used as pet bedding or in compost).
- ALL should be LOOSE in bin not tied up in bags even if the bags are recyclable – this is to allow easy separation.
- NO cellophane or foil.

- The frequency of green bin collections are being investigated. Larger ones or extra ones are available if requested.
- Compost bins are available to buy but even the smallest size is very large – as it takes some time for the waste to breakdown and become compost.
- For garden waste collection – ring LCC - refuse collection on 0845 124 0113 or 0113 398 4760.
- A pilot scheme is taking place at present supplying brown bins for garden waste – if this is successful it will be rolled out citywide.

5.02 Government are slowly bringing in legislation to reduce packaging by the manufacturer.

5.03 If you are unable to wheel your bin out – you can request bags instead. Although some residents did report problems with this service. Tel:0845 124 0113

5.04 Forum reported various issues around green bins being contaminated and therefore not collectable.

5.05 Kate is available to give more detailed talks to local groups etc.

6.00 Bramley Community Centre – update – Kevin Donnelly

6.01 Kevin introduced himself – he is the Youth Work Manager for Armley and also the Bramley Community Centre Manager. They hope to move in to the Centre very soon but the IT and furniture need delivering first. There has already been some renovation work done but there is still more to do.

6.02 Last year the decision was made to ensure each area of Leeds has a Youth Hub where all local youth services will be based. There is the LAZER centre but as this is a city-wide resource it was inappropriate to become the Bramley Hub. The intention is for the Bramley Centre to be open 7 days a week with all kinds of Community activities taking place. No-one will be 'kicked' out ! The focus of the centre however is Young People.

6.03 Cllr DA – there was a government announcement today about funding for Youth work : KD to follow up; Cllr DA promised full Cllr support. **KD**

6.04 There was a general discussion about the use of the Community Centre by local groups such as Bramley Elderly Action. Jane Learoyd (BEA) – the Government are also focussing on providing centres for the elderly. The facility is very central and on bus routes – so ideal for local access. However groups such as the luncheon club will fold if they have to pay the Youth Service for using it. KD sympathised with this and although he is bound by LCC policy will discuss with his manager. Maybe funding can be found elsewhere – Cllr DA will again support and help where possible.

6.05 The proposed new name is the Bramley Young People's Centre. Protests were made that this is a Community resource – again KD said it has to focus on young people. It was felt that locals already paid for the centre through taxes etc.

6.06 Cllr DA proposed that the sale of the People's airport provide each ward with a sum of money for community use. The wards to decide what to spend this on. Bradford Council have given £100k to each ward from their share of the sale price.

6.07 KD – there will be an official launch when the Centre is up and running.

6.08 A comment was made that there was no publicity around what is available at the Centre. KD to supply timetables of events and clubs etc once they have moved in. These will be sent with minutes to the Bramley mailing list. **KD/AF**

7.00 Inner Area Committee Co-opted Representative feedback – nothing to report.

8.00 AOB

- 8.01 Waterloo Lane roadworks are very dangerous. There was some confusion as to the reason for this work – RB to check out .
 - 8.02 There has been a planning application for 40 flats on the Memorial Hall site at Broad Lane. However this is Armley ward.
 - 8.03 Fairfield Partnership have received funding for a chef for a Friday Luncheon Club. They asked for volunteers to help out.
 - 8.04 Bramley Luncheon Club (Community Centre) also would like some volunteers to help with their lunches – twice a week.
 - 8.05 Rayneville Primary – very dangerous with parents parking on double yellow lines outside. This is Armley ward - Cllr DA advised resident to speak to Cllr A Lowe.
 - 8.06 Bramley Carnival (last weekend) was a great success – 4,000 people attended. Plans to go ahead next year too.
- 9.00** Dates of meetings in 2007 - 27th September
29th November

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

Date: Thursday 27th September 2007

Present: Cllr Denise Atkinson (Chair), Cllr T Hanley, Cllr Taggart

D & L Siron, A Maskell, J Frost, M Tyson, E & B Rayworth, JB Quimby, Jayne Learoyd, J Bedford, S Fothergill., M Pryce, A Brummitt, J Bakes, Diane Titterington, M Staveley, D W Petty, A Berg, T Astley, B Dean, P Dean, M North, B Benton, B, Crowther, M Wright, S McBarron, P Bond, S Longley, S Withers, G Withers, A Iqbal.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Cllr D Atkinson welcomed all to the meeting

1.02 **APOLOGIES** –P Miles, J Stringer. J Upton

2.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – agreed.

3.00 Matters Arising –

6.04 – issues raised again over the decision to charge users of Bramley Community centre for it use. Councillors agreed to pursue this further and clarify the justification for the charges and the letter asking Bramley Historical Society to remove all of their equipment.

Cllr Atkinson advised that the group should stay put till a full solution can be found

6.05 – again the question was raised why does the name of the centre need to change

6.08 – there is current perception that there is limited activities for younger people in the Bramley area. **GF to invite both BARCA and Youth Service**

GF

Cllr Atkinson updated the room on the Bramley Shopping Centre improvements. Including new units at the rear of the centre and also the change over at Sommerfields.

4.00 Policing Issues – Police / PCSOs – no-one in attendance.

5.00 Surestart Update – Judy Bakes

5.01 Surestart has gone through many changes recently but their core provision has stayed the same.

5.02 The small nursery has a waiting list due to its popularity and its offers of free places and also subsidised places

5.03 Every Child Matters – family support work now covers all of West Leeds and have in the region of 1600 families on their books.

5.04 Main three centres are Fairfield, Hollybush and Moortop. They are also now know as the Response team.

5.05 Surestart do have a caravan available for hire all details can be received by calling Surestart.

6.00 Street Lighting – SEC – Alan Brummitt

6.01 This scheme of improving the street lighting is currently the largest in both the UK and Europe. Bramley is to be onsite between January and February 2008.

6.02 The outlying area of the city have been the priority due to the age of the columns. Each new column is a lot more efficient than previous models leading to only 0.5% of the light being lost upwards as opposed to 7% from the old models.

6.03 Depending upon the location of services under the street the columns are mostly positioned to the rear of the pathway to minimise disruption to pedestrians. A column can be moved slightly if there is a genuine reason. Each case would have to be looked at.

6.04 Hanging baskets that are currently on Lamp posts will be replaced, along with all brackets for Christmas lights.

6.05 Letters should go through every door informing the occupiers of the disruption that will be caused to the street when the lighting columns are changed

6.06 Within the contract SEC are allowed to trim tree branches up to 1 inch thick to maximise the potential of the new lighting. Any larger trees that require attention would be passed through to LCC Forestry.

6.07 Feedback information –

Free phone number – 0800 032 5349

Leeds City Council lighting faults line – 0845 124 0113

6.08 Additional Questions-

- How long on each post? – current working practice aims for 2 weeks on a street

7.00 Inner Area Committee Co-opted Representative feedback – nothing to report.

8.00 AOB

8.01 Bonfire leaflets - all attendees were given a leaflet stating the current legislations around bonfires and burning materials from Environmental Health.

8.02 Bulb Bonanza – Ground work would again be providing free daffodil bulbs for community groups. All application should be in by 3/10/07

8.03 All other AOB was covered in the matters arising section.

9.00 Dates of meetings in 2007 - 29th November
31st January 2008

Armley Community Forum

Date: 18th September 2007

Present: Hazel Boutle (Chair), R Boon, A Friebe, Cllr A Lowe, Cllr J Mckenna, D Boutle, B Gregg, E Bowes, R Edwards, S Hellewell, D Collins, G Shaw, D & T Maynard, W & K Anderson, C Walker, D M Peck, E Hey, E & B Rayworth, J Gill, J Preston, J Collins, Rev A Kaye, J Wordsworth, J S Bahra, B & M Guthrie, P Kempster, T & W Jones, B Holmes, M Bruce, H Shields, G St Quintin, H Gardiner, M Pugh, K Donnelly, L Campbell, J Parsons, J Ford, A Willis, J Kerry, AA & I Stephenson, D Best, R Wright, E H Smyth, D Smith, S & B Richmond, M Stead, K Draper, JK & JP Newsome, A Covey, A Iqbal.

ACTION

1.00 WELCOME

1.01 Hazel Boutle welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Cllr Janet Harper was unable to attend.

2.00 APOLOGIES

2.01 Cllr Harper, I & D Penman, K Lemm, D Stead, B Draper, B Nelson, J Grainger, M Liddle, 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 (8.01) The Theaker Lane site is now up for sale by auction.

4.02 (9.12) The Cedars binyards – work has started but residents in nearby streets have not been informed. RB to chase up.

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5.00 POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

5.01 Police have been carrying out several tenancy sweeps in high-rise blocks, Cedars and will be doing one soon at the Burnsalls.

5.02 Two problem families have moved – one to a known address – the other not known as yet.

5.03 School holidays have been very quiet – this may be due to the weather.

5.04 Speeding at Mistress Lane – very common. PCSOs aware.

5.05 Speeding at the Grasmere – this is being addressed by Police already.

5.06 Several cars vandalised at Christ Church. Not identified as a vehicle crime hotspot however as these crimes are not being reported. The Police MUST be contacted for the area to be flagged as a hotspot and therefore more resources assigned.

5.07 Travellers have moved from the Moor to the area next to St Barts.

5.08 Some railings are missing at 23 Cedar Place – these are being replaced .

5.09 Tension Monitoring: RB introduced what will be a permanent agenda item in future. The forum will be asked to report any growing 'tensions' in the area which may lead to problems. This is to enable early intervention by appropriate agencies to try and prevent further problems. This information will be held centrally and monitored across the city. No incidences were reported.

6.00 Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) for Armley Town Street – Gill Hunter, Community Safety Locality Co-ordinator.

6.01 Concerns about the rising level of alcohol-related violent crime have led to a DPPO proposed for Armley centre. There were 107 alcohol-related violent crimes reported

between 01/05/06 and 30/04/07 (55% increase on the same previous period) and already 49 reported in the last few months.

- 6.02 The DPPO will act as an extra tool giving Police powers to seize alcohol or carry out on-the-spot fines if people are seen to be drinking in public on the street within the designated area. This will also impact on criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.
- 6.03 This does not effect beer-gardens and the Police will exercise discretion.
- 6.04 The following public notice appeared in Saturday's Evening Post (15/09/07):

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES FOR THE AREA OF ARMLEY (CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE ACT 2001)

The City of Leeds Metropolitan District Council propose to make an Designated Public Places Order under Section 13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001. The effect of the order is that the police will have the power to require a person not to drink alcohol in the designated area and to surrender alcohol to the police. Failure to comply with the request is an offence.

The proposed designated area comprises all public highways, streets, byways and other public places within the Armley area. This area is bounded to the north by the Leeds/Liverpool canal, to the south by Whingate and Tong Road, to the east by Canal Road and Wesley Road and in the west by Armley Grange Mount, Avenue and Redcote Lane. The area takes in such areas as Armley Town Street, the Aviary's, Aberdeen's, Cedars, Armley Moor and Armley Park.

A map identifying the specific location of the designated public place and a list of licensed premises within the area is available for inspection at Leeds City Council, Armley One Stop Centre. Alternatively you can view the information at www.leedsinitiative.org/west

The order will not apply to premises with a premises licence or club premises certificate granted by the Licensing Authority. It will not apply within the curtilage of such premises. It will not apply where a temporary event notice authorises use of the premises for the supply of alcohol during the authorised times and for 30 minutes afterwards. It will not apply to outside areas covered by a street café licence.

Any representations as to whether or not the order should be made must be made in writing to Gill Hunter West Leeds Area Management Office 3rd Floor Pudsey One Stop Centre Robin Lane Leeds LS 28 7BL by no later than 15th October 2007. Alternatively you can contact us by email at nhd.innerwest@leeds.gov.uk.

- 6.03 DPPOs are in place in several other areas where they have been deemed successful eg Headingley, Wetherby, Pudsey etc. Ultimately the Licensing Committee will decide if this proposal is successful – comments/concerns to be sent to Gill Hunter (see above for contact details).
- 6.04 Ley Lane field – full of cans and bottles. RB to report to Streetscene.

7.00 Christ Church Social Projects - Alistair Kaye/ Julie Collins

- 7.01 AK/JC explained how the project grew from the troubled history of the Church – linked to drug dealing and criminal damage. The aim was to create something positive for the area. The project holds sessions for various age-ranges and provides a meal for all who attend. The project now has fulltime workers and volunteers and also involvement from the Youth Service. They do various activities including visiting schools, doing school assemblies, work with the Prison Visitors Centre, outreach work, train volunteers etc. They also run the HeightBites Community Café (Heights Lane) and Healthy Snax projects.

The project has existed through a variety of funding sources including the Inner West Area Committee and is seen as successful – being reported positively in the Press. Cllr JH offered supportive funding if possible.

In future the project plans to be more involved in community work especially with their

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older age group.

7.02 Linda Campbell has recently been awarded the MBE for her youth work in the Armley area. She was congratulated by the Chair and the forum.

8.00 Viaduct Road Arches improvements - update

8.01 There has been some delay with this project; the estimated date for the start of the works on site is now late September 2007. Due to a number of complications, the work is now expected to last for 16 weeks. The works will take place on the straight section of road, between the west side of the railway viaduct, and the end of the road before the corner that continues into Canal Road. To carry out the work, it is still proposed to close one lane and only allow traffic to travel uphill to Canal Road, maintaining access over the bridge at all times. Traffic travelling downhill to Kirkstall Road will be diverted via Armley Gyratory. Pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained at all times. In advance of the lane closure, road signs will be placed at the end of the bridge, notifying users of the exact start date. Letters will subsequently be delivered to businesses and the local residents, informing them of the exact start date. Information about the works will be displayed in the local libraries.

9.00 Any other business

9.01 **Tower Works site:** Sarah Hellewell (Armley Principal Planner) attended with several of the architects to discuss the plans for a residential scheme on the site. The site was initially bought in 2004 and plans have been proposed and gone out for public consultation a number of times to date.

Public consultation results summary: 97% wanted to see the site redeveloped. 86% liked the proposed scheme. 11% were ambivalent and 3% wanted changes to the plans. Generally people felt houses were needed and wanted to see an otherwise derelict site utilised. However there were concerns re traffic impact, the loss of 2 houses for the access road, building height etc.

- These concerns have been addressed where it was possible:
- The building height is only 2 storeys in part.
- The access will now be via Moorfield Rd along edge of playing field. Traffic survey – this is felt to be more safe and visible.
- The site will be landscaped and additional shrubs etc planted. 2 trees may still be lost – however there are health problems with the smaller one anyway). This is still under discussion as residents feel strongly about retaining these.
- Asbestos will be removed from the site before building starts.
- The site will not be fenced and allow for travel through
- The playing fields will also benefit – developer will improve drainage etc

Further comments/discussion included:

- Start date – probably after Christmas and construction will take approx.18 months
- Security is a very high priority as many youths accessing the dangerous buildings – there will be 24 hr security once building starts and these buildings will be demolished.
- An element of the build will be affordable housing but this is still being negotiated. SH to keep Cllrs informed on this
- The brick will be a natural tone
- Access still felt to be an issue as many schoolchildren cross road here etc. A one-way system may be a solution – SH to follow up with Highways
- SH – these current plans (on show in AOSC until 19th September – and going to the next Plans Panel – 4th October) are felt to be the best way forward – all comments are welcome but must be in writing and sent to SH before Plans Panel.

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9.02 Town & District Centre Improvements – Armley: There will be a sign in place (on Town St by Armley Moor) as part of these public realm improvements. RB asked the forum if they were happy to have the sign to say – Welcome to Armley Town Street. The forum agreed but any further suggestions will be considered.

- 9.03 Charliecake Park Baking Competition – This will be Saturday 6th October in Charliecake Park. Entrants to attend at 12:00 entry free – open to the public from 2:30-4pm entry £1. Winning recipes will appear on this years Charming Armley calendar. More details about this and other events etc – www.armleytouristboard.com
- 9.04 Armley Common Rights Trust have completed a 10yr plan. This is available to see in Armley Library. This is subject to change depending on funding available.
- 9.05 ACRT also asked for volunteers to attend a clean-up on Armley Moor Saturday 22nd September.
- 9.06 The Squash Club are to apply for an all-night license – Cllrs AL & JM will object to this.
- 9.07 Advertisement Hoarding at Henconnor Lane has been vandalised. RB to follow up previous referral.
- 9.08 Request for 'Armley in Bloom'. ACE – provide hanging baskets in some areas. The Town & District Centre Improvements will also provide hanging baskets in Town St from next year.
- 9.10 Cedars Binyards – resident requested keys? GH to follow up.
- 10:00 DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 16th OCTOBER 7pm AOSC**

**Cllrs
AL/JM
RB**

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WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor D Atkinson in the Chair

Councillors T Hanley, A Lowe and
J McKenna

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

19 **Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that Councillor Harper was at present in the Bradford Royal Infirmary having surgery and that, although individual Ward Members may have sent cards, she proposed that a letter and flowers be sent on behalf of this Area Committee on Councillor Harper's return home from hospital to wish her well. The suggestion was unanimously agreed.

20 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor J Harper and Inspector Steve Thomas.

21 **Declaration of Interests**

The following personal interests were declared at the meeting:

Councillor A Lowe in her capacity as a Director of West North West Homes (Agenda Item 12, 29 Minute refers)

Councillor J McKenna in his capacity as a Panel Member of West North West Homes (Agenda Item 12, 29 Minute refers)

The following personal and prejudicial interests were declared at the meeting:

Councillor T Hanley in his capacity as a Director of Bramley Elderly Action (Agenda Item 11, 28 Minute refers)

22 **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

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Thursday, 25th October, 2007

Committee. On this occasion, no matters were raised under this item by those members of the public who were in attendance.

The minutes of the **Armley Community Forum** meeting held on 17th July 2007 were submitted for information and noted.

The minutes of the **Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum** meeting held on 31st May 2007 were also submitted for information and noted.

Referring to the Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum - Minute 3.01 relating to **Litter Bins** it was reported that Ward Members have had to purchase litter bins from their community **MICE money** and that there were a few areas in the Bramley & Stanningley Ward that still required litter bins. Concern was expressed that children and families in this Ward were at risk as the shortage of litter bins has created more litter to be thrown down on to the streets which is environmentally unsuitable.

RESOLVED - That West Leeds Area Management investigate and pursue the **lack of litter bins** in the Bramley & Stanningley Ward.

23 Minutes - 28th June 2007

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

24 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Area Manager's Report (Minute 15 refers)

Steve Crocker, West Leeds Area Manager informed the meeting that Officers were still working on the proposals for a Catalyst Centre for West Leeds and that he would report back to the next meeting.

It was also reported that there was a new round of **European funding** announced for Yorkshire and Humber region and that Officers would report back to the next meeting on the ideas on bids the Committee might make for that round of funding relating to Inner West Leeds.

25 Community Safety Issues - Inner West Leeds

The West Leeds Area Manager submitted a report and Sergeant Jon Glennon, together with Gill Hunter, Community Safety Officer gave a **brief update on community safety issues** in the West Leeds area.

Sergeant Glennon reported on the following areas over the last three months:

- **Criminal damage**
- Reduction in **burglaries**
- **Robberies**
- **Theft** of motor vehicles and theft from motor vehicles

- 23rd/24th July **Operation Champion** – various warrants, arrests and **illegal Vehicles** found on the roads in the Inner West area.
- A decrease in the number of illegal motorbikes on the streets.
- **Extra Police and PCSOs** working at **peak times** during the dark nights leading up to bonfire night and mischievous night.

In summary the main issues raised by Members were:

- A request that Members and Co-optees receive a breakdown of the costs per Ward for providing each PCSO.
- That regular update reports be submitted on the problem with **youths on motorbikes** and the current proposals for the erection of signs for prohibiting this activity in **local parks and hotspot areas** in the Inner West area.

The Chair thanked Sergeant Glennon and Gill Hunter for their attendance.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the Community Safety Officer for West Leeds and Sergeant John Glennon inform Members and Co-optees of the **funds** received for the **PCSOs** and the **costs per annum** for each Ward.
- (c) That the Community Safety Officer submit regular **update reports** on the **problem with youths on motorbikes** and the current proposals for the erection of signs for prohibiting this activity in local parks and hotspot areas in the Inner West area.

Note: Councillor McKenna and Mr P Green, Co-optee arrived at meeting at approximately 9.20 a.m. during the presentation of the above item. Councillor Lowe temporarily left the meeting.

26 West Yorkshire Police Community Contact Points

The Chief Community Safety Officer submitted a report providing information on West Yorkshire Police's current **community contact points** and a summary of good practice. The report also requested Members to suggest further potential contact points and to support the use of Council premises if these were so identified. Attached at Appendix 3 was information for Members on the Neighbourhood Policing Teams by Ward.

Sergeant Jon Glennon presented the report, along with the Area Manager who responded to Members' queries and comments.

Members shared their views with the Sergeant on joint surgeries with the police and other partnership groups. It was also suggested that **Governors of local schools** in the area should relay a message back to their Governing Body that the Police are desperately trying to set up Police Community Contact Points in schools.

The Chair thanked Sergeant Glennon for his attendance.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That Members inform Sergeant Glennon of any suitable community contact points within their Wards for their relevant Neighbourhood Policing Team.

27 Narrowing the Gap

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a detailed report informing the Area Committee 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.

The West Leeds Area Manager also gave an extensive presentation on the evidence from the recent survey, the actual data on service delivery in the West and the **narrowing the gap evidence**, which presented a mixed picture.

The presentation opened up a lengthy debate and the main point raised was about the **standard of educational attainment** for children and the need for better educational facilities in Inner West area. Members felt that as a result there are many **unskilled people** who are **unemployed** in the Inner West area which must have an **impact on the crime statistics** for this area.

In summary the other areas of concern were:

- That issues of crime and grime had largely been tackled in the priority areas and that the next Inner West Area Delivery Plan should look at improving Educational Attainment and Worklessness as key objectives
- That worklessness on the **Fairfields, New Wortley, Wyther and Broadleas estates** was on the increase.
- That residents in the Bramley area believe that **improvement works** on the more rundown areas in Inner West will stop due to the **ALMOs decreasing funds** and that these repairs are very much needed to make their **quality of life better**.
- That the **ALMO management structure groups** including Area Panels have not yet been set up and that Members appointed as Panel Members to **West North West Homes** have still not been contacted.

The Area Committee noted that the **Overview & Scrutiny Committee** was shortly to **undertake an Inquiry** into the Council's relationship with ALMOs. It was also noted that in August 2007, tenants who wanted to be appointed on to the ALMO Area Panels were interviewed and at present one person had been appointed, which was a **Co-optee** on this Area Committee, Jean Bedford – Bramley & Stanningley Forum.

Members thanked Steve Crocker for his very informative presentation.

RESOLVED –

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Thursday, 25th October, 2007

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the Chief Executive, Education Leeds be invited to the next meeting of this Area Committee to respond to Members concerns around the standards of educational attainment of pupils in the most deprived neighbourhoods of Inner West Leeds.
- (c) That the next Inner West Area Delivery Plan should look at improving Educational Attainment and Worklessness in priority neighbourhoods as key objectives

28 Inner West 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, West Leeds Area Management presented the report and, together with Steve Crocker, West Leeds Area Manager responded to Members' questions and comments.

Detailed discussions on the report and appendices followed.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the report and information appended to the report, which included the available balance of the Area Committee's revenue and capital Well-being Budgets, be noted.
- (b) That the following decisions be made in relation to revenue and capital projects as detailed in the appendices attached to the submitted report:

Revenue

- (i) **Headcam Monitors** - £7,200 (Revenue) – Approved.
- (ii) **HipHopes Edutainment** - £2,800 (Revenue) – Approved.

Capital

- (i) **Bell View Mount Railings** - £1,263.13 (Capital) – Approved.
 - (ii) **Surestart Bramley** - £1,500 (Capital) – Approved.
- (c) That the update in relation to **Bramley Elderly Action** outlined in Appendix 5 attached to the report be noted and that approval be given for the next instalment of funding as agreed at the 8th February 2007 Area Committee meeting.
 - (d) That the **Small Grants and Skips** proposals outlined in paragraph 4.1 which have been approved since the last meeting be noted.
 - (e) That the West Leeds Area Manager arrange publicity for the approved applications in order to **raise awareness** and to include local Ward Members in the publicity.

Note: Councillor T Hanley declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the **Bramley Elderly Action** update and application and left the room when this matter considered (Minute 21 refers).

29 Environmental Health Service Activity in the Inner West Area

The Chief Environmental Health Officer submitted a report providing detailed information on the work of the West Leeds Environmental Health Team during the previous financial year and the priorities of the team within their service plan for 2007/2008.

Paul Spandler, Environmental Health Services presented the report and together with Steve Crocker, West Leeds Area Manager responded to Members' questions and comments.

In summary, the main issues raised were:

- Members had received **countless complaints** that some local residents and tradesmen have been **chopping down trees** during the day and **lighting bonfires** creating black smoke.
- That Environmental Health Officer be requested to submit a **presentation** to a future meeting of both the **Armley Community Forum** and the **Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum** and to **prepare literature on the rules and regulations** for lighting domestic fires.
- Members expressed their concern at the amount of noise and drinking outside various public houses in Inner West, especially those public houses with temporary shelter for smokers, although some public houses and social clubs are allowing smokers to use an entrance hall to smoke.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the Chief Environmental Health Officer be requested to submit a presentation to a future meeting of both the Armley Community Forum and the Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum and to prepare literature on the rules and regulations for lighting domestic fires.
- (c) That the West Leeds Area Manager refer this Area Committee's concerns to the Community Safety Partnership regarding noise nuisance and drinking outside various public houses in the West Inner Leeds area.

30 Conservation Area Reviews

The Director of City Development and the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a joint report providing information on Conservation Areas.

Phil Ward, City Development Department presented the report and, together with Steve Crocker, West Leeds Area Manager, responded to Members' questions and comments.

A discussion ensued and it was established that the conservations areas listed at Hough Lane and at Bramley Town Street (south side) are both conservation areas that are in the Armley Ward.

Bramley & Stanningley Members felt that Rodley should be part of the review but were informed by the West Area Manager that the Outer West Area Committee Members would also have to commit some of their money to this Area as well. A short discussion ensued regarding boundaries and it was felt that these boundaries should be investigated and that a further meeting be arranged with the Bramley & Stanningley Ward Members to discuss which Bramley Conservation Area to include as part of the Conservation Area Review proposals.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That a further meeting be arranged with the Bramley & Stanningley Ward Members to discuss which Bramley Conservation Area to include as part of the Conservation Area Review proposals.

31 Review of Youth Development Worker

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a detailed report on the progress and success of the Youth Development Worker's post in Inner West Leeds over the last twelve months in addressing the gap in youth service provision for those aged 9-13 years and in engaging with the voluntary and community sector.

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

The Area Committee congratulated Mark Metcalf, Youth Development Worker for all the hard work he has done in the Inner West area and for his honesty in his recommendation to this Committee that his post should cease at the end of its present contract.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the funding of the Youth Development Worker post should cease after the 12 month contract.
- (c) That this money be spent on the future funding of under 13's voluntary and community youth groups, either directly or through the West Leeds Youth Work Partnership, on a case by case basis, in accordance with the Area Delivery Plan and only to those organisations that are not already in receipt of Leeds City Council funding.

Note: Councillor A Lowe returned to the meeting at approximately 10.45 a.m. at the conclusion of the above item.

32 Environmental Programme Works for Groundwork Leeds

The West Leeds Area Manager submitted a report updating Members on the actions and works undertaken by Groundwork Leeds in the Inner West Leeds.

John Cummins and Paul Monaghan Groundwork Leeds, presented the report and, together with Steve Crocker, West Leeds Area Manager responded to Members' questions and comments.

A discussion ensued and Members queried why other areas in West Inner, some the size of football fields, had not been cleaned up. It was also felt that areas of **land on the outskirts** of the Inner West area were being neglected. Groundwork Leeds Officers informed the meeting that these areas might be able to be included in the next work programme and that suggestions from Members be submitted to West Leeds Area Management.

Members congratulated **Groundwork Leeds** for the community development work they have already completed in the Inner West area.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That Members of the Area Committee liaise with the West Leeds Area Manager to suggest other areas for community development and environmental schemes within the Inner West area.

33 Date Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Thursday, 25th October 2007 at 5.00 p.m. at **Stanningley Amateur Rugby Football Club**, Coal Hill Lane, Leeds 13.



Originator: Gill Hunter

Tel: 224 3200

Report of the West Leeds Area Manager

Inner West Leeds Area Committee

Date: 25th October 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: Rebecca M Boon

Tel: 395 1970

Report of the West Leeds Area Manager

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 25th October 2007

Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2007/8 update and Future of ADP 2008/09

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Armley Bramley and 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>	
<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

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on progress on the Inner West Area Committee Area Delivery Plan (ADP) 2007/08. Members are asked to note the progress in the current ADP.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Inner West Area Delivery Plan (ADP) identifies the needs and priorities of this committee area. It outlines the key activities that the Area Committee and the Area Management Team will co-ordinate and deliver on. As such the ADP is a document which:

- contributes to fulfilling the role and purpose of the Area Committee;
- informs the Area Committee's decision-making including its decisions on Well-being funding (see Article 10 of the Council's Constitution);
- helps to influence the City Council and other partner agencies allocate resources;
- provide a basis for providers of priority services and partners to improve local services and deliver in a more coordinated way;

- acts as a reference point for monitoring the progress and achievement of actions;
- guides and forms the work programme for the Area Management Team;

2.2 The Area Delivery Plan 2007/8 was approved by members at the meeting of the 8th February 2007 of the Inner West Area Committee.

3.0 **Main Issues**

3.1 Since the approval of the Area Delivery Plan the Area Management Team have used the plan as a working document which identify key actions and can be monitored to assess progress.

3.2 The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan are Reducing Crime, Cleaner Streets, Young People, Regeneration of Neighbourhoods and Localities and Community Engagement. Within these categories a number of actions were agreed. This report provides members with an update on these actions.

3.3 Progress against each action is outlined in the table which forms the Appendix to this report. The columns include a description of each action, the lead agencies, and details of progress to date. A traffic light system is used to assess progress on the actions. Green (G) the action is progressing, Amber (A) will progress, but not programmed to start yet, Red (R), will not happen at all.

4.0 **Implications For Council Policy And Governance**

The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan contribute towards the strategic priority of Narrowing the Gap. Actions in the plan were formulated based on consultation with key stakeholders in the local area.

5.0 **Legal and Resource Implications**

5.1 The Well-Being Fund is used to finance projects which meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan Area Management work with Council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to using the Well-Being Fund which ensures best use of the funding.

6.0 **Conclusions**

6.1 The Area Delivery Plan sets out the key actions for 2007/8 for Inner West Leeds. Projects meeting the objectives of the Plan are funded through the Well-being fund. This report provides an update for members on progress in implementing the actions contained within the report.

7.0 **Recommendations**

7.1 Members are asked to note progress to date on actions contained in the Area Delivery Plan.

INNER WEST AREA DELIVERY PLAN 2007-08 (Quarter 1 and 2 April to September)

Community Safety

Leeds Local Area Agreement mandatory targets

- Reduce overall crime in line with local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership targets and narrow the gap between the worst performing wards/neighbourhoods and other areas across the district.
- Respect: To build respect in communities and to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour
- To reduce crime, the harm caused by illegal drugs, and to reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Actions	Partners	Timescales	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	Progress
Support proactive target hardening, distraction burglary and sneak in burglary initiatives. Armley & Bramley & Stanningley.	Community Safety, CASAC, West Yorkshire Police	March 2008	Number of vulnerable households assisted Burglary rates <i>Domestic Burglary Rates per 1000 (BVI26)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CASAC assisted 325 properties in the Inner West Leeds Area, due to the nature of the improvements the burglary rates will not be measurable for two to three months. 	GREEN
Tackle anti-social behaviour through the effective deployment of Neighbourhood Wardens, joint	Community Safety, West Yorkshire Police, ALMO	March 2008	Levels of anti-social behaviour in hotspot areas <i>Reduce overall crime levels in Leeds by 35% (CP_CS50)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-agency scheme to reduce high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in a very localised area. This resulted in a major positive outcome on the Cedars estate. 	GREEN

Actions	Partners	Timescales	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	Progress
working with the police, and the use of CCTV and off road motorbikes. – Armley & Bramley & Stanningley				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Policing operation resulting in an eviction of a family in Bramley involving 6 ASBO's • ASBU led partnership project which led to the possession of a property which will reduce the levels of ASB in the locality. • ASB Unit led Community engagement events in Clydes, Wortley's and Raynvvilles 	
Support education programmes around drugs, and alcohol initiatives. Armley & Bramley & Stanningley	Community Safety	March 2008	Number of drug and alcohol related incidents		AMBER
Support joint operations to tackle crime and	Community Safety, West Yorkshire	March 2008	Number of joint operations held <i>Reduce overall crime levels in Leeds by 35%</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Champion x 2 • Operation Kickstart (Bramley nuisance 	GREEN

Actions	Partners	Timescales	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	Progress
anti-social behaviour.	Police, ALMO, Environmental Health			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> motorbikes) Operation Navigator (Fairfields – Bramley) Cedars Binyards 	
Co-ordinate tasking groups which take a problem solving approach to crime and grime issues	West Yorkshire Police, ALMO	March 2008	Outputs from tasking groups <i>Reduce overall crime levels in Leeds by 35%</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly meetings well attended and increased levels of partnership schemes being looked at 	GREEN
Provide community safety information for the public at community events.	West Yorkshire Police, Fire Authority, Community Safety	March 2008	At least 3 events attended <i>Improvements in perceptions, how safe people feel, whether or not they feel crime is reducing, and show awareness of who to go to for help</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at the following events: Armley Fun Day 	GREEN
Support initiatives to tackle business crime	West Yorkshire Police	March 2008	Business forum meeting focused on crime Reduction in business crime		
Assess the suitability of Armley Town Street for a DPPO.	West Yorkshire Police	September 2007	Assessment undertaken Measures taken to introduce a DPPO if the area meets the criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scheme is currently out for consultation. 	GREEN
Assist	Community	September	Family Support programme to		GREEN

Actions	Partners	Timescales	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	Progress
community safety in implementing RESPECT programme in West Leeds	Safety Signpost	2007	tackle ASB established in West Leeds		

Streetscene and the Environment

Leeds Local Area Agreement mandatory targets

- Improve the quality of the local environment by reducing the gap in aspects of liveability between the worst wards/neighbourhoods and the district as a whole, with a particular focus on reducing levels of litter and detritus.

Actions	Partners	By when	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
Support local communities in carrying out community clean ups.	Streetscene, Community and Voluntary Groups, ALMO, Groundwork West Leeds Environmental Network	March 2008	Number of community clean ups completed, target: 3 in Armley Bramley & Stanningley Nominations for Community Pride awards	Community Clean Ups in Armley : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holdforth Gardens • Edinburghs • Ley Lane, • Wyther Community Clean up • Mortuary Lane • Christchurch Clean Up Bramley & Stanningley:	GREEN

Actions	Partners	By when	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hayleys Field Allotments Clean-Up • Operation Champion Broadleas 	
Identify new sites for recycling facilities in Bramley & Stanningley	Local communities, Streetscene Fairfield Partnership	March 2008	New facilities sited	Under investigation	
Work with Armley Common Rights Trust to secure improvements to greenspace in Armley	West Leeds Healthy Living Network, Learning and Leisure	March 2008	Design work completed	Stage 1 complete with designs for Armley Moor and Moor Top Park. Meeting with ACRT Aug 07 to discuss Stage 2	GREEN
Support Groundwork in delivery projects identified in their 07/08 action plan.	Learning and Leisure, ALMO	March 2008	Number of projects completed	On going	
Support the Cleaner/Greener Leeds Neighbourhood Development Plan for the West Wedge	Groundwork City Services	March 2008	Number of actions completed	Programme devised	
Support the Environmental Pride team	Streetscene	March 2008	Environmental surveys	Continue to undertake litter picking in Fairfield neighbourhood. Lack of tools hindering further work. Discussions with StreetScene	GREEN

Actions	Partners	By when	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
Private Sector Housing Initiative for Gilpins area and Edinburghs/Cedars areas.	Environmental Health	March 2008	HMOs identified Uptake of loans for home improvements	All non ALMO properties surveyed in June 07. Notices served for drainage and rubbish.	GREEN
Deliver Fuel Poverty promotional event	Environmental Health	March 2008	Event held, numbers attending	To be jointly organised with Outer West Team	GREEN
Focus on implementing the empty property strategy. Influence Corporate agenda for dealing with empty properties	Environmental Health	March 2008	Number of empty properties brought back into occupation	Neighbourhood surveyed June 07. None found	GREEN

Services for Young People

Leeds Local Area Agreement mandatory targets

Raise standards in English, maths and science in secondary schools so that by 2008, in all schools located in the districts in receipt of NRF, at least 50% of pupils achieve level five or above in all three subjects

Actions	Key agencies	By when	Success Measured by/targets	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
Better publicising of existing services, utilising new publicity materials and by	Youth Services BARCA Other service providers	March 2008	% increase of young people aware of and using services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information now published on the BREEZE website. Commitment from 	GREEN

Actions	Key agencies	By when	Success Measured by/targets	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
giving local programme updates.				WLYWP partners to put out collective monthly/holiday programmes.	
Information / resource sharing, opportunities for partnership working explored e.g. Work with Christchurch, Armley Juniors and Revizit.	Youth Services BARCA Other service providers Voluntary sector	March 2008	% increase of programmes of work / input into existing programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up of the West Leeds Youth Work Partnership (WLYWP) will have a significant impact on this objective Youth Inclusion Project (YIP) now partners on REVIZIT alongside Youth Service/Youth Offending Service. 	GREEN
Continuation and development of Sports Projects through securing long term funding and establishing accreditation strand to programmes.	Youth Service BARCA Sports Development Armley Leisure Centre	March 2008	Increased sports / exercise sessions and numbers of young people involved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of Leeds Youth Award accreditation will significantly improve scope for accrediting all types of programmes including the sports projects. 	
Continuation and Development of school holiday	BARCA Youth Service Learning and	September 2007	Summer holiday programme established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up of WLYWP – PAYS as an integral part of this group. 	GREEN

Actions	Key agencies	By when	Success Measured by/targets	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
programme and residential targeting young people in hotspot/priority areas	Leisure		One residential for each area.		
Encouraging applications for Physical activity, healthy living grants and to the Well Being fund.	Youth Services BARCA Leeds Health promotion, West Leeds Healthy Living Network, Area Committees	March 2008	%increase in funding applications		GREEN
Targeted work taking place in specific areas identified as crime and anti-social behaviour hot spots or priority areas for Area Management to engage young people in meaningful activity	Youth Services BARCA	September 2007	% increase in youth work in these areas per week Increased number of sessions operating from local centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of mobile has had a significant impact on our capacity to target hot spot areas – currently the mobile is operating on the Wythers (2 sessions), New Wortley (2 sessions), Fairfield, Ganners, Sandfords, Cedars and Spring Valley estates. 	GREEN
Establishment of Mobile provision in Inner West to support the above	Youth service BARCA	April 2007	Mobile provision operating 6 nights per week/12 sessions across Inner West “hot spot” areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile Youth Unit operating 5 nights a week/2 sessions nightly across 	GREEN

Actions	Key agencies	By when	Success Measured by/targets	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
Development of Bramley Community Centre as a Youth Hub Centre for West Leeds	Youth Service	September 2007	Recognition of centre as a Hub Centre by young people. Nos of young people attending/contacting the centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armley/Bramley. • Youth Service moving in to Bramley CC Sept 2007. • Above move will have a significant impact on the use of Bramley CC by young people across the Inner West area. (currently limited to one nights provision per week) 	GREEN
Increased use of existing centres – i.e. Intake, Junction etc. in Armley , Bramley & Stanningley	Youth Service BARCA	March 2008	Increased user figures		
Increase the capacity of the voluntary sector youth provision	Youth Services Voluntary sector Area Management Children Leeds West	Dec 2007	Improved data on voluntary provision Increase in range of activities for young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up of WLYWP 	GREEN
Specific community cohesion work: Asian boys/Girls group in	Youth Services BARCA	March 2008	Increased involvement of Asian boys and girls in provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good contact continues to be made with young Asian 	

Actions	Key agencies	By when	Success Measured by/targets	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
<p>partnership with BME community members.</p>				<p>males through sports projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday night Asian boys group re-established. • Asian girls work continues to be problematic. 	
<p>Specific projects breaking down barriers between BME/Majority communities and between geographical areas</p>		<p>September 2007</p>	<p>Numbers of projects with specific community cohesion outcomes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact has been made with a community cohesion project in Northern Ireland which aims to bring young people from different religious backgrounds together. Visit to NI planned for October/end of year with plan for exchanges to take place following on from this. 	
<p>Setting up of “Youth Committees” in each provision. Greater involvement of Youth Council elected</p>	<p>Youth Services</p>	<p>June 2007</p>	<p>%increased participation of young people. Setting up of committees in every</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Youth Committee to be set up at Bramley CC and focusing on the development of the 	<p>GREEN</p>

Actions	Key agencies	By when	Success Measured by/targets	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
members in fostering youth participation across the area.			provision	centre as a Hub/centre of excellence.	
Setting up of an Armley Youth forum as the precursor to West wide youth forum. Developing links with schools/youth councils.	Youth Services Voice and Influence (School Councils).	June 2007	Numbers of young people involved How well the forum reflects the local BME population and priority areas.		
Setting up of Youth Surgery at Armley OSC (Utilising youth council elected members in the first instance).	Youth Services	June 2007	Number of sessions operating and numbers accessing services.		
To assist Childrens Leeds West to deliver the implementation plan for West specifically the elements relating to domestic violence and ASB	Childrend Leeds West	Dec 2008	Successful JAR of Childrens Leeds West. Better provision for young people in relation to issues of Domestic Violence and including ASB		GREEN
Establishment of a Youth Bank – a local fund managed and	BARCA Youth Services	June 2007	12 young people recruited, fund publicised, number of		GREEN

Actions	Key agencies	By when	Success Measured by/targets	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
delivered by young people			young people trained, grants issued.		
Facilitate consultation and participation with young people on regeneration projects	Youth Services BARCA	March 2008	Number of young people attending consultation events 1 project to raise young people's awareness of regeneration	Arts project undertaken during summer 2007 to raise awareness of the history and heritage of Armley as part of the Townscape Heritage Initiative.	

Regeneration

Leeds Local Area Agreement mandatory targets

- As part of an overall housing strategy for the district, improve housing conditions within the most deprived neighbourhoods/wards, with a particular focus on ensuring that all social housing is made decent by 2010
- Improve the quality of the local environment by reducing the gap in aspects of liveability between the worst wards/neighbourhoods and the district as a whole, with a particular focus on reducing levels of litter and detritus.
- For those living in the wards with the worst labour market position that are also located within the districts in receipt of NRF, significantly improve their overall employment rate, and reduce the difference between their employment rate and the overall employment rate for England

Actions	Partners	By when	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
In conjunction with	West Regeneration	September 2007	Preferred options	Draft AAP almost	GREEN

Actions	Partners	By when	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
the Development Department, prepare a vision with proposals for regeneration for the West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Area.	Team Development Department		prepared and public consultation undertaken in accordance with ADP procedures	complete Sustainability appraisal of draft AAP undertaken	
Prepare delivery options for implementing the West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Plan.	West Regeneration Team	March 2008	Options prepared providing successful exit strategy for NRF project.	Officer seconded from Development department to work specifically on this until March 08.	GREEN
Develop and implement designs for Armley Town Street	West Regeneration Team	March 2008	Exhibition of designs in library Work started on site	Detailed designs prepared. Stakeholder consultations with community, local businesses, and LCC Highways completed	GREEN
Commission connectivity study to consider links to City Centre, Kirkstall and Holbeck Urban Village	West Regeneration Team	December 2007	Study complete	Funding identified in Local Transport Plan for a package of measures for pedestrian routes in vicinity of Armley Gyration. Discussions pending with Transport Policy.	

Actions	Partners	By when	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
Commence re development of Armley Mills using the recommendations from the feasibility study commissioned in Dec 2006.	West Regeneration Team	March 2008	Long term plan Start identifying funding possibilities by March 2008	Feasibility study undertaken. Discussions ongoing with Museums service. Short, medium and long term actions agreed for taking this project forward. Acceptance that this is a long term (10-20year project).	
Develop the Stage 2 bid to Heritage Lottery Funding for the Armley Townscape Heritage Initiative.	West Regeneration Team	December 2007	Successful Stage 2 bid	Consultation undertaken with key stakeholders on THI and conservation area. Draft conservation area appraisal prepared, going to October Planning Board. Surveys and valuations of eligible properties completed. Bid in preparation for submission 31 Oct 08	
Facilitate the involvement of the local community in the development of the new Armley Leisure Centre	Learning and Leisure PCT, Education Leeds Community and Voluntary Sector	March 2008	Working group operating successfully. Progression of scheme according to deadlines	Working group has met several times to discuss facilities for new centre. Outline Planning application for demolition of existing	GREEN

Actions	Partners	By when	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
				<p>building and new build approved. Business Plan approved. Next meeting of working group 25 Sept to discuss detailed design.</p>	
Develop a business forum for the West Leeds Gateway	West Regeneration Team	December 2007	At least one event held	<p>Successful event held at West Leeds Family Learning Centre. Further event planned for Nov 07 to establish forum.</p>	AMBER
Develop a catalyst centre as part of the Leeds Enterprise Growth Initiative West..	Leeds Ahead West Leeds Family Learning Centre	March 2008	Catalyst Centre established Business broker appointed		GREEN
Support the development of the new school for West Leeds with facilities for 0-19yrs.	Education Leeds	March 2008	Progression of scheme according to deadlines	<p>Scheme on schedule. Expression of interest lodged Education Leeds regarding the future use of the Wortley High site for 14 – 19 education provision following the merger of the schools</p>	GREEN

Actions	Partners	By when	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
Assist with engaging with the representatives of Bramley Fireplace on the conversion of the former Stanningley Road Fire Station.	West Yorkshire Fire Authority	March 2008	External improvements undertaken Work in progress on internal works	External environmental improvements undertaken. Exterior of building improved through an arts project in conjunction with Interplay.	GREEN
To support and explore improvement of the Stanningley Road/Hough Lane Shopping area.	Highways. Development dept and Fairfield Partnership & Fairfield Improvement group	March 2009	Increased footfall to shops. Tidier and brighter environment.		AMBER
Refurbishment of Bramley Shopping Centre	Development dept and Halladale.	March 2009	Improved uptake of shops. Increased footfall to shopping centre. Better services for Bramley community.		GREEN
Oversee the implementation and monitoring improvements to Rossfield (Bramley) part of the Neighbourhood Management	Fairfield Partnership	March 2008	Outputs from Intensive Neighbourhood Management		GREEN

Actions	Partners	By when	Success measured by	Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
Initiative funded under the Safer, Stronger Communities fund.					
Co-ordinate the Local Area Management Plans for New Wortley, Wyther and Fairfield.	ALMOs, PCT, West Yorkshire Police	March 2008	Outputs from LAMPS	LAMP Meetings continue, Local residents pleased with agency input.	GREEN
Undertake baseline assessments in all LAMP areas	Neighbourhoods and Housing Regeneration Strategy Team	September 2008	Assessments complete, can be used a baseline for each of the areas.		GREEN

Community Engagement				Specific Achievements	PROGRESS
Provide support to ward forums and encourage council services and other agencies to use the forums for local consultations.		March 2008	Number of consultation sessions Attendance at ward forums	Armley Forum is successful and well attended. Bramley and Stanningley Forum continues and has representation from a new Rossfields Residents Assoc.	GREEN
Area Committees and Forums held in		March 2008	Venues used	Committees to be held in community venues -	GREEN

accessible venues which provide facilities to enable everyone to participate.				Fairfield Community Centre, Armley One Stop Centre.	
Support local events such as Armley Fun Day, New Wortley Fun Day, I Love West Leeds Festival and Bramley Events.	March 2008		Area Management presence at 2 local events	Armley Fun Day 25th July 07 Brass in t' bath at Bramley Baths (I Love West Leeds Festival) MUGA opened in New Wortley 29th June 07	GREEN
Promote community cohesion at neighbourhood and community level	March 2008	N & H Partnerships Team ALMO	Community Cohesion Plan in place Calendar of events prepared	Currently in discussion with West Leeds Inter Faith Group	GREEN
Develop an Action Plan for community cohesion in West to help improve relationships with and opportunities for the voluntary, community and faith sector	March 2008	N & H Partnerships Team	West Leeds Faith and BME forum established with an action plan.	As above	AMBER
Develop lettings policy for council run community centres	December 2007	E & N partnerships team	Policy developed and implemented	Only 2 CC in Inner West which are directly managed	GREEN
Support the continued running	March 2008	Moorside Residents	Successful operation of Moorside for	Community Centre successfully opened and	AMBER

of Moorside Community Centre	Association	07/08	running. Current management committee in negotiation re the future of the centre	GREEN
Develop proposals for the future use of Wyther Community Centre.	Environment and Neighbourhoods	Dec 2007	Community Centre currently closed due to need for repairs.	GREEN
Work with Park Lane College and Learning and Leisure to consider the future use of Strawberry Lane Centre.	Existing and potential new users	March 2008	Business plan prepared for Strawberry Lane	AMBER
Work with the Youth Inclusion Programme to aid intensive work with the identified top 50 young people in Broadleas area	BARCA	March 2008	Continued provision of YIP work in Bramley	GREEN
			<p>Details of extra use of centre by Park Lane not finalised.</p> <p>Armley Helping Hands exploring possibility of managing the centre.</p> <p>Busy programme of summer activities being delivered.</p>	

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Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning Policy and Improvement)

West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 25 October 2007

Subject: Consultation on the Leeds Strategic Plan 2008 -11

Electoral Wards Affected:

**Armley
Bramley and Stanningley**

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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Executive Summary

This report introduces the Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-11. Area Committees are invited to consider the draft strategic outcomes and improvement priorities which will shape the content of this plan.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The report seeks views on the draft strategic outcomes and draft improvement priorities for the period 2008 -11 to be included in the Leeds Strategic Plan. See appendix 1. It will be accompanied by a short presentation at the Area Committee meeting.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 In July Executive Board agreed a new corporate planning framework for the Council. At the heart of the new planning framework will be a Leeds Strategic Plan which will set out the Council's priorities for Leeds for the next three years and what the Council will do itself and in partnership with others to deliver these priorities.

2.2 The Leeds Strategic Plan will bring together the themes in the existing Vision for Leeds, Local Area Agreement and Regeneration Plan, to provide an integrated framework geared to tackling neighbourhood needs and priorities. This was one of the recommendations of the Council's Scrutiny Inquiry into Narrowing the Gap.

- 2.3 The Leeds Strategic Plan 2008 – 11 will incorporate the requirements of the Council's duty to consult with named partners to draw up improvement priorities for the Leeds as outlined in the draft Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill due to gain Royal Assent in autumn 2007.
- 2.4 The development of the Leeds Strategic Plan builds on the extensive consultation undertaken to develop the eight themes of the Vision for Leeds and also incorporates more recent evidence to help the Council determine its improvement priorities to achieve the Council's Mission 'to bring the benefits of a prosperous, vibrant, and attractive city to all the people of Leeds. These include:
- Performance reported from existing city-wide plans including the Leeds Regeneration Plan, the Council's Corporate Plan and the Local Area Agreement
 - Citizens views from the Annual Survey and surveys carried out in particular areas of the city
 - Demographic and economic trends in the city
 - Service knowledge and experience
 - Area knowledge and experience

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 The Leeds Strategic Plan will shape the Council's priorities for the city and will influence the Area Delivery Plans for each part of Leeds. With their local knowledge and experience Members will have a key role in deciding the contents of the Leeds Strategic Plan thereby speaking up for their communities and shaping the future of the city as a whole.
- 3.2 The consultation process will provide the opportunity to 'check' with key partners and stakeholders whether the right improvement priorities are covered, identify any gaps and explore views on how delivery can best be achieved over the next three years. Other stakeholders to be engaged in the consultation are:
- - Elected Members
 - ❖ Leeds Strategic Plan Member Reference Group
 - ❖ Scrutiny Committees
 - ❖ Area Committees
 - Statutory Partners (designated by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act)
 - Leeds Initiative
 - ❖ Going Up a League and Narrowing the Gap Executives
 - ❖ All Strategy and Development Groups
 - District Partnerships
 - Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector
 - ❖ Strategy Group
 - ❖ Theme Forums
 - Representatives of the business community
 - Representatives of Trade Unions
 - Council Staff
 - ❖ Chief Officers
 - ❖ Employee Focus Groups

❖ Team Talk

- Equality strands
- Citizen Focus Groups (as appropriate)

- 3.3 Consultation on the draft improvement priorities is taking place between September and December 2007. From November 2007 the Council and its partners will negotiate with Government Office the improvement priorities to be included in the Local Area Agreement which will form part of the Leeds Strategic Plan. The final version of the Leeds Strategic Plan is due to be presented to the Council and the Leeds Initiative in March 2008.
- 3.4 Views are sought from Area Committees on the content to be included in the Leeds Strategic Plan. In turn Area Committees may wish to start considering the key priorities for the local area to be included in Area Delivery Plans.
- 3.5 There will be an opportunity to comment on detailed targets and indicators before the plan is finalised.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 4.1 This report has significant implications for the Council's policy and governance arrangements. It is proposed that the Leeds Strategic Plan, is included as part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework requiring consultation with Scrutiny, prior to consideration by members of the Executive Board and final approval by Members of full Council.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific legal or resource implications other than those detailed in paragraph 4.1 above.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 The Leeds Strategic Plan will be a key plan for the Council and a number of other public service bodies in the city, setting out for the first time a single set of improvement priorities to be delivered either by the Council alone or in partnership with other bodies. It will contain the improvement priorities agreed with central Government in the new Local Area Agreement and will set the targets against which the Council's progress in achieving its ambitions for the city can be measured.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Area Committee is invited to:
- Consider the draft strategic outcomes and improvement priorities presented at this meeting
 - Consider how the draft improvement priorities may influence the contents of the Area Delivery Plans.

Leeds strategic Plan 2008 – 11: Developing Strategic Outcomes and Improvement Priorities

Vision Themes	Draft Strategic Outcomes - what we want to see by 2011	Draft Improvement Priorities - our focus during 2008-11
<p>Cultural Life: A city with a vibrant and distinct cultural life Leeds will be a city with a vibrant and distinctive cultural life – a welcoming city which is internationally recognised as a centre of cultural excellence and provides cultural opportunities for everyone</p>	<p>Enhanced cultural opportunities through encouraging investment and development of high quality facilities of national and international standing.</p> <p>Increased participation in cultural opportunities through engaging with all our communities.</p>	<p>Deliver three major cultural schemes of international significance.</p> <p>Increase the number of facilities receiving accreditation for quality of service.</p> <p>Increase participation in culture by providing a range of activities which can be used by all our communities and visitors.</p>
<p>Enterprise and the Economy: Promoting Leeds as the regional capital Leeds will be a competitive international city. It will contribute to the national economy and will support and be supported by an increasingly competitive region</p>	<p>Increased international competitiveness through marketing and investment in high quality infrastructure and physical assets, particularly in the city centre.</p> <p>Increased entrepreneurship and innovation through effective support to achieve the full potential of people, business and the economy.</p>	<p>Increase international communications, marketing and support activities to promote the city and attract investment.</p> <p>Deliver three major projects to improve the city centre.</p> <p>Increase entrepreneurial activity in deprived areas.</p> <p>Enhance the skills of the current workforce.</p> <p>Increase our reputation as a centre for knowledge and innovation.</p>
<p>Learning: A leading centre of learning, knowledge and research Leeds will become a learning city. Businesses and individuals will benefit from accessible world class learning, creating a wealthier city and personal and social satisfaction. We will inspire young people to see learning as their route to success</p>	<p>Enhance skills of the current and future workforce through fulfilling individual and economic potential and investing in learning facilities.</p>	<p>Improve learning outcomes for 16 year olds.</p> <p>Narrow the gap in learning outcomes for 16 year olds.</p> <p>Improve learning outcomes and skill levels for 19 year olds.</p> <p>Reduce the proportion of vulnerable groups not in education, training or employment.</p> <p>Improve participation and early learning outcomes for children from the most deprived areas.</p> <p>Develop extended services, using learning sites across the city, to improve support to children, families and communities.</p>
<p>A Modern Transport System Safe, sustainable and effective transport – meeting people's need to get about while</p>	<p>Increased accessibility and connectivity through investment in high quality, integrated transport influencing others and changing behaviours.</p>	<p>Develop proposals for an enhanced transport system aimed at securing funds for delivery.</p> <p>Improve the condition of the streets and transport infrastructure by</p>

Leeds strategic Plan 2008 – 11: Developing Strategic Outcomes and Improvement Priorities

<p>affecting the environment as little as possible</p>		<p>carrying out a major programme of maintenance and improvements.</p> <p>Improve road safety for all our users, especially motor cyclists and pedal cyclists.</p> <p>Improve the quality, use and accessibility of public transport services in Leeds.</p>
<p>Environment City : A reputation for environmental excellence Leeds will have a reputation for environmental excellence through the quality of our built environment, the use of our green space, the effective use of natural resources, clean air quality and waste management. It will be a place that joins economic, social and environmental objectives so that the action we take today does not limit the choices of future generations or others elsewhere in the world</p>	<p>Reduced ecological footprint through leading the response, influencing, mitigating and adapting to environmental and climate change.</p> <p>Cleaner, greener and more attractive city through effective environmental management and changed behaviours.</p>	<p>Increase recycling rates and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.</p> <p>Reduce emissions from public sector buildings, operations and service delivery.</p> <p>Undertake actions to improve our resilience to current and future climate change.</p> <p>Address neighbourhood problem sites and improve cleanliness of publicly owned land.</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing: Creating a healthy city Leeds will be a healthy city for everyone who lives, visits or works here, promoting fulfilling and productive lives for all. We will reduce inequalities in health between different parts of the city between different groups of people and between Leeds and the rest of the country</p>	<p>Reduced health inequalities through the promotion of healthy life choices and improved access to services.</p> <p>Improved quality of life through maximising the potential of vulnerable people by promoting independence, dignity and respect.</p> <p>Enhanced safety and support for vulnerable people through preventative and protective action to minimise risks and maximise wellbeing.</p>	<p>Reduce coronary heart disease.</p> <p>Reduce the number of people who smoke.</p> <p>Embed a safeguarding culture for all.</p> <p>Reduce bullying and harassment.</p> <p>Reduce obesity and raise physical activity for all.</p> <p>Reduce teenage conception and improve sexual health for all.</p> <p>Promote emotional well-being for all.</p> <p>Improve the assessment and care management of children, families and vulnerable adults.</p> <p>Improve psychological and mental health services for children, young people and families.</p> <p>Increase the proportion of</p>

Leeds strategic Plan 2008 – 11: Developing Strategic Outcomes and Improvement Priorities

		<p>vulnerable adults helped to live at home.</p> <p>Increase the proportion of people in receipt of community services enjoying choice and control over their daily lives.</p>
<p>Thriving Places: A place of many parts Leeds will be a unique city with a strong identity and varied, stable neighbourhoods where people live out of choice not necessity, enjoying the high quality of life and range of opportunities that Leeds can offer</p>	<p>Reduced crime and fear of crime through prevention, detection, offender management and changing behaviours.</p> <p>Improved quality of life through mixed neighbourhoods offering good housing options and better access to services and activities.</p> <p>Increased economic activity through targeted support to reduce worklessness and poverty.</p>	<p>Increase the supply of homes meeting the decency standard.</p> <p>Increase the number of affordable homes.</p> <p>Reduce the number of homeless people.</p> <p>Reduce the number of people who are not able to adequately heat their homes.</p> <p>Reduce crime and fear of crime.</p> <p>Reduce offending.</p> <p>Reduce the harm from drugs and alcohol.</p> <p>Increase positive opportunities for children and young people.</p> <p>Reduce anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Reduce worklessness in deprived areas.</p> <p>Reduce financial exclusion in deprived areas.</p>
<p>Harmonious Communities: A rich mix of cultures and communities Leeds will be a city of equal opportunity where everyone has a fair chance and people from all backgrounds take part in community life creating a society that is varied, vibrant and proud</p>	<p>Improved community cohesion and respect through meaningful involvement and promoting equality and diversity.</p> <p>More inclusive, varied and vibrant neighbourhoods through empowering people to contribute to decision making and delivering local services.</p>	<p>Support local people to become active members of their local communities to meet local needs.</p> <p>Strengthen the role of elected members as community champions.</p> <p>Support a robust and vibrant voluntary, community and faith sector.</p> <p>Promote community pride, integration and a sense of belonging.</p>



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Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 25th October 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" 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 applications at the committee meeting on 20th September 2007 and rationalization of all expenditure since financial year 2004/05 the amount of well being funding remaining for 2007/8 is £33,516.16 revenue and £ 16,240.54 capital.

3.0 New applications for Well being funding.

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

Project Title	Year 2007-08	2008-09	Total Amount	Capital or Revenue	Ward	Appendix
New Wortley Community Development Worker/Centre Manager	£6,704.25	£20,112.75	Total of £26,187.00	Revenue	Armley	1
Armley Helping Hands Community Transport Project	£18,598.87		£18,598.87	Revenue	Armley Bramley & Stanningley	2
West Leeds Domestic Violence Campaign	5,000		5,000	Revenue	Armley Bramley & Stanningley	3
I Love West Leeds	1,000	24,000		Revenue	Armley, Bramley & Stanningley	4
Fairfield/Groundwork Env't Project	15,000			Capital	Bramley & Stanningley	5

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
Apple Showcase Event	12/09/07	£500.00
	TOTAL	£500.00

SKIPS		
Rossefields Clean Up	24/08/07	£220.00
Armley Moor Clean Up	19.09.07	£ 95.00
Greenthorpes allotment Clean Up	19/09/07	£ 95.00
Armley Moor	26.09.07	£ 95.00
TOTAL		£505.00

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.

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Area Committee Well Being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Appendix 1

Project Name: Community Development Worker/Centre Manager for New Wortley Community Centre

Lead Organisation: New Wortley Community Association, 40 Tong Road, Leeds, LS12 1LZ

Project Summary:

To employ a Community Development Worker/Centre Manager for New Wortley Community Centre to ensure the development of services and programmes of activities and to manage the daily operation of the centre for agencies and service users.

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

Community Development Worker/ Centre Manager at £26,187 (PO1,SCP 43) 37 hours per week for 12 months.

To secure the continuation of a community facility providing a Community Café and After School Club and other services to a community in the bottom 10% of neighbourhoods in the country.

The creation of this post will secure the continued use and availability of the centre and current services (particularly the After School Club (ASC) and the Community Café) for use by local people and agencies, together with the development of additional programmes of activity and services to meet the needs of the local community.

The centre has been in receipt of European funding since October 2005 and has thrived since this time with a successful After School Club and Community Café serving the community and which are now self-financing. In fact proceeds from the ASC now help to support the popular Mums and Tots group.

Through the project over 10 local people have secured employment and over 5 organisations have been assisted to deliver their own activities. The centre also has a successful Job shop which is due to expand in the next few months.

Current activities delivered include:

A cyber café, baby clinic run by the Primary Care Trust, Luncheon Club, Baby Reality Class, HipHopes Edutainment youth project, residents meetings, ward member surgeries, West Leeds Gateway Regeneration consultation meetings,

Job shop, Cookery Classes (Envt Health) Mums and Tots Group, Boys Club, Volunteer Project, Gardening project.

Future Activities

To work with key partners and local people to plan, develop and deliver high quality neighbourhood management and services for the local community and enable local people community groups and organisations to build their capacity, confidence and skills training.

To ensure the smooth running of the centre and development of projects with the New Wortley Community Association, key partners and local organisations.

To recruit, support and develop training for volunteers.

To support the further development of the Community Café and After School Club which are already moving towards social enterprise status.

To provide complimentary activities to those provided by the new Children's Centre at Castleton Primary School.

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

Total Cost of project £ 26,187

Secured to date £ £26,187 from;

£10,000 per annum from the tenants of the Medical Treatment Centre Green Lane.

£2,500 from the rent of the leasehold of the land to the above business

£13,687 from New Wortley Community Association.

Request from Inner West Area Committee £ 26,187 as match funding.

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

Inner Area Committee - Armley

State who will receive the funding for this project:

Mr Bryan Bloom

Chair of New Wortley Community Association, 40 Tong Road, Leeds LS12 1LZ

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Area Committee Well Being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Appendix 2

Project Name: Community Transport Project

Lead Organisation: Armley Helping Hands (AHH)

Project Summary:

AHH aim to expand their transport service to older people living in the Armley and Wortley areas of Leeds 12. The charity aim to purchase an additional mini bus and appoint a full time driver who will provide 37.5 hrs transport support to the local community and will increase the transport service to an additional 15 older people a day.

The bus will also provide additional facilities for use for young people and other community groups and agencies .

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

Community Involvement and Engagement :

Enable older people and other client groups to engage with their communities and access events and the centre by providing door to door transport. Increase community enterprise by providing a transport service to other groups and agencies.

Education and Skills

Increase the charities recruitment drive for volunteer drivers who will receive a transport training package. This will be offered to other agencies to develop their skills and access community transport.

Regeneration

In conjunction with the Linkage Plus Gateways to older people the additional transport service will enable the charity to provide a door-to-door service to older isolated people in the community key areas for attention are Wythers, Poplars, Aviaries and Kirkdale estates.

Supporting Young People

The additional bus and driver will increase the community transport contract with West Leeds Youth Service to assist young people to access activities. It will also be a source of additional income for AHH.

Community Transport.

The minibus will be owned and managed by older people in the community thereby giving a sense of partnership and engagement.

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

Total Cost of project £ 90,312.48

Secured to date:

Dimbleby Trust, AHH Fundraising, Leeds Social Services £53,114.73

Unsecured

Shortfall £37,197.75

Request from Inner West Area Committee of £18,598.87 revenue for 12 months from Inner west. A similar application has been made to outer west area committee for £18,598.87

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

Inner Area Committee - Armley and Wortley

State who will receive the funding for this project:

Armley Helping Hands, Strawberry Lane Centre, Off Tong Road Leeds. LS12

Area Committee Well Being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Project Name: West Leeds Domestic Violence Campaign 2007 – 2008

Lead Organisation: Leeds Inter-Agency Project (LIAP) / West Leeds Community Safety

Project Summary:

This project will complement and extend the domestic violence work in West Leeds that has already been taking place with children and young people.

The Theatre in Education Company will deliver a series of drama workshops to a minimum of 5 schools in the inner area. The programme will include a play with a realistic story line that covers a range of social issues: domestic violence, racism, bullying, and aims to improve children's emotional literacy.

The play is followed by practical group work using the world of play to examine difficult situations through discussion and creative activity. Training for teachers and follow up materials (supplemented by LIAP) will also be provided so that the groups can continue with the activities after the programme has been delivered.

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

Witnessing or experiencing domestic violence can have detrimental impact on children's lives and their behaviour. They may feel vulnerable, frightened, confused and alone. Children will react in different ways but for some it will result in inappropriate use of drugs and alcohol, anti-social behaviour, teenage pregnancy or truancy.

The aim of this programme is to inform and educate young people about social issues that may affect them and others. The theatre workshops create a safe environment for them to discuss situations that they may otherwise feel unable to talk about.

The young people whose lives are affected by the issues raised will feel less isolated by knowing that there are solutions to their problems and that they can discuss them. This will help to improve their safety and wellbeing. It can also have a positive impact on their behaviour.

The programme will also increase the capacity of the schools and teachers to support young people and their families on domestic violence and child protection issues.

Preventative work with children and young people can help to reduce anti-social attitudes and behaviour and encourage them to develop skills that will enable them to make positive contributions to their community.

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

5 x Theatre workshops £1000 each
Total - £5000

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

Inner Area Committee Wards

State who will receive the funding for this project:

Theatre in Education

Area Committee Well-being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Project Name: I Love West Leeds Festival 2008

Lead Organisation: Interplay

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project):

The I Love West Leeds Festival is delivered by Interplay using a Festival Director dedicated to the post of delivering the festival. The festival has a steering group that includes representatives from Interplay, West Leeds Area Management Team, Education Leeds, Out of School Activities (Youth Service) & Wortley High School.

Festival projects will be delivered in partnership with community and statutory organisations across west Leeds, including schools, older peoples groups, parks and countryside, museums and galleries and local businesses.

The festival is also currently developing partnerships with BBC Radio Leeds and Leeds Met and LCC Museums & Galleries.

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

Background

The third "I Love West Leeds" (ILWL) took place 2-22nd July 2007 and involved approx 6000 people.

As a cross art form festival ILWL featured drive-in movies, poetry, outdoor projections, community radio and a festival day in Pudsey Park. Funding for the 2007 Festival came from Arts Council England, Outer West Area Committee, Inner West Area Committee, ERDF-Routemap and Interplay Theatre. The I Love West Leeds Festival is unique in the city in that it is the only two week cross artform festival grounded in the local area.

ILWL 2008 seeks funding from the Inner West Area Committee towards the festival director post and 2008 festival projects. These projects will bring together artist commissions with youth & community work. All festival projects work continue the ethos of idea of "making the every day unusual".

The festival makes every effort to ensure that projects take place across West Leeds. Many of the projects cross both Inner and Outer West, as such the festival requests part funding toward these projects.

The festival and its projects will assist the District Partnership in delivering its actions on Culture and strengthening the VCF sector in the District Partnership Action Plan as well the LAA. ILWL is a high profile, high quality arts festival for the area and as such not only celebrates the vibrant community and encourages participation but also acts as a fantastic promotional and marketing tool for the whole of the West.

Need

The festival projects aim to work with a broad cross section of the West Leeds community in the spirit of an intergenerational arts festival. Building on the last three year's success we aim to involve over 6000 people in the festival.

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The Festival offers local people from West Leeds the opportunity to participate and perform in inspirational arts projects, and for all the people of West Leeds to experience high-quality arts on their doorstep.

Interplay has particular expertise in working with disadvantaged young people and these groups will be targeted for specific projects with help from Schools/Youth Service/Positive Activities for Young People and Youth Offending Service.

Local and Regional Priority

On an Area level, the Festival and its projects support the West Leeds 'Strategy for Success' and its key priorities of

- Harnessing the creativity of communities and organisations
- Encouraging creativity in young people
- Supporting initiatives that put pride into communities

The Festival and its projects in working with young people and the community directly address these priorities along with regeneration through culture and wider community cohesion and reassurance.

The festival and its projects will assist the District Partnership in delivering its actions on Culture and strengthening the VCF sector in the District Partnership Action Plan and the Local Area Agreement.

ILWL is a high profile, high quality arts festival for the area and as such not only celebrates the vibrant community and encourages participation but also acts as a fantastic promotional and marketing tool for the whole of the West.

On a regional level the Festival and its project align with Vision for Leeds 2 in Narrowing the Gap and Going up a League.

In line with the City's strategic objectives we aim to offer support for young people in achieving increased skill levels and accreditation through projects, work experience and OCN Qualification delivery.

Project Activities

Festival Director - The festival is now in its fourth year and has grown significantly in size and profile since 2005. In order to continue the momentum of the festival, it is proposed to continue to employ a festival director for a 12-month post from Feb 08 through to Jan 09. This will see the delivery of the 08 festival and keep the director in post for the fundraising period in autumn/winter for a proposed 09 festival. It will also enable the Festival to begin to deliver events year round, keeping the festival momentum active and the profile high. The presence of a year round post holder will ensure greater consultation and involvement of local people, increasing and strengthening partnerships with local organisations; a greater potential to fundraise and secure local business sponsorship and an ability to deliver arts activities for the local people and schools across West Leeds year round, under the I Love West Leeds Festival banner. – 25K

Festival Day including Shedopolis

The highly successful rotating festival day attracts about 3500 visitors for an afternoon of arts, crafts, live music and entertainment. The day's activities are offered free to the public to maximise access for all. Community groups use the day to promote their activities, raise funds and recruit new members. The day has been highly successful in recruiting young people into the BreezeCard scheme, providing them with information on

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further arts activities.

Festival Day is unique from regular “fun days” in providing an accessible and inspirational arts focussed day to the public at no charge. Mixed in with the regular face painters and bouncy castles are acts such as Mimbire, a female acrobatic trio frequently employed by the National Theatre, Big Rory and his dog Oochie who tour the world making people laugh and visual artists/makers taking part in shedopolis such as Nichola Pemberton, Louise Atkinson and Black Dogs, regular exhibitors in the city. Shedopolis comprises 15 sheds decorated by 15 Leeds artists/groups open for exploration during the day. Festival Day would continue to commission artists and increase the number of sheds. The sheds are fast becoming legendary in artist circles in Leeds. The rotating and evolving nature of festival day ensures accessibility across West Leeds and encourages residents to explore other parts of their local area. – 17K

Festival Commissions and community-projects

These projects form the body of the festival The commissions will be cross art form to facilitate multi-sensory stimulation and, by the nature of the lack of arts venues in the area, they will take place in unusual locations. The performances/exhibitions/events will be open to the public and free of charge, offering the people of West Leeds the opportunity to experience high quality arts on their doorstep, tackling economic, geographical and sensory barriers to access. Festival commissions from 2007 included a Brass band concert in Bramley Baths, an “Ideal Home” exhibition in an estate agents, a site-specific dance performance, mobile music on the library buses, a shop turned into a restaurant, the fantastic exhibition of Casey Orr’s photographs on the canal - an exhibition now moving to the US and of course not forgetting the knitted shed project involving 250 local knitters aged 5 to 95... This years projects so far (and there will be many more) include a travelling murder mystery on a canal barge, Shop Cinemas – a derelict shop in each area transformed into a miniature cinema for the festival showing local and commercial films in an intimate setting and an environmental art project called “I’d love Less Weeds!” – 20K

Community Radio

2007 saw the community radio station broadcast for 2 weeks and streamed over the internet. Radio is an exciting medium and loved by all ages. Live presenting is mixed with pre-recorded programmes made out in the community on relevant community topics such as health, education, and community interest. In 2007 local primary schools made hour-long programmes with the help of community radio workers and mobile recording stations were taken out to record Farnley History day and to work with Youth Service. The radio acts as a networking opportunity for groups and individuals and as a community information dissemination point. It also provides opportunities for bringing people into the studio for discussions, airing local opinions and aspirations and to work with and debate with local councillors, MPs and other key decision-makers. Individuals, small groups and schools will be working with radio staff to research and make short programmes for broadcast on air.– 11k

Festival Drive-in’s and projections

Last year 300 images of West Leeds taken by keen local photographers were collected on the internet on the photo image site Flickr (www.flickr.com/groups/ilovewestleedsfestival) and then projected on the the Gasometer in a night of illuminated images. So popular was this event that Light Night are currently repeating the project for use in the city centre.

Drive-ins made a come-back at Pudsey Civic Hall with a 3 storey inflatable screen and a mix of modern and classic movies. A full car park in the pouring rain made for an atmospheric evening for a showing of Psycho, whilst roller skaters greeted the Priscilla

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Queen of the dessert crowd. 6k

Marketing/PR

Quality marketing and PR is vital for the success of the festival. The profile of the festival has risen consistently over the last 3 years. In addition to accessing new and repeat audiences for festival events, the marketing of the festival brand acts as a PR and Communication tool to the rest of the city about the vibrancy and development of West Leeds. The festival employs a professional designer and PR consultant, this along with the quirky nature of the festival programming are invaluable in gaining good publicity for the festival. In 2007 60,000 brochures were printed and delivered door to door, advertisements were taken out in local press and the billboard presence were all part of the PR campaign. We gained extensive coverage of festival by YEP and Yorkshire Post (even the motoring section) and had several live Radio interviews with Radio Leeds and tv appearances on BBC North, Calendar and This Morning - 10k

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

Short term

West Leeds is a large geographical area encompassing both rural and urban environments with large parts of the area identified as Areas of Multiple Deprivation by Government statistics. The Festival will use common threads to link projects across the wards, where groups/individuals from different areas work towards a common goal and multi centre events to take the festival into the heart of each community.

The Festival will allow community members across generations from across West Leeds to become involved at different levels, either through school placements, volunteering during the week, or through the schools and community-wide projects and events.

The Festival offers local people from West Leeds the opportunity to participate and perform in inspirational arts projects, and for all the people of West Leeds to experience high-quality arts on their doorstep. The intention is to bring local people in to a range of arts-based events, both as participants and audiences, who would not normally attend and develop a local audience for these and future events in West Leeds. It will also facilitate young people working with professional artists and performing alongside artists with national reputations. The festival acts as a tool for local information dissemination. Projects such as the radio and film making strengthen the sense of community and provide a voice for local opinions and aspirations.

The festival aims to encourage intergenerational participation, offering opportunities for dialogue between older members of the community and young people, two traditionally opposed groups, and recognises the need for cross generational work in creating and acknowledging a diverse society.

Long term

Long term outcomes from The festival and its projects include increased community cohesion and community pride, both key priorities of the West Leeds District Partnership and gaining recognition for arts and culture as an essential vehicle for the regeneration planned for West Leeds and as a continuing tool for the re-engagement of both young people and communities as a whole with their locality, neighbours, environment and education, training and employment.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:
All 5 West Leeds Wards

Project Cost . Please indicate;

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

Total Festival - 90K
contributions sought / secured
Inner West 25,000
Outer West 25,000
Arts Council 30,000
Other trusts/foundations 10,000

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

£25,000 (revenue)

Who will be in receipt of the financial order. (name of the organisation and contact details)
Dawn Fuller, Interplay, Armley Ridge Rd, Leeds, LS12 3LE
Tel: 0113 2638556 email: festival @interplayleeds.co.uk www.interplayleeds.co.uk

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Area Committee Well-being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Appendix 5

Project Name: Fairfields Estate Environmental Improvement Schemes

Lead Organisation:

Groundwork Leeds is the lead Organisation for the project management and delivery of the proposed schemes which form this application. The development of these schemes has been undertaken in partnership with the Fairfield Community Partnership (FCP) and LCC: Parks & Countryside.

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project):

The programme of schemes will be delivered in partnership with LCC: Parks & Countryside (Maggies End only) and the FCP (all three schemes). The project development is ongoing: including consultation with residents and the FCP about the different schemes and what the priorities and aims are for the programme. This has allowed us to develop the designs for the sites in line with the desires and wishes of the local residents. It is proposed that the delivery of each scheme will be as follows:

Maggies End	LCC: Parks & Countryside	By Direct Appointment
Stanningley Road Streetscape	To be confirmed	By Tender Process
West Leeds Binyards Phase 3	To be confirmed	To Be Confirmed

Please note that West Leeds Binyards Phase 2 was delivered in the 2006-07 Financial year by Groundwork Environmental Services (GES) as a training scheme, whether Phase 3 can be undertaken on the same basis is being clarified.

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

The programme on the Fairfields will include three different schemes: The Binyard project which will involve up to 10 binyards being improved by lowering the front wall, resurfacing the floors (where necessary), removing waste and installing locking points for the individual bins for safe keeping. The scheme will open up the binyard areas and provide a safe place to store and use bins. By making the binyards open we aim to reduce the amount of fly tipping and reduce the potential for using the binyards for illegal activities.

The second scheme (Stanningley Road Streetscape) will help to create a brighter streetscape for the Fairfields along Stanningley Road. (See attached design). It will involve the creation of raised planters near the entrance to the Railway Station, replacement seating opposite the shops on Stanningley Road and tree planting along the

grass verge. This will visually improve the area and enhance the streetscape along Stanningley Road and to route to the Railway Station.

The third project (Maggies End Entrance Feature) will involve the creation of an estate entrance area for the Fairfield Estate at Fairfield Hill (See attached design), together with improvements to the entrance to Beecroft Hill Recreation Ground off Fairfield Hill. This will include the creation of flower beds, installation of a carved stone with the Fairfields Community Emblem, the creation of informal road signs (by local primary school) removal of waste and overgrown vegetation, installation of trees and the upgrading of the desire line into a footpath. This project will enhance the streetscape of the local area and highlight the improving nature of the Fairfields to people entering and driving past the estate. Following thorough community consultation, the vast majority of residents would like to see the existing degraded bench replaced. However we are still discussing this issue with officers from Parks & Countryside.

These schemes will help to improve the environment of the Fairfields and help to create an added sense of community spirit and ownership. The improvements help to regenerate areas of the estate and enhance the value of the area; this will help to create more respect for the place where the residents live. The projects will also contribute to the aims of the Fairfields LAMP towards an 'In Bloom' standard area in the Fairfields. The scheme will tie into any future 'In Bloom' routes and the community involvement is intrinsic in the 'In Bloom' approach. The projects include involvement from elder residents (in the consultation process) and young people (in the creation of road signs) and so helps to increase cohesion between generations.

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

The projects will improve a number of binyards which will increase the safety of their use, help to discourage fly tipping and, provide the residents with a place to store their bins off the streets: This will help to present a tidier urban environment. There will be up to 10 binyards completed as part of the scheme which are used by up to 40 people.

The work on the Stanningley Road Streetscape will benefit commuters using the roads and Railway Station, by improving the streetscape. The benches will also allow a place for seating for local residents and people using the shops.

The work at Maggies End will tie in with the past work on the entrance feature at Stanningley Road. The route through the site is used as a shortcut around the corner and to the local school. It will in effect provide a safer route to school, as pedestrians will be further from the road and so at less risk from motor vehicles. We also intend to work with the local school to design some School awareness signs for motorists using Fairfield Hill.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

The Projects are in the Bramley Ward; Specifically the Fairfields Estate. The Binyard Project runs from the Nansens to the Rosemonts, including the Henleys(SE 240 346). Maggies End Entrance Feature is located at the Junction of Broad Lane and Fairfield Hill (SE 235 350). The Stanningley Road Streetscape Project is located at the Junction of Stanningley Road and Bramley Railway Station (SE 240 344).

Project Cost . Please indicate;

Total Programme Value:	£70,000.00
SSCF:	£55,000.00
Area Committee:	£15,000.00

Individual Projects:

West Leeds Binyards

Phase 3 (Bramley)

SSCF:	£25,000.00
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Total:	£25,000.00
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Maggies End/ Beecroft Hill Entrance:

SSCF:	£17,500.00
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Area Committee:	£10,000.00
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Total:	£27,500.00
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Railway Site: SSCF:

	£12,500.00
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Area Committee:	£5,000.00
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Total:	£17,500.00
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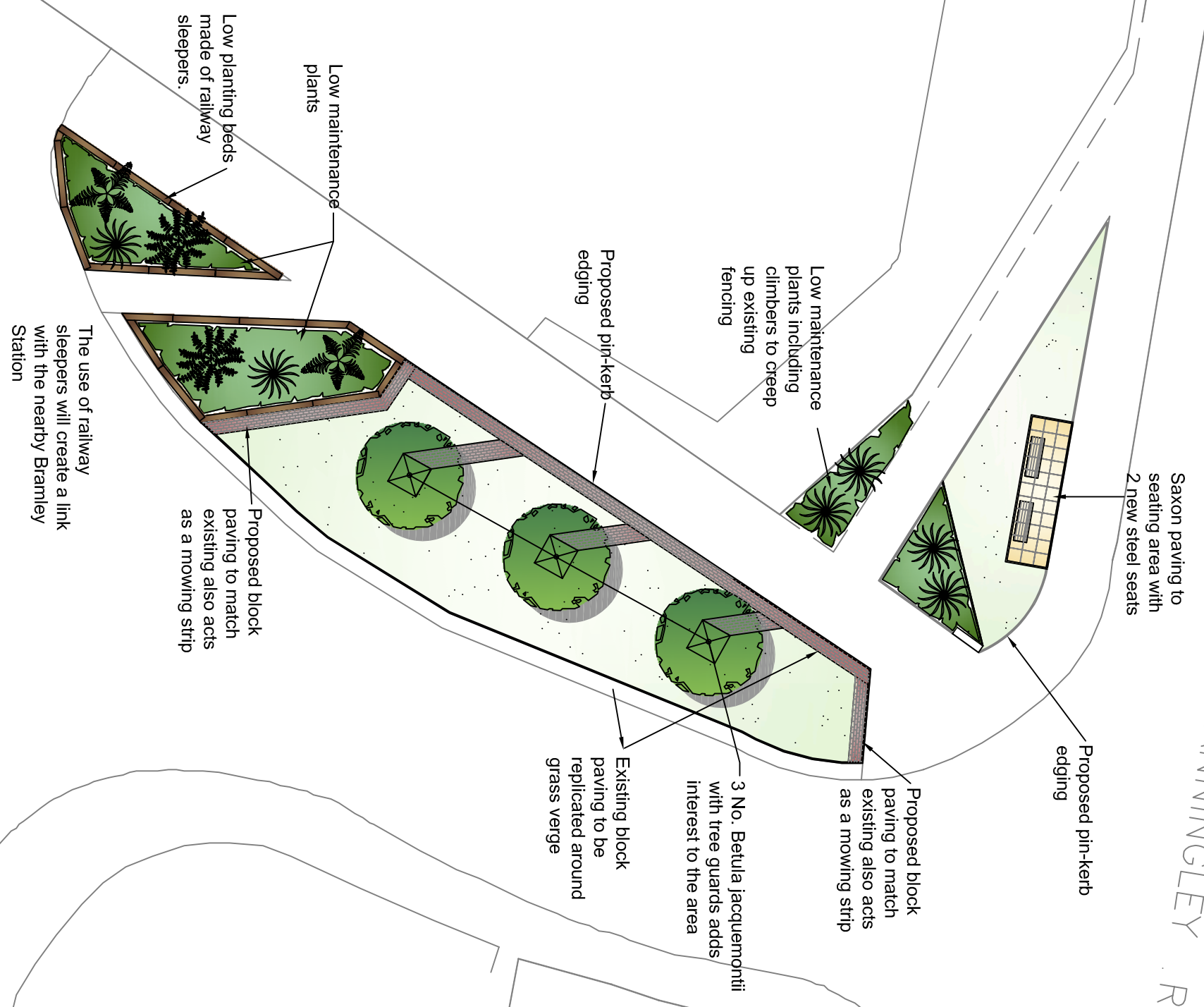
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Project: Stanningley Road

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Report of the Chief Recreational Officer

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 20th September 2007

Subject: WEST LEEDS COUNTRY PARK AND GREEN GATEWAYS

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: Armley Bramley and 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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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 outlines the progress made with the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways project since the last WLCP Forum meeting on the 11th June 2007, and also intended future progress.

Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report is intended to update the Inner West Area Committee on progress made with the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways since the last WLCP Forum on the 11th June, with emphasis on activities in the Bramley and Stanningley and Armley Wards.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The last WLCP Forum saw the distribution of the final two compartments of the draft management plan, and the full suite of draft Action Plans, with a request that Forum members provide feed back where appropriate by the 17th July.

The distribution of a list of proposed short term objectives for the period 2007 – 2008 to cover the whole of the project area.

An update on interpretation / waymarking for the WLCP Green Gateways Trail.

A proposal for a photography competition and 2008 WLCP calendar, which will include the 12 best photos sent in from the competition.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Management Plan.

Following the close of the second phase of consultation for the draft management plan on the 17th July, all received comments have been considered, and most incorporated into the plan.

At the next WLCP Forum on the 17th September, the entire revised draft document will be distributed for the final consultation, and once this is complete, it is intended that this will then become a working document.

3.2 Interpretation.

The second and third parts of the WLCP Green Gateways Trail leaflet, covering a stretch of the Trail which takes in Rodley, Calverley and Woodhall have been consulted on, revised and the artwork delivered to Robrook Press in Morley. 5 000 copies of each have been ordered, and are expected to be available for distribution at the next Forum meeting (17th September).

Notification has been received that the interpretive boards for the stretch of the WLCP Green Gateways Trail along the canal from the city centre to Pollard Lane are nearing completion, and once they have arrived, they will be installed, in co-operation with British Waterways.

In addition, the boards for the second part of the Green Gateways Trail, including the stretch of the WLCP Green Gateways Trail from Pollard Lane to Calverley have been designed and ordered from Shelley Signs, and are awaiting construction.

3.3 West Leeds Walking Group.

We are working with the West Leeds Walking Group to support them with this years walking festival, for which they asked the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways Officer to attend and launch.

The group hope that our support will continue with the proposed 2008 festival, for which they have asked to use Farnley Hall Park.

The walking group have documented a number of their popular routes, which are suitable for a range of abilities. These will be suitable for developing as Community Green Gateways, and along with a leaflet and route waymarking, which will promote and facilitate their use, they will encourage people in the Armley, Bramley and Stanningley areas to explore the parks and greenspaces close to home and beyond.

3.4 Bramley Fall Woods.

Following on from the interpretive boards already located in Bramley Fall, and the request for a promotional leaflet for the woodland during initial consultation for the WLCP project, it is intended to develop a new Bramley Fall leaflet. This will cover the local history of the woods, together with its wildlife and a map with some suggested walking / riding routes.

We also hope to approach local groups who have knowledge about the history and wildlife of this site to contribute in order to help to maintain our partnership working local groups.

3.5 Working with Groups.

We have been involved with a number of groups and initiative within the Inner West area, including the Friends of Houghley Gill, again in terms of making links with the WLCP Green Gateways Trail with Community Green Gateways through Houghley Gill and down towards the canal and Gotts and Armley Parks.

West Leeds Walking Group, in terms of improvements they have identified and suggested, including the repair of the Edwardian steps in Armley Park, leading down to the canal. This will improve the safety of a potential Community Green Gateway route, but one which is popularly used in any event.

Leeds Involvement Project in terms of auditing the canal towpath and other potential wheelchair friendly routes to provide access for all, and on the back of this, to produce leaflets to guide users on accessible trails.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

4.1 The West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways project takes an holistic approach to managing the parks and greenspaces within its boundary, in order to offer recreational opportunities for local communities and encouraging them to use the greenspaces on their doorsteps, whilst also ensuring that any management also benefits the wildlife and its supporting habitats, which contribute so much to the enjoyment of the WLCP by the public.

This approach helps to meet the main aims of the Vision for Leeds by providing attractive greenspaces for people throughout West Leeds, which are in close proximity to where they live and work, thus improving their sense of wellbeing. The provision of defined walking routes for all abilities, as well as cycling and riding routes helps to improve health. Collectively these contribute to our Going up a League as a city by helping to improve quality of life, as well as narrowing the gap by making sure provision is made for a broad spectrum of citizens to enable and encourage them to enjoy these places.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

5.1 Improvements outlined in the management plan and associated action plans have financial implications, although these are offset to a greater extent by funding currently invested by Parks and Countryside to manage and maintain areas of parks and greenspace.

In addition a sum of £210 000 has been secured to help develop recreational facilities within the WLCP and to conserve and enhance the wildlife habitats it supports.

On top of this, a further £49 919 has also been secured from Green Leeds to fund the current and ongoing interpretive projects.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways project continues to develop, and increasingly is reaching out to the community and user groups who make use of and value it, in order to offer support and to seek their views and aspirations, and to involve and consult as widely as possible.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 The Inner West Area Committee is requested to note that developments are currently being made with the West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways project, in terms of progress of the management plan and its broad objectives; ongoing provision of interpretive material; development of Community Green Gateways and the general liaison with and support of community and user groups



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Report of the Director of Children's Services Unit

West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 25th October 2007

Subject: Leeds Joint Area Review

Electoral Wards Affected:
All

No 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/presentation seeks to describe the JAR process and outline the timetable of activities in Leeds so that members are informed of developments and offers an opportunity to engage with the JAR at Area Committee.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

To inform elected members about the Joint Area Review (JAR) of Leeds.

2.0 Background Information

The JAR replaces a number of previous inspection regimes. It has been designed so that it sees what life is like for children and young people growing up in Leeds, how well all services work together to improve outcomes for children and young people, how well we protect our children and young people from harm, and assess the impact of our children's trust arrangements.

3.0 Main Issues

- Who are the inspectors?
- How does it fit with other inspections?
- What evidence will inspectors look at before and during the visit?
- What does our Children and Young People's Plan self-assessment tell us?
- What is the timetable for activities?
- Where will they dig and into what?
- What do we do after the inspection?

- What do we need to do now?
- How can I find out more?

4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

- Children & Young People's Plan – 2006-2008 refreshed July 2007
- The inspection will focus on the overall general well-being of children and young people. Inspectors will want to be sure that all groups are able to access services.
- Changes to the way children's services are assessed and inspected were announced in the recent local government white paper. From March 2009 the JAR will be replaced with a single performance framework for local authorities, with a shift to proportionate inspection to target authorities most at risk of underperforming. This will mean a lighter touch inspection regime and fewer automatic inspections for authorities performing well against the *Every Child Matters* outcomes.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

There are some costs associated with the preparation for the inspection but these will be met within existing resources. There are no direct legal implications; however, clearly the local authority must be able to demonstrate through the inspection that it is meeting its statutory duties to children and young people in the city.

6.0 Conclusions

The JAR is an important inspection of the city and as such merits consideration and the utmost attention. As with any inspection, preparation is key to a successful outcome. We all have a part to play in supporting the process and in implementing its recommendations. Services, in particular, across the sectors and the city are being engaged and energized and are working together to prepare for the inspection.

7.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- a) Note this report and receive the presentation
- b) Discuss its implications and comment on matters that arise for members.



Leeds Joint Area Review

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Local partnerships making things happen



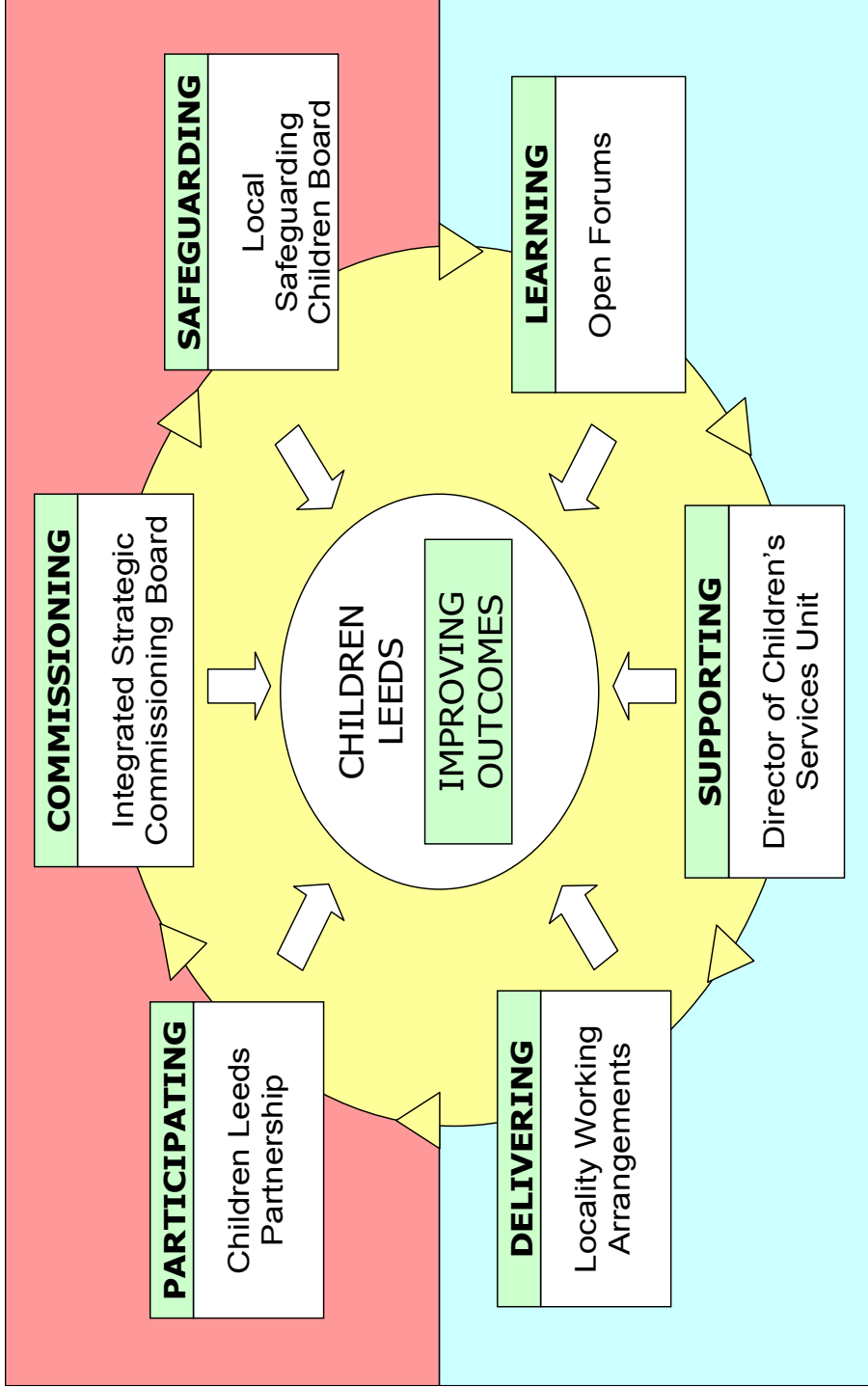
What is it for?

- To see what life is like for children and young people growing up Leeds
- To see how well all services from all sectors are working together to improve outcomes for children and young people
- As part of this, to assess the impact of our children's trust arrangements

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Leeds Children's Trust Arrangements



Children Leads



Focus on the vulnerable

- Looked after children and young people
- Children and young people from BME communities
- Children and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities
- Children and young people in trouble with the law
- Children in need of protection

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What does it replace?

- JAR replaces previous inspections including:
 - children and family services
 - education
 - 14-19
 - Connexions
 - Youth Service
 - Children's Fund



Who are the inspectors?

- Team led by Ofsted, including Adult Learning Inspectorate, Audit Commission, Healthcare Commission, HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, Court Administration, Prisons and Probation

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How does it fit with other inspections?

- Aligned with the Corporate Assessment of all Leeds City Council's work
- Aligned with the inspection of the Youth Offending Service in November



What evidence will inspectors look at before they come?

- Performance indicators
- Previous inspections – services, settings, schools ...
- Cross- govt. departmental briefings
- TellUs 2 – survey of children’s views
- Audit Commission Schools’ survey
- CYP Plan review
- APA improvement since 2006
- LSCB minutes, serious case reviews



Our CYPP self-assessment

- Be healthy – good
- Stay safe – adequate
- Enjoy and achieve – good
- Positive contribution – good
- Economic wellbeing – good
- Service management – good
- Capacity to improve – good
- Children’s services - good

JAR score sheet: Changes in Grading Approach

- LAC
- LDD
- Safeguarding
- Service Management
- Capacity to improve

Grades and judgements from all investigations undertaken will be taken into account at the next APA



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What's the timetable?

- 28 Sept : list of 100 cases submitted
- 4 Oct : APA meeting
- 12 Oct : JAR/CA set up meeting
- 18 Oct : Corporate Self-assessment submitted
- 14-16 Nov : JAR analysis days
- 12-16 Nov :CA analysis week
- 3-14 Dec : on-site JAR fieldwork

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What will they look at when they visit?

- **What** is happening for families in Leeds – how well are frontline staff working together to improve outcomes?
- **How effective** are our children’s trust arrangements?

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A deeper dig!

- CYP views – Questionnaire in advance
- Case tracking – 10 cases
- 3 areas of investigation
 - LAC - LDD - Safeguarding
- Up to 3 additional areas
- Visits
- Observations- importance of frontline practice increased
- Interviews- increased emphasis on CYP view of service
- Focus groups
- Attention to equality, diversity and human rights

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Case tracking: An in depth look at individual cases

- We present 100 cases
- Inspectors choose 10
- Multi-agency focus
- Questionnaires
- Interviews
- Focus groups
- Preparing service users
- Examination of files

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What happens after the inspection?

- 30 Jan : draft report received
- 18 Feb : submit comments on draft report
- 14 March : final report comes to LCC
- 22 April : report published



What do we need to do now?

- Know the CYPP review 9 priorities, and what we are doing to improve
- Understand the Leeds approach – personalisation, partnership, participation, prevention, safeguarding
- Look at the grade descriptions – these are what the inspectors will judge us against



What else ?

- Tell the Leeds story – know how Children Leeds works
- Show how your organisation is part of Children Leeds
- Collect evidence of how we are working together to improve outcomes
- Make sure all our systems are operating as effectively as possible



Keep in touch

- Read the ECM Update
- Attend events
- Look at the website
- Discuss the JAR at team meetings
- Share information with your colleagues
- Share evidence and good examples – think how external eyes would view them

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A3 and A4 posters



A5 booklet



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Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 25th October 2007

Subject: Leeds Bradford Corridor Regeneration

Electoral Wards Affected:

**Armley
Bramley and Stanningley**

Yes Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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Executive Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Inner West Area Committee about joint work taking place between partners of Leeds City Council and Bradford MDC on the Leeds Bradford Corridor. This work aims to develop a framework for the future joint working in the areas of west Leeds and east Bradford.
The work comes in three strands:
 - A regeneration study for the area has been commissioned by Leeds City Council and Bradford MDC to develop a programme of joint work to deliver a 10 year vision for this area.
 - A joint bid has been submitted to the Northern Housing Challenge Programme looking at innovative housing proposals for the area.
 - METRO have commissioned a Transport Study looking at connectivity between the two cities.

2. As well as the Leeds-Bradford corridor work, there are ongoing discussions with Bradford about other areas of joint working, particularly relating to the economy, tourism and transport at the sub-regional and city-region levels.

Recommendations

The Inner West Area Committee are asked to note the content of this report and support continued joint working with Bradford MDC.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to appraise the Inner West Area Committee about joint work taking place between the Leeds City Council and Bradford MDC on the Leeds Bradford Corridor. This work aims to develop a framework for joint work between the two authorities to regenerate this important corridor within West Leeds and East Bradford. The work comes in a number of strands.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The Leeds/Bradford Commuter Corridor is an area of potential major economic importance connecting the cities of Leeds and Bradford and has been identified as area of potential growth in the Leeds City Region Development Plan (Yorkshire and Humber Plan Draft December 2005 p 82)
- 2.2 Currently, economic conditions in the corridor are not as strong as they could be; transport connections could be significantly improved and housing provision is in need of refurbishment and remodelling in places and may not be of a range and quality sufficient to support future economic growth. There are significant areas of disadvantage in the Commuter Corridor area, for example in Bowling, Thornbury and Laisterdyke within East Bradford, and in parts of Armley and Bramley within West Leeds.
- 2.3 A Leeds Bradford Corridor Group, comprising elected members and representatives from both local authorities and other interested agencies, has been established to develop a co-ordinated and integrated strategy to identify and deliver opportunities to improve the quality of life, develop economic prosperity for the area, improve transportation and connectivity, achieve sustainable improvements to housing and the environment and create cohesive communities within the corridor area.
- 2.4 The groups aim is to take forward the economic growth and physical regeneration identified in the Northern Way and the Leeds City Region Development Programme and hopes to use as its basis the unique proximity of Leeds and Bradford (the 3rd and 6th largest cities in the UK).
- 2.5 This study is seen as one in a number of ways by which the two cities potential can be harnessed to create a sustainable economic powerhouse. The work will respond to the clear direction given by Government and Regional Agencies to encourage greater links and cooperation between Leeds and Bradford and will build on the strong political and officer support for collaboration that now exists.
- 2.6 One reason for the study is that it will articulate a vision and rationale that will attract additional public and private investment in new businesses and inward investment, improved transport provision and infrastructure, new housing provision and the improvement of housing in poor condition or in need of renovation. The fruits of this are already apparent in the Northern Housing Challenge bid described below.
- 2.7 In order to provide the impetus for this joint regeneration programme, it was proposed that some targeted consultancy be commissioned to meet the aspirations outlined above. To this end, White Young Green were appointed in October 2006 to take this work forward.
- 2.8 Along side the commissioning of a regeneration study for the area, two other opportunities for joint working within the area have arisen. Firstly, there has been an opportunity to submit a joint bid to the Northern Housing Challenge Programme, seeking funding to support innovative housing proposals. Secondly there is the

development of a transport study of the Leeds Bradford Corridor by METRO that is concurrent with the Regeneration Framework Study.

2.9 Each of these strands is outlined below.

3.0 Main Elements of the Leeds Bradford Corridor Work

3.1 White Young Green Regeneration Study

3.1.1 White Young Green were appointed by the Leeds-Bradford Corridor Group to undertake a study of the area and produce a framework for the development of future joint working.

3.1.2 The purpose of this work is firstly to advise the Leeds-Bradford Corridor Group (Leeds City Council, City of Bradford MDC, West Leeds Homes, Bradford Community Housing Trust, West Yorkshire Metro and other regeneration partners) upon:

- the feasibility of developing a combined approach between interested stakeholders in Leeds and Bradford.
- A vision for the future of the wider study area
- Identify a small number of specific joint projects in a defined “implementation area” to be considered by the partners

3.1.3 The study for the Leeds Bradford Corridor programme was focused around four key themes:

- *Enhancing economic development and employment opportunities* that would support existing businesses and encourage new employers to the area.
- *Enhancing and improving Transport quality and connectivity* in order to improve the quality of transport between the two city centres and enable better connectivity to employment and business opportunities
- *Improving housing quality and choice* that is available for local people, that will attract new households, respond to changing demand for housing and that will support any future economic growth.
- *Improving the image and appearance of the Leeds-Bradford Corridor.*

3.1.4 The Framework also advises on possible Governance arrangements for any interventions that are identified.

3.1.5 Work on the study by White Young Green was completed in July 2007.

3.1.6 Consultation with the two local authorities has led to the identification of six possible areas for possible joint work:

- better local connectivity links
- development around transport nodes (e.g. New Pudsey and Thornbury)
- proposals on future housing growth and affordability.
- new employment sites
- a Leeds Bradford “Boulevard”.
- specialist labour market / training / skills strategy and resourcing bids for the corridor.

3.2 Northern Housing Challenge Bid

- 3.2.1 This is a pioneering proposal that is designed to secure a lasting, working partnership between the Leeds and Bradford Districts to secure funding to develop affordable housing in East Bradford and West Leeds. The whole scheme will build 1000 new homes either for sale or rent as well as creating 50 permanent jobs and 50 training places and raising aspirations for employment amongst local people, particularly through jobs the construction industry.
- 3.2.2 The bid is being led by Firebird JVC in partnership with Bradford Community Housing Trust and Leeds West and North West Homes supported by the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Leeds City Council.
- 3.2.3 It is intended that this proposal will act as a blueprint which can be replicated copied both on a sub regional and national basis to demonstrate the value of shared best practice resulting in multiple benefits for neighbouring local authorities using innovation to stimulate commercial growth.
- 3.2.4 The proposals for the joint Northern Housing Challenge bid would amount to an investment of £28,000,000 between 2008 and 2013. The target area in West Leeds is the Fairfield Estate in Bramley, which falls within the most deprived 3% of neighbourhoods in the country. The intention is for building work to commence in 2008/9 and would run through to 2012/13
- 3.2.5 This proposal was submitted in September 2006. The Government and the Housing Corporation agreed in February 2007 to include the bid in the 2008 Housing Corporation Affordable Housing programme to be worked up into a full scale proposal. A final decision is expected in September 2007. Key issues identified in terms of developing an overarching strategic framework document were:
- Worklessness - how does the project build upon the work that is being undertaken by both local authorities in terms of tackling this issue? Where the schemes are located, do they fall within the existing priority areas as identified nationally or do they have contributory factors or individual aspects which mean the interventions will be of assistance.
 - Working in Partnership with Secondary Schools - With the increase in school leaving age coming shortly it was felt important that we work closely with local secondary schools within their respective areas to see how we could create employment opportunities in conjunction with the successful development partners and contractor to offer learning links and then employment opportunities.
 - How do the Housing Partners support employment opportunities - with a range of existing housing providers who provide services to tenants and residents, what opportunities will they provide in terms of job opportunities, work experience and extracurricular learning that will allow people the opportunity to gain meaningful employment and supporting sustainable communities?

3.3 METRO Transport Study

- 3.3.1 The report "A Transport Vision for West Yorkshire" (March 2006) recognised that innovative thinking would be required outside the Local Transport Plan process to develop the longer term transport network in West Yorkshire to support the economic growth aspirations over the next 10-15 years. The Leeds Bradford corridor was recognised in that report as vital to regional connectivity.

- 3.3.2 A workshop was held on 17th July 2006 at Metro's offices in Leeds to discuss issues around transport connectivity between Leeds and Bradford. The workshop involved officers from Metro, City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Leeds City Council and representatives from other organisations with an interest in connectivity between the two cities. The workshop had a transport focus but also covered wider issues such as housing, employment and regeneration.
- 3.3.3 The purpose of the workshop was to identify some of the existing problems and issues related to connectivity between Leeds and Bradford and to begin to consider potential opportunities for improvement.
- 3.3.4 In addition the workshop provided stakeholders with further information about a piece of work that Metro intended to commission on Leeds-Bradford connectivity issues within the wider context of the Leeds City Region. This would provide a more detailed study to develop a package of measures to improve connectivity between the two cities in the future.
- 3.3.5 In November 2006, Arup were commissioned by METRO to undertake this more detailed study. The aims of this study are:
- To identify existing problems/opportunities/constraints.
 - To identify a shortlist of scheme options.
 - To identify an overarching strategy for improving connectivity
 - To create a framework for moving forward with schemes.
- 3.3.6 This study is due to be completed shortly and its findings will be fed into the broader work looking at the regeneration of the area.

3.4 Wider Collaboration with Bradford MDC

- 3.4.1. As well as the Leeds-Bradford corridor work, there are ongoing discussions with Bradford about other areas of joint working, particularly relating to the economy. The potential for collaboration to grow the health and medical sector is being explored and sharing of best practice regarding the local enterprise growth initiative is underway.
- 3.4.2. Leeds and Bradford are of course also collaborating at the sub-regional and city-region levels. For example, as part of the West Yorkshire Tourism partnership, it has been agreed that Leeds will provide a Conference Desk service covering the whole of West Yorkshire, whilst Bradford is leading on sub-regional leisure tourism developments.

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1 With the receipt of the Final Report on the Leeds Bradford Corridor Study by White Young Green, it is clear that consideration needs to be given to the priorities for the project and the next steps in implementation.
- 4.2 The study has identified a number of potential projects to take the work on the corridor forward. Although there is further work to be done on the detailed costs and timescales of these projects, it is clear that there will be resource implications for partners and that these will need to be considered as part of any future planning.
- 4.3 As part of taking these projects forward, discussions are being held with partners to determine priorities and how they can contribute to the implementation of each project.

Working Groups

4.4 At the last meeting of the Leeds Bradford Corridor Group it was agreed to set up five Officer Sub Groups to take forward the work on the projects identified within the report. These groups will focus on:

- Employment and Economic Development (focus on Employment Land)
- Transport Nodes & Boulevard
- Environment & Connectivity
- Housing
- Skills

Governance

4.5 There has been agreement at Chief Executive level that the work should form part of the developing joint working relationship between the two cities. Report is due to go to the Executive Board of both authorities in November

An Officer Co ordination group, consisting of officers from both Authorities, to take a strategic oversight of the work within the Leeds Bradford Corridor. A member Executive would meet quarterly to give political direction to the work

Project Proposals

The White Young Green study put forward six proposed projects for taking forward the work on the Leeds Bradford Corridor. The six project proposals were:

4.6 *Employment Land*

The employment land project should assemble a database of the supply and demand for sites and premises within the Corridor, including key information of landownership, development constraints and development requirements. Comprehensive and consistent information on employment site development opportunities can help to reduce developer risks and accelerate private sector investment.

The project will identify new potential strategic employment locations, focused on defined 'investment hubs', with an emphasis on links to existing district centres rather than road corridors. Other strategic locations should also be identified for activities that cannot be accommodated close to centres, but where development is controlled so as to complement rather than compete with the main city centres.

In addition, the project will identify opportunities for change of use of redundant or under-utilised employment sites to support housing growth. This will help to inform the policy challenge facing the area with respect to the lack of development opportunities within the corridor and the tensions being created through the need to balance new housing growth against employment growth/diversification. It could therefore assist with specific LDF allocations in the emerging Leeds and Bradford Council's LDF.

4.7 *Development of Transport Nodes*

This project is the identification of opportunities for new mixed use development around existing transport nodes. From the team's understanding of the study area New Pudsey and Thornbury are considered the most appropriate locations for these

as they are existing nodes which can be intensified through well designed development schemes.

The land uses which should be encouraged / allowed in these locations should be complementary to one another and should include:

- high density housing
- offices and specialist businesses
- complementary retail of a scale commensurate to the node

4.8 *“The Boulevard”*

Investment in the Leeds-Bradford Corridor will improve the image and perceptions of the corridor as a place to live, visit work and invest. These improvements could be linked to new housing developments along the corridor which may help to fund the new boulevard improvements through Section 106 agreements.

This route is an important link for a number of significant movements between Leeds and Bradford and it is not the intention of this project to impact on the capacity of the road to the detriment of its role as a strategic link.

The project is an iconic urban boulevard stretching between the two city centre with a cohesive approach to environmental enhancement to unify the various character areas and regeneration zones. This will become an image defining icon for the two cities and the communities and countryside that separate them.

4.9 *Connectivity Improvement Schemes*

This project seeks to promote links between the housing areas within the Corridor to their local leisure and employment opportunities. It also aims to promote and encourage access to the green space in the area. In achieving this, this potential project links with the Connectivity, Regional Park, and Housing Growth Strategic Themes.

4.10 *Housing Area Improvement Project*

The project will serve to complement housing interventions planned and underway within the neighbourhoods through decent homes improvements, private sector interventions and the Firebird JVC initiative the partnership between Leeds and Bradford Districts with a focus on delivering housing market renewal and neighbourhood regeneration. A major aim is to raise house values, create more balanced housing neighbourhoods in terms of tenure and attract and retain high income earners into the area by addressing the range of issues and challenges facing the inner city areas including crime and unemployment. The JVC Initiative is a genuine partnership between Leeds and Bradford Districts and this project will only serve to add value to this pioneering initiative and other investments going forward helping through improved image and marketing.

4.11 *Skills*

The current skills profile of the Corridor communities requires significant enhancement if sustainable growth in higher value economic activities is to be achieved. The baseline data has confirmed that the corridor profile is dominated by no or low level qualifications and low level training qualifications. The development of a skills strategy for the Corridor, including support for basic and higher level skills in key sectors will provide a critical mechanisms for supporting business and economic growth in the

area. A well skilled and flexible supply of labour is essential to attracting and retaining businesses into an area, particularly in those high value added sectors identified within the corridor leading to increased competitiveness. In addition, improving the employment prospects of the local disadvantaged communities will generate increased household income and improving access to higher quality housing. The private sector housing market will respond through more new housing in the area, improving the property ladder.

5.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

5.1 Work on the Leeds Bradford Corridor Area impacts on a number of national, regional and citywide policies. These include the Northern Way; Leeds City Region; The Draft Regional and Spatial Strategy for Yorkshire & Humber; both the Leeds and Bradford UDPs; the Leeds Development Framework; the Vision For Leeds; Bradford 2020 Vision.

5.2 The joint work on this corridor will help determine how this unique area between the 3rd and 6th largest cities in the UK can help implement these policies and improve the quality of life and economic conditions within the area.

5.3 A joint report for both Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Leeds City Council Executive Boards is currently being prepared authority to proceed with joint actions within the area.

6.0 Legal And Resource Implications

6.1 £75,000 has already been committed (£30,000 from Leeds City Council, £30,000 from Bradford MDC and £15,000 from Yorkshire Housing Partnership) to commission the study by White Young Green and the study was received in July 2007.

6.2 One of the tasks of this framework will be to identify future legal and resource implications. Although the final details of cost and resource implications are not fully developed around the Leeds Bradford Corridor Study, it is clear that implementing any of the proposals that it outlines will have resource implications.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The regeneration of the Leeds-Bradford commuter corridor will form an important part of the regeneration programme for West Leeds and will complement the work on the West Leeds Gateway. The work will benefit both Leeds and Bradford and will help promote stronger links between the two cities.

7.2 It also fits with broader regional and national policies and is a good first step at developing collaborative working between the two cities.

8.0 Recommendations

8.1 The Inner West Area Committee is asked to note the content of this report and support continued joint working with Bradford MDC and METRO.



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Report of the West Leeds Area Manager

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 25th October 2007

Subject: Armley Town Centre Improvements

Electoral Wards Affected: Armley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward members consulted (referred to in report)	Specific Implications For: Ethnic minorities <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled people <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Executive Summary

This report provides members with an update on progress on regeneration projects for Armley Town Centre including the Townscape Heritage Initiative, Town and District Centre Improvements, and Armley Moor. Members are asked to offer their continued support for the regeneration of Armley Town Centre and note progress on these projects.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform members of the latest progress on projects which are part of the regeneration of Armley Town Centre.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Armley Town Centre has been identified as an area in need of comprehensive improvements to encourage new business to the area, and to provide a safer, more attractive environment for shoppers and businesses. Funding has been sought from the Council's Town and District Capital Programme and from the Heritage Lottery to undertake improvements. Armley Moor is maintained by Armley Common Right Trust for the people of Armley, and is a significant greenspace for Armley which is in need of improvement.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI)

- 3.1.1 The stage 2 bid for the THI is to be submitted by October 31 2007. The council will be notified of the outcome of the bid by February 2008, and the THI will then run for a five year programme commencing 1 April 2008. The council will be notified of the outcome of the bid by February 2008, and the THI will then run for a five year programme commencing 1 April 2008.
- 3.1.2 The THI will focus on Branch Road, as a gateway to Armley and Town Street, and will compliment the public realm improvements being undertaken by the Council. The critical project for the THI is number 2 Branch Road (aka Mike's Carpets), and discussions are ongoing with the owner of the building about improvement proposals.
- 3.1.3 As part of the preparation of the bid a number of buildings have been surveyed by specialists to assess the extent and cost of repair and restoration for each building. The information from the inspections has been used to prepare a repairs schedule which contains all the key buildings and is being evaluated in order to determine grant levels and to inform the scope of the programme.
- 3.1.4 The repair and restoration projects will be contracted out to one main principal heritage qualified contractor who may use sub-contractors to carry out smaller restoration work such as repairing or replacing sash windows. The aim is to undertake group repair projects of 2 to 3 properties where possible, and to also provide individual grants to property owners whose property is not part of a group repair project.
- 3.1.5 It is important that the building industry has sufficient capacity to meet the demand for high quality repair and restorative work to historic buildings. A training plan has been developed to support the development of heritage skills within the construction industry in Leeds to help sustain the local environment and to offer local people the opportunity for skills training in this sector.
- 3.1.6 Key features of the training plan are the agreement with Leeds City Council's Jobs and Skills Service to provide a heritage module within their new BTEC Pilot plus a programme of on-site placements organised through Construction Leeds to ensure local people and local small builders have the opportunity to gain 2 – 3 weeks of practical work experience on acquiring heritage skills.

3.2 Conservation area

- 3.2.1 A Townscape Heritage Initiative can only operate within a designated conservation area. Preparation of a conservation area appraisal has been undertaken in parallel with the preparation of the Stage 2 bid.
- 3.2.2 The Boundary for the conservation area has been subject to extensive consultation with the Armley Forum, the West Leeds Gateway Board, the local community, developers, councillors, local businesses and other interested parties.

3.2.3 The draft appraisal is now complete and will be considered for approval by the Council's Planning Board on 18th October 2007. A map of the conservation area is attached as appendix 1.

3.3 Public realm improvements.

3.3.1 A scheme of public realm improvements for Town Street which extends from the One Stop Centre to Armley Moor has been prepared by Jacobs architects. This has been the subject of previous reports to this committee. This will be undertaken in 2008, and element of the funding for this will be used as match funding for the Townscape Heritage Initiative.

3.4 Armley Moor

3.4.1 Armley Moor is an open space of prime importance situated between Town Street and Far Fold. It is the remains of the common and waste ground allocated for siting tenters and wool hedges by the Inclosure Act. The Moor, whilst well maintained by the Armley Common Right Trust, has changed little since it was used as a tenter field to dry cloth.

3.4.2 Plans for improving the Moor have been prepared by the council in conjunction with Armley Common Right Trust. The plans offer an improved design and include provision for wider footpaths across the land, a strengthened area for markets and events, a focal point with sculpture, new seating, picnic benches, low ornamental perimeter rail to match the designs for the Town Street public realm improvements, designated areas for informal play and areas for native plants to encourage wildlife.

3.4.3 The plans will be subject to public consultation and will then form the basis of a structured approach to seeking funding for improving the moor. It is hoped that some of the improvement works can begin in 2008 with works to the Town Street edge of the moor being undertaken in conjunction with the Town Street public realm improvements.

3.4.4 Plans have also been prepared for two other sites managed by the Common Right Trust - Hill Top and Moor Top.

4.0 Consultation and Participation arrangements

4.1 A key requirement of a Townscape Heritage Initiative is to engage with the local community. Raising awareness and understanding of the area's conservation value and the standards needed to protect and improve the area is an important part of sustaining the conservation area beyond the life of the THI.

4.2 This process has already begun through discussion at Armley Forum and public meetings and exhibitions in Armley library. A programme of education and awareness raising events will continue through the life of the THI programme and beyond which will be linked to other activities taking place in the area to avoid duplication.

- 4.3 Discussions with the relevant parties will be held with a view to establishing a local conservation area advisory group which could include members from Armley Forum, the Armley Society (local history group) the West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Board and other stakeholders. Such a group could assist in sustaining community interest and engagement in the THI during the lifetime of the programme and beyond. The exact role and remit of such a group is still to be determined and discussions have yet to be held about this with stakeholders.
- 4.4 Consultation on the plans for Town Street public realm improvements has taken place through exhibitions and meetings, plus individual consultations with a number of properties.
- 4.5 A consultation event is planned for Tuesday November 27th, 7pm at Armley One Stop Centre to give the public and other key stakeholders the opportunity to comment on plans for Armley Moor, Moor Top and Hill Top.

5.0 Implications for Council Policy And Governance

- 5.1 Improvements to Armley District Centre will contribute to two of the strategic outcomes in the Council's Corporate plan, all neighbourhoods are safe, clean, green and well maintained and all communities are thriving and harmonious communities where people are happy to live.

6.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 6.1 The THI is project managed by a team of officers from the West Area Management Team, the Council's Major Projects Team and the Development Department. It is proposed that a THI Project Officer is appointed by the council as soon as the Heritage Lottery Funding is approved to oversee the implementation of the scheme.
- 6.2 The THI award is worth £1.1m for Armley, match funding will be provided from Leeds City Council through the Town and District Centre capital programme.
- 6.3 The Town and District Centre Improvement Scheme is part of a citywide programme managed through the Major Projects Team with Area Management providing project management resource for the Armley scheme.
- 6.4 The total cost of the works outlined for Armley Moor is in the region of £150,000. Funding will be sought from S106 monies and grant funding to implement the improvements.

7.0 Conclusions

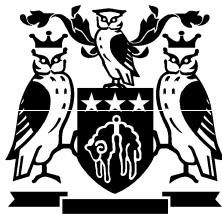
- 7.1 The Town and District Centre Funding, and the Heritage Lottery Funding will contribute to improving Armley Town Street through the repair and restoration of buildings of heritage value, and improvements to the public realm. If we are successful in delivering improvements to Armley Moor this will further enhance the area and provide an attractive and safe town centre. These improvements will provide a more attractive environment for shoppers and local businesses.

8.0 Recommendations

- 8.1 Members are asked to offer their continued support for the regeneration of Armley District Centre and note progress on these projects.



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Report of the West Leeds Area Manager

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 25th October 2007

Subject: Funding opportunities to support jobs skills and enterprise in West Leeds

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Executive Summary

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 This report informs the Area Committee of the current opportunities that exist to bid for European Funding to assist jobs, enterprise and skill levels in West Leeds. West Leeds is eligible under the Regional Competitiveness and Economy Programme for both European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF). It is also eligible for LEGI (Loal Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) funding and Action for Employment (A2E) funding
- 1.2 West Leeds District Partnership Executive met on September 21st 2007 at Farnell in One. Presentations were made by local business, by Education Leeds on enterprise in schools, on worklessness programmes, credit unions, and on corporate social responsibility by Leeds Ahead. The partners agreed to support a programme of bids for European funding as presented below

- 1.3 The report seeks West Leeds Inner Area Committee to note the overall approach to help tackle the needs of local people and businesses and to seek funding from the significant number of new funding opportunities that will become available in West Leeds.

2.0 Background Information

European Regional Development Fund/European Social Fund

- 2.1 A regional Task Group has been established to oversee the development of the ERDF Operational Programme (OP) for Yorkshire and the Humber. Following regional consultation, the ERDF Operational Programme was submitted to Department for Communities and Local Government for sign-off and the programme submitted to the European Commission for approval.
- 2.2 With its strong emphasis on Innovation, Research and Development (R&D), Enterprise, and businesses with the potential for high growth, the new ERDF Programme is significantly different from the current Objective 2 Programme. There is little scope for supporting the capacity building of voluntary and community organisations, unless they are able to deliver services. However, activities under the themes of access to employment, social enterprise and support for the establishment of development trusts and other organisations to deliver local services are highlighted.
- 2.3 The Managing Authority for the 2007-2013 ERDF Programme will be Yorkshire Forward. It is expected that Yorkshire Forward will formally take on this role on in November, once appropriate secondary legislation has been passed by Parliament.
- 2.4 An indicative allocation of around € 270m (£181m) will be available to the Yorkshire and Humber region outside South Yorkshire. This equates to approximately € 39m (£26.2m) per year across the 7-year programming period. There will be many bids for this limited pot of money
- 2.5 There are 5 priorities
- Priority 1 - Promoting Innovation and R&D
 - Priority 2 - Supporting and Stimulating Successful Enterprise
 - Priority 3 - Sustainable Communities
 - Priority 4 - Economic Infrastructure (South Yorkshire only)
 - Priority 5 - Technical Assistance
- 2.6 **Priority 1** - Promoting Innovation and R&D. The aim of this priority is “to achieve a substantial increase in investment in R&D and new technologies in the region by promoting the growth of the knowledge economy through increasing the rate of innovation and use of

knowledge within the region's business base, increasing the number of high value added and innovative firms".

- 2.7 Investment under Priority 1 will be focussed on existing knowledge-based regional clusters which offer the greatest potential for improving regional competitiveness. These clusters include; Creative & Digital industries, Advanced Manufacturing, Food and Drink, Chemicals, Environmental Technologies, Bioscience and Healthcare Technologies.
- 2.8 **Priority 2** – Supporting and Stimulating Successful Enterprise. The aim of Priority 2 is “to promote a greater shift towards knowledge intensive growth sectors in Yorkshire and the Humber by increasing the number of business and occupations in knowledge intensive industries and by developing a more entrepreneurial culture in order to increase wealth generation across the region”.
- 2.9 Investment under this priority will also be focussed on knowledge intensive and high growth industries including the existing business clusters above. Targeting will include interventions that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy and low carbon technologies. Interventions will also support the aims of the region's City Region Development Plans.
- 2.10 **Priority 3** – Sustainable Communities The aim of Priority 3 is “to target resources at these most deprived communities where continued under-performance is a threat to the region's economic growth – focussing on tackling social and economic exclusion and improving territorial cohesion creating enterprise opportunities within disadvantaged neighbourhoods and extending the social economy”
- 2.11 All areas in Leeds will be eligible for support under Priorities 1 and 2. However, Priority 3 will target the communities in the top 10% most disadvantaged SOAs in the region. A map highlighting these SOAs is presented for information (Appendix 2).
- 2.12 Priorities 1 & 2 are expected to be matched by Yorkshire Forward Single Pot or through the Yorkshire Forward Development Fund. Yorkshire Forward has indicated that there is no Single Pot available to match-fund Priority 3. From the National Strategic Reference Framework, it is clear that the Government expects that Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, Local Enterprise Growth Initiative and Local Area Agreement to be major contributors of match funding.
- 2.13 The process of applying for ERDF has not yet been determined. It is likely that partnership endorsement and agreement of projects will be aligned with the Investment Planning process, with project and programme development, and subsequent approval through Yorkshire Forward's existing Performance Management Framework (PMF). The Investment Planning process is currently under review and, from April 2009, the process will move to City Region level.

Action for Employment (A2E)

- 2.14 In order to support the roll out of the Government's Welfare Reform Agenda, the findings of the Freud Review of Worklessness and the publication of the Department of Work and Pensions strategy "In work: better off" Jobcentre Plus commissioned research from Shreeveport to review the current arrangements for delivering services for people who are unemployed or workless. The Jobcentre boundaries focus on the worst deprived 10% wards in the city – these present a number of difficulties for West Leeds in that the data excludes a number of neighbourhoods where deprivation levels are high yet the overall ward levels do not warrant inclusion for funding purposes. The City Council has thus extended the work of the Shreeveport Consultants to include West and North West Leeds
- 2.15 The results of the survey showed that in 2007/8 there were 55 funded employment projects funded by Job Centre Plus or by other funding sources which between them accounted for a spend of £9.7 million. Whilst West Leeds undoubtedly benefits from a wide range of Leeds wide employment projects only two of these were in West Leeds – New Wortley Community Centre and Fairfield Estate SSCF funding, and neither of these funds was specifically targeted to assist workless people.
- 2.16 The main "gaps" were helping people at the beginning of the search for employment and the final stage of linking with the actual employers and the struggle to remain in employment. Other specific gaps were
- The fact that there are neighbourhoods with entrenched and significant pockets of worklessness that need to be addressed (see Appendix Two)
 - The availability of ESOL courses for Eastern European migrants
 - The suitability cost and availability of childcare
 - The suitability of local bus services to employment sites
- 2.17 The targets of intervention required will be:
- providing support and removing barriers to employment to incapacity benefit claimants, with a focus on individuals that have been out of work for more than 12 months due to mental illness.
 - developing a targeted programme of activity which re-engages young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), back into mainstream provision and towards employment.
 - helping to remove the barriers to work and training for lone parents who have been claiming Income Support for more than 12 months.
 - working with unemployed individuals, who have been claiming Job Seekers Allowance for more than 12 months.

- 2.18 Funding of £1.87 million is available under Access to Employment round 2 across Leeds of which £300k is capital. The commissioning process began on Friday 12th October, with a closing date of Monday 19th November. The funding is for 24 months – it runs between 1st April 2008 and 31st March 2010.
- 2.19 Additional funding for worklessness will come through the opportunities provided in the Northern Housing Challenge bid for new housing in Fairfield, Bramley discussed elsewhere on this agenda.

Leeds Enterprise Growth initiative (LEGI)

- 2.20 Leeds City Council was one of ten local authorities successful in round 2 of the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) Programme. A total of £15.6m was awarded for the period January 2007 to March 2010. LEGI aims to tackle worklessness in the most deprived areas by encouraging residents to consider starting their own business. The Local Enterprise Growth Initiative is a DCLG initiative that aims to tackle worklessness in deprived areas through enterprise. A report on LEGI is given elsewhere on the agenda.
- 2.21 Some funding for West Leeds will be available through LEGI. A large proportion of funding is targeted at residents from within the 3% most deprived neighbourhoods in the country. In the West this currently means the Fairfield area of Bramley although this designation and priority could change with the announcement to be made by the Government on the latest deprivation data in November 2007.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 Because of the dispersed nature of neighbourhoods deprivation in West Leeds, any approach needs to be necessarily targeted and appropriate. A number of opportunities exist to provide for these needs

Worklessness

- 3.2 Using the Shreeveport approach it is proposed that a number of caseworkers are recruited within both West and North West Leeds to target neighbourhoods where there are persistent and long term pockets of worklessness. It is proposed that a caseworker is employed for each targeted location (e.g. New Wortley, Armley, Fairfield or Hollybush). The caseworkers would be recruited for their specific skills and experience in working with a range of different client groups and they will work across all the centres rather than just being assigned to one. The caseworker will support and mentor their clients throughout the process into employment from first stage basic introduction to 'work' to sustainable employment.
- 3.3 These caseworkers would use the centres to access services already provided (e.g.. volunteering at New Wortley, kitchen/catering taster

sessions at community cafes at New Wortley and Fairfield community centres, volunteer with community gardening service at Fairfield) plus develop and signpost additional services to address their individual needs.

- 3.4 Each caseworker could have a caseload of 60 clients. The timescales for getting people into employment is not determined at this stage, but the target would be for people to remain in work for 12 months. A proposed job shop in Armley could aim for a higher target figure more due to the high profile location of the facility in the area and also those accessing a 'job shop' directly maybe more work ready. The community venues and a job shop would be supported to be a continuing focus for local people to access employment information, training, support, volunteering, taster and engagement activities.
- 3.5 The funding for such a proposal will be included in the bid to the Access to Employment fund for both West and North West Leeds wedges. This bid provides a means of tackling some of the entrenched problems of worklessness in West and also North West Leeds neighbourhoods.

Development Trust/Catalyst Centre/Cultural Workspace projects

- 3.6 Expressions of interest have been submitted to the City Council led Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) Programme Board to secure finance to establish a Development Trust, to develop a catalyst centre and develop a sector academy.
- 3.7 The Development Trust will be based as part of Bramley and Rodley Community Action (BARCA) – Leeds. This body has extensive experience and assets in delivering community based services in West Leeds (the Director is a member of the West Leeds District Partnership) and has the capacity to extend its portfolio to support the growth of local enterprise work throughout West and North West Leeds. BARCA have been given a development grant of £15000 from the LEGI programme to establish the development trust and work up detailed proposals for a catalyst centre and sector academy which will be submitted to the LEGI Board in Autumn 2007.
- 3.8 A West Leeds Catalyst Centre will form part of the LEGI programme. It will offer residents and businesses in West Leeds an integrated set of support measures that will address the needs of individuals and enterprises. It will encourage and develop a learning culture which embraces innovation, entrepreneurialism, creativity and risk-taking. The Centre will provide local people with new skills provide start up / incubator space for those wanting to develop a business but who have limited capital and business skills. It will provide support to emerging and exiting business providing a mentoring programme that will encourage expansion and the creation of employment through a number of schemes.

- 3.9 A Cultural Workspace project to be run by Park Lane College has been given approval by the LEGI Board. This is within the West Leeds Gateway area on Artists Street off Armley Road

Other potential initiatives

– Armley incubator centre

- 3.10 Discussions are underway with Farnell in One who are willing to allow the use of one of their buildings for an enterprise project. To maximise the potential growth in the West of the city, an incubator centre could allow space for small businesses to develop. Such a project could offer the exciting opportunity to work in partnership with Farnell in One a leading business in the West Leeds area.

- 3.11 The incubator facility could offer a managed workspace which provided a range of business facilities and services. Its purpose would be to enable newly established small companies to access affordable workspace, in an instructive and supportive environment with a professional infrastructure and high quality climate. The aspiration would be that a community of like minded entrepreneurs, individuals and companies would evolve.

- 3.12 This range of added value services would support one of the key aims of the West Leeds Gateway Regeneration area which is to tackle employment deprivation by providing appropriate local employment opportunities and a more skilled workforce.

– Armley Job Shop

- 3.13 Armley Town Centre is the commercial focus of the West Leeds Gateway. It functions primarily as a shopping and service centre for the Armley area. In recent years there has been some investment in the area in the restoration and new development of Armley Library and One Stop Centre and a new health centre. A new £15 million leisure centre is planned for 2009, the council is investing in improvements to the public realm and a Stage 2 Lottery bid is being prepared for a Townscape Heritage Initiative to restore historic buildings. However there are still a number of issues to address to maintain the Town Centre's long term viability. Overall it presents a poor appearance, and has a high number of vacant shop units. Independent studies by consultants all identify the need for radical change to address the problems.

- 3.14 A key objective of the West Leeds Gateway Regeneration area is the revitalisation of Armley Town Street. Its central location would be ideal for a 'Job Shop'. This could provide a highly visible presence on Armley Town street to act as a job referral centre and also link to other programmes, such as training and education provided close by. It

would also provide a local referral point for local employers wishing to recruit. Armley used to be served by a job referral service one day a week from the Armley One Stop Centre but this ceased over 12 months ago.

- 3.15 The Job Shop would service all of Armley Ward, parts of Bramley and Stanningley ward and parts of Farnley & Wortley ward through the frequent bus services to Armley Town Street. The idea of a Job Shop on Armley Town Street is supported locally especially since the withdrawal of the service from Armley One Stop Centre.

– Gelder Road Enterprise Units

- 3.16 Adjacent to Armley Town Street, are a small number (13) of commercial units which are in need of renovation. Feasibility work is being undertaken to consider the future of these units and one possibility may be for them to be refurbished as small business start up units. Situated close to Town Street, and the job shop, such a project could form the hub of a local enterprise initiative to support and encourage new business to develop on Armley Town Street and the surrounding area. Such activity would contribute to the revitalisation of Armley Town Street in conjunction with the other investment outlined above

– Sector Skills academy for logistics and distribution

- 3.17 West Leeds is a hub for the logistics and distribution services. There are partner organisations working closely on a number of schemes to facilitate the engagement of local unemployed people. The next step for this initiative is to enhance the training element of the provision to facilitate the setting up of a network of local drivers/distributors that could be commissioned for larger local and regional contracts. This network would provide the scope for many small businesses to develop and provide future local employment potential. Running in parallel to the skills gained towards creation of their own business all of the skills will be given around the use of CO2 reducing technologies. This focus on the environmental aspects of the role in logistics will lead to the new businesses being useful to other businesses as from a CSR point of view the reduction in a company's CO2 footprint is becoming increasingly important.

- 3.18 The Sector Skills Agency for the logistics industry 'Skills for Logistics' highlights several key issues that need addressing, these are: Unrepresented labour force profile- too few women and BME's, ageing profile of GV drivers; major shortage of LGV drivers; limitations of external training provision; basic skills gap at all levels of the workforce; the image of the industry;

- 3.19 It is anticipated that by year 2 the sector academy could have become an approved centre for the delivery of some elements of training, and

hold a contract for these from the Learning and Skills Council and Job Centre+. These links would again provide further support and inspiration for the development of new small businesses.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

- 4.1 The proposals above would, were they to be successful help deliver the outcomes of the Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-11 in relation to Enterprise and the Economy (increase entrepreneurial activity in deprived areas) and Thriving Places (reduce worklessness in deprived areas). It will also contribute to the strategic priority of Narrowing the Gap. Proposals in the plan have been formulated in consultation with key stakeholders in the local area.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1 Funding has been earmarked or is to be sought for all of these initiatives from a variety of European and other sources including Access to Employment and LEGI. The Well-Being Fund could also be used to finance projects which meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 The Area Delivery Plan sets out the key actions for 2007/8 for Inner West Leeds. Projects to increase employment and decrease worklessness are an important part of the work of the City Council and the Inner West Area Committee. This report has provided an update for members on possible sources of funding for some of these initiatives.

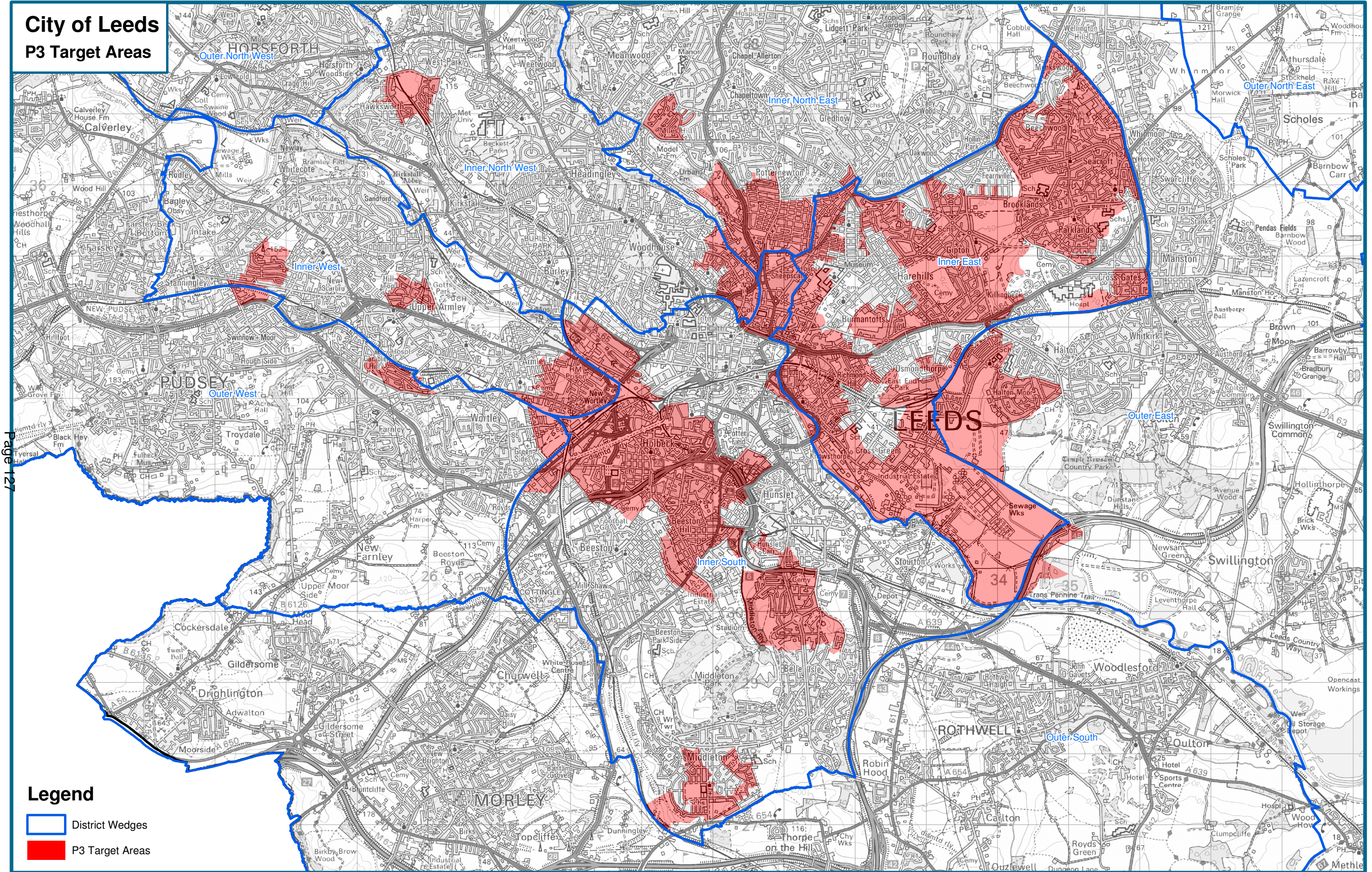
7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Members are asked to note the proposed bids to go forward to the relevant funding organisations for economic development and worklessness in Inner West Leeds and agree that the results of any success in bidding are reported back to a future Area Committee.



APPENDIX 2 Ward	Employment Deprivation Domain	Area Key- YELLOW: WEST, BLUE: NORTH WEST RANK: DARK RED = worst 10% LIGHT RED = worst 20%
	Rank	
Hyde Park & Woodhouse	297	Little London, Lovell Park
Armley	1412	Holdforths, Clyde Approach,
Bramley & Stanningley	1424	Fairfields
Farnley & Wortley	1737	Highfield Cres, Old Lane, Roseneaths, Gilpins
Hyde Park & Woodhouse	2373	Cambridge Road, Servias, Meanwood Rd, Leicester Place
Armley	2776	Wyther Parks
Armley	3467	Armley Grove Place, Hall Lane, Abbot View
Farnley & Wortley	3659	Heights Way, Heights Drive, Farrows
Hyde Park & Woodhouse	3884	Woodhouse St. Melville Rd, Elthams
Kirkstall	4584	Fillingfir Drive, Latchmeres
Kirkstall	4713	Eden Cres, Beecroft St, Sandford Rd
Bramley & Stanningley	4977	Waterloo Way, Rossefields, Ashbys
Farnley & Wortley	5085	Gamble Hill
Bramley & Stanningley	5128	Ganners, St Catherines
Kirkstall	5134	Queenswood Drive, Lea Farms, Ghyll Road
Armley	5351	Aviaries, Arleys, Salisburys
Farnley & Wortley	5640	Butterbowl Drive, Whincovers
Hyde Park & Woodhouse	5726	Westfield Road, Woodsley Road, Rosebank Road
Pudsey	5864	Harley Road, Swinnow Lane, Wellstone Drive
Armley	6467	Mistress Lane, Nancroft Lane, Brooklyns, Models

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Report of the LEGI Programme Manager

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Subject: Leeds LEGI Programme Update

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">X</div> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	<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>	
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Executive Summary

Leeds City Council was one of ten local authorities successful in round 2 of the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) Programme. A total of £15.6m was awarded for the period January 2007 to March 2010. LEGI aims to tackle worklessness in the most deprived areas by encouraging residents to consider starting their own business. This report updates Inner West Area Committee on the progress of the programme to date.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 To update Inner West Area committee on the progress of the Leeds LEGI programme.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Local Enterprise Growth Initiative is a DCLG initiative that aims to tackle worklessness in deprived areas through enterprise. The scheme began in 2006 and was open to those English local authorities designated as Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. Leeds' application was not one of those supported in the first round (the only successful authority in the region was Bradford). Round 2 submissions were submitted in September 2006 and Leeds was one of the ten successful authorities. Sheffield, Doncaster and North East Lincolnshire were the other successful applicants from the region. The total amount offered to Leeds was £15.6m to March 2010 (subject to Comprehensive Spending Review).

2.2 Leeds has 46,000 residents who live in Super Output Areas (areas of about 1,500 residents) that are among the 3% most deprived in the country. This is the fifth highest of all local authorities. The Leeds LEGI programme specifically targets these areas and refers to them as LEGI Target Areas. The programme aims to achieve 75% of its outputs from these areas. The remaining 25% of outputs are to be achieved in the Sphere of Influence which is a roughly circular border around the inner city area.

2.3 The Leeds LEGI programme targets are:

- To establish 550 new businesses;
- To support 650 existing businesses;
- To attract 75 new businesses;
- To create 1,100 new jobs
- To engage with 6,000 people about enterprise.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 As part of the Local Area Agreement, the LEGI programme is subject to strict rules on budgetary carry-forward and on capital and revenue spend. The overall budgets are as follows:

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total
Revenue	130,000	3,520,000	3,690,000	3,560,000	10,900,000
Capital	450,000	1,250,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	4,700,000
Total Available	580,000	4,770,000	5,190,000	5,060,000	15,600,000

3.2 Opening Catalyst Centres, the key element of our successful bid and a major factor in securing our funding from government, has been the key priority for early commissioning, and this has necessitated converting £1.3m of the 2007/08 revenue budget to additional capital. The budget for 2007/08 is now fully committed, while in the two coming years there is a total of £1.7m revenue and £2.8m capital yet to allocate.

3.3 The LEGI Programme Board has considered its priorities for investing the remaining funds, mindful of the themes and targets set out in the bid, and has agreed the following:

Revenue

- the five Catalyst Centres identified in the bid (Harehills, Beeston, Chapeltown, east Leeds, west Leeds)
- Enterprise Prospectors - the "Street Walker" roles outlined in our bid
- a toolkit of Enterprise Awareness and outreach products for use in LEGI communities
- one sector academy

Capital

- investment in a west Leeds enterprise centre
- investment in Belle Isle/Middleton
- investments in the network of Development Trusts which underlie much of the programme.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

4.1 Of the 31 Super Outputs Area that make up the LEGI Target Area, only one is in Inner West area. This covers most of the Fairfields Housing Estate in Bramley and some of the industrial area on the opposite side of Stanningley Road. This Super Output Area is among the 1.2% most deprived in the country, which equates to being the 417th (out of 34,378) most deprived in England & Wales and the 19th most deprived in Leeds.

4.2 With the exception of the Development Trust and Catalyst Centre projects, which by their nature are area specific, all LEGI projects cover the whole Sphere of Influence area. Specific West Leeds projects are:

- Development Trust - BARCA Leeds have been offered development funding of £15,000 to investigate the feasibility of establishing an enterprise focused development trust in West Leeds;
- Catalyst Centres - Five organisations have been invited to submit proposals to operate a West Leeds Catalyst Centre.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

5.1 The 2007/08 budget is fully committed. Any new projects will not be able to begin until April 2008.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The Leeds LEGI programme is progressing at a rapid pace. Higher than anticipated capital funding has been necessary for 2007/08 but subsequent years are expected to be in line with original forecasts.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Inner West Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.

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