



**WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE**

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**Meeting to be held at Lineham Farm, Swan Lane, Eccup, LS16 8AZ \***  
**On Thursday, 3rd April, 2008 at 9.00 am**  
**\* (see attached map)**

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**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**

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# Agenda Item 7

## WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 2008

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Atkinson in the Chair  
Councillors T Hanley, J Harper, A Lowe,  
J McKenna and N Taggart  
Co-optees Bedford, Boutle, Green and Pugh

### 68 Late Items

There were no late items as such, however there were two late appendices which had been omitted from the agenda. Appendices as follows:

- Agenda Item 10 – Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Work in Inner West Leeds – Update Report – Appendix Three
- Agenda Item 15 – Community Centres – Pricing and Lettings Policy – Appendix One

### 69 Declaration of Interests

Councillor McKenna and Morgan Pugh declared personal and prejudicial interests in item 16, Well-Being Fund 2007/08 – Update Report, due to their respective positions with Armley Helping Hands. They both withdrew from the meeting during the discussion and voting on this item. (Minute No. 81 refers).

Further declarations were made during the course of the meeting. Minute Nos 73 and 78 refer.

### 70 Open Forum / Community Forums

The agenda made reference to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure rules for an Open Forum Session at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee, for members of the public to ask questions or to make representations on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no matters were raised under this item by those members of the public who were in attendance.

### 71 Minutes - 6th December 2007

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2007, be confirmed as a correct record.

### 72 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute 61 – Inner West Well-Being Budget

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting  
to be held on Thursday, 3rd April, 2008

Further to the Committees proposed contribution to the Local Futures Access 2 Employment Scheme, it was reported that the North West Inner Area would be considering match funding for this scheme at its April meeting.

### **73 Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Work in Inner West Leeds - Update Report**

Members gave consideration to a report of the Director of Leeds Voice. The Chair welcomed Marva Pryce, Community Participation Co-ordinator for West and North West Leeds to the meeting.

The report gave an overview of Voluntary, Community and Faith (VCF) Sector organisations across West Leeds and details of each organisations role was appended. It was reported that the VCF sector provided services to a diverse range of communities across West Leeds and covered all age groups. Also appended to the report was a summarised version of the 'Ripple Effect', a research report carried out by Leeds Voice which reported on the economic contribution of the VCF Sector in Leeds.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted

(Councillor Lowe declared a personal interest in this item due to her involvement with the DOSTI Asian Women's Project).

### **74 West Leeds Gateway - Area Action Plan - Preferred Options**

The Director of City Development submitted a report which updated Members on the preferred options for the West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan. The Chair welcomed Andy Smithson, Development Department to the meeting.

It was reported that there were 3 broad options and that the West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan concentrated on 7 geographical areas for which maps were displayed. A six week consultation period would be held and exhibitions on the preferred option would be held at the following locations:

- Armley Library
- The LIFT Centre
- Armley Leisure Centre
- Somerfields – Armley Town Street
- New Wortley Community Centre

In brief summary, the following issues were discussed:

- Concern of residents in New Wortley and the vicinity of the Armley Gyratory that properties may be demolished.
- Areas of West Leeds had shown a significant upturn in recently published Indices of Multiple Deprivation figures. In turn, this would mean a reduction in funding received for those areas.
- A bid to Central Government had been made by Firebird to develop housing in the area.



- Advertising hoardings on Stanningley Road.

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

## **75 Streetscene Resources - Update Report**

The Director of City Services submitted a report regarding Streetscene's services. The report informed Members that Streetscene was formed to allow Refuse Collection, Street Cleansing and Waste Management to operate as a joint service and also detailed resources deployed and coverage of West Leeds.

The Chair welcomed Glenn Maude, Principal Area Manager, West Leeds, City Services to the meeting. In response to Members' comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- There were 11 Household Waste sites across the city, although none in Inner West Leeds.
- Repairs and improvements had been carried out to Binyards following funding from the Area Committee and with the partnership of Groundwork Leeds. These repairs had included re-gating, painting, widening and concreting surfaces.
- There was to be a focus on the prevention of graffiti with the use of anti-graffiti coating. Areas across Inner West Leeds were to be identified for this.
- Recycling of commercial waste.
- Enforcement issues.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted

## **76 Services to Children and Young People - Update Report**

The Area Committee considered a report which provided an update on the local Children and Young People's Plan for West Leeds. Amanda Jackson, Locality Enabler addressed the Committee.

It was reported that the Children and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP) for West Leeds would link to the Area Delivery Plan and become part of the citywide CYPP. The report detailed consultation information and highlighted the following areas of joint working:

- West Young People's Awards – This was a successful event supported by local businesses and the District Partnership.
- Oasis at St Bart's.
- Revolving Door.
- Intake Review Day
- Bad Mummy Project – funded by Area Committee

Members attention was drawn to priorities detailed in the report which had been categorised into short and long term objectives along with Citywide and West Area priorities. The Committee was asked to highlight any areas of priority.

The following issues were discussed:

- Persistent absence – reasons for this such as fear of bullying, children acting as carers. It was reported that only 45% of persistent absence was due to illness and it was felt that this issue needed further investigation.
- Domestic violence – this had been a targeted area of work for Police Community Safety Officers.
- Role of the VCF Sector.
- Obesity and healthy eating.
- Qualifications and skills at 19.
- Improving education for 11 to 16 year olds.
- Work with all organisations who carry out home visits i.e. Environmental Health, Housing etc.
- Evidence that child poverty was decreasing across Leeds.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the priorities identified to date reflect local understanding of what matters to local children, young people, families and communities for inclusion in the Children and Young People's Plan for West Leeds.

(Councillor Taggart joined the meeting during discussion of this item at 5.55 p.m.)

#### **77 Partnership Working Arrangements**

The report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report which made proposals for changing the structure of partnership working, reflecting changes that had taken place across organisational boundaries and concerns expressed by Members about the governance arrangement that apply to interagency partnership agreements.

It was reported that the District Partnership had now ceased and it was suggested that one Member 'Champion' be nominated to each of the main six partnerships in the West Leeds area, to provide an annual report back to the Area Committee.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the report be noted.

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- (2) That the principle of utilising Area Committee meetings to improve partnership working so far as it relates to the Strategic Plan be endorsed. (Subject to further negotiation with key partners).
- (3) That Area Management staff liaise with Members to act as champions for the specific partnership themes dealt with by subgroups as detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the report.

## **78 Community Centres - Pricing and Lettings Policy**

The report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods provided details of a revised Pricing and Lettings Policy which the Area Committee was asked to endorse. It was reported that the only Community Centre affected in the West Inner Area would be the Strawberry Lane/St. Bartholomew's Centre, which was currently used by Armley Helping Hands and Park Lane College, as other centres in the area were leased out to community organisations.

Members expressed the following concerns:

- There was a lot of outstanding work to be carried out at the Strawberry Lane Community Centre. It was reported that there would be central funding available for repair works.
- Leases needed to be determined for hiring organisations.
- Information was needed on what charges current users incurred and what implications the proposed pricing and lettings policy would have.

It was reported that discussion would be held with current users and this would be included in a future report to the Area Committee.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That a report be presented to the April meeting of the Area Committee outlining the final policy to be put in place for LCC directly managed community centres.
- (3) That an indicative implementation date of 1 June 2008 be agreed.

(Councillor McKenna declared a personal interest in this item as his employers hired facilities at Strawberry Lane/St Bartholomew's Community Centre).

## **79 Community Safety - Update Report**

The West Leeds Area Manager submitted a report and Inspector Anwar Mohammed and Gill Hunter, Area Community Safety Co-ordinator updated the Area Committee on community safety issues in the West Leeds area.

Inspector Mohammed reported on changes to senior Policing positions in the area and that a new Chief Inspector and Superintendent would be taking up posts in the near future. In relation to recent community safety figures, he reported that there had been a drop in acquisitive crimes, burglaries and criminal damage. However, there had been an increase in theft from vehicles and violent crimes, the latter being a blip over the Christmas period linked to alcohol related offences. Members were also informed of additional appointments to the Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

In response to Members questions and comments, the following issues were discussed:

- Concern regarding binge drinking and under age drinking – it was reported that West Yorkshire Trading Standards had carried out trials with young people attempting to purchase alcohol and offending retailers had been prosecuted. Any persistent offenders would face having their licenses revoked.
- There had been several arrests using drugs warrants in which offenders had their assets seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act.
- Inspector Mohammed had visited the Steam Complex at Armley following previous concerns that had been raised. An invitation had been extended to all Elected Members to visit. It was reported that complaints regarding the premises had stopped.
- Parking issues – it was reported that enforcement action would be taken where vehicles are causing an obstruction to the highway.
- There would now be 1 Sergeant, 5 PCs and 8 PCSOs on each Neighbourhood Policing Team.

**RESOLVED** – That the update from West Yorkshire Police be noted.

## **80 Well-Being Fund 2007/08 - Update Report**

The report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods provided details of the amount of well-being capital and revenue funding available for the remainder of the 2007/08 financial year. Members were asked to note this information and consider the following applications for funding that were appended to the report:

- Armley Helping Hands Community Transport Scheme – Amount requested - £18,598.87
- Bramley Henconner Lane Roundabout – Amount requested - £1,500
- Signs for Designated Public Places Order – Amount requested - £603.72

The Chair welcomed a representative of Armley Helping Hands who was present to give supporting evidence to the application.

It was reported that Armley Helping Hands had just taking delivery of a new minibus and part of the request for funding was to employ a driver. This would enable the transport of a further 75 extra persons a day across Armley

and Wortley. The organisation also worked in partnership with the Youth Service and Mental Health Trust.

Concern was expressed that the application did not meet Area Delivery Plan requirements and that the amount requested would involve a high amount of the remaining well-being budget. It was felt however, that the project met health and community cohesion targets whilst also providing volunteer and employment opportunities. Members discussed the implications of approving a smaller amount of funding. It was reported that a request had also been made to the West Outer Area Committee and it was agreed to approve £10,000 and advise that a further application could be submitted in the following year.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the financial status of the Well-Being Budget, capital and revenue be noted.
- (2) That the following decisions be made in respect of applications for Well-Being Funding:
  - (i) Armley Helping Hands Community Transport Scheme – Approved - £10,000
  - (ii) Bramley Henconner Lane Roundabout – Approved - £1,500
  - (iii) Signs for Designated Public Places Order – Approved - £603.72

**81 Area Committee Forums**

Minutes of the Bramley and Stanningley Forum held on 29 November 2007 and Armley Forums held on 18 December 2007 and 15 January 2008 were submitted with the Agenda.

**RESOLVED –** That the minutes be noted.

**82 Chair's Closing Remarks**

The Chair informed the Area Committee of the recent retirement of Paul Dishman from the Area Management team. The Area Committee expressed their gratitude to Paul for his work in West Leeds and wished him all the best for the future. It was agreed to write to Paul to convey this message of thanks.

**83 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 3 April 2008 at 9.00 a.m.

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Originator: Gill Hunter

Tel: 224 3200

## Report of the West North West Leeds Area Manager

Report to : Inner West Leeds Area Committee

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008

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 inner west Leeds over the past weeks and to update on the recent Operation Champion in the Fairfield neighbourhood held week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008

### 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.





**Report of the West North West Area Manager**

**Report to Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008**

**Subject: Update on Celebration of Success Business Event - Armley 2008**

Originator: Rebecca Boon

Tel: 0113 395 1970

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p><b>Armley</b> <b>Bramley and Stanningley</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></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

A Celebration of Success event held for local businesses in January 2008 brought together over 68 traders and agencies in Armley Leeds to share and celebrate information on the West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Plans. Information was also received from traders regarding their needs and expectations and this feedback will form the basis of future work to be undertaken for Armley Town and District Centre and the wider business community.

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 To update members on the business event held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008 organised by the West Area Manager of Leeds Ahead and to share with them the information and conclusions of the event so as to plan for improved trade and customer footfall on the High Street.

### 2.0 Background Information

2.1 Please see attached a report by Alison Shaffner, Area Manager for Leeds Ahead.

### 3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Please see attached report.

#### **4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

- 4.1 Armley ward members were invited to the event and it was advertised at the Armley Community Forum and discussed at the meeting of the Armley Initiative prior on the 14<sup>th</sup> Janaury 2008.

#### **5.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 5.1 From the feedback, it is proposed that a Town Centre Manager post is created to assist with driving and delivering improvements and assistance in Armley. This could be a half time post and financed from the Well Being Fund and undertaken in partnership with Outer West Area Committee who may consider financing the remaining 0.5 post for a Town Centre Manager for Pudsey. The Town Centre Manager would be employed and managed by Leeds Ahead pending approval from their board.

#### **6.0 Conclusions**

- 6.1 To note the contents of the report of the Area Manager from Leeds Ahead and to consider the feedback from businesses and traders attending the event.

#### **7.0 Recommendations**

- 7.1 To respond to the feedback from the traders and to provide practical assistance where necessary.
- 7.2 To consider the creation of a 0.5 post for a Town Centre Manager.



## WEST LEEDS REGENERATION PLANS

### ARMLEY ' CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS' EVENING TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2008

Leeds Ahead were contracted to organise an event that would engage with the local businesses in and around Armley Town Centre. The aim of the evening was to consult with businesses **and** share with them the progress made to date on the West Leeds Regeneration Plans.

These included:

- New Leisure Centre
- New West Leeds High School
- Mistress Lane Developments
- Gladedales Winker Mill developments
- Heritage Trust Plans for refurbishment of the older properties on Town Street
- Public Realm Plans for Town Street
- Improvements to Armley Moor

Leeds Ahead decided that the evening should be one that **CELEBRATED** the progress made on the development plans in the area.

Sponsorship for the evening was sought and the following companies contributed:

- Elite Forwarders
- Premier Farnells
- Boots
- TESCO
- HSBC
- Gladales
- Thinking agency

Raising a total income of **£1,230.00**

The event was announced in the Evening Post on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Invitations were designed by the 'Thinking Agency' on a pro-bono basis. They were asked to design a modern new logo for Armley Town Centre.



Armley One Stop Centre kindly agreed to the event being held in the Library and Customer Service reception area.

Invites were extended to LCC Officers from Planning, Business Rates, Inward Investment, Heritage Trust, as well as the West Leeds Community Inspector. Education Leeds had a stand with the plans for the new school; Leisure Services had a stand displaying the design and details of the new leisure centre; Gladedales had the plans and display of their Winker Mill conversion. West Leeds Regeneration Manager displayed drawings of the Mistress Lane's plans, Armley Moor improvements, public realm plans for Town Street and the Heritage Trust developments. Jonathan Morgan agreed to be the 'Guest speaker' for the event.

650 invitations were sent out, and the shops on Armley Town Street had theirs hand delivered by Leeds Ahead. One week prior to the event all the shopkeepers along the Town Street had a personal visit from the Leeds Ahead staff

A local Jazz pianist was booked to play at the event , New Wortley Community Centre produced 'delightful' food for the evening, wine and soft drinks were served.

Packs were produced to give out on arrival as guests signed in which included a questionnaire to complete.

### **The Event**

The evening was a success, 68 business people attended (10 % response rate to invitation), the majority were the local businesses on Town Street, which was the priority group. The informal setting coupled with LCC officers, Leeds Ahead staff and the local police inspector enabled businesses to discuss their views on an individual basis. More importantly we were able to emphasise the vital role that small business can play in making the regeneration plans work.

The Barbers Shop on Town Street won the prize draw and received a bottle of Champagne

Results of the questionnaires have been collated, and actions agreed with the West Gateway Regeneration Manager.

### **Conclusions:**

An evaluation of the event was held with Leeds Ahead staff where the comments and views of the businesses were discussed. It is apparent that the vast majority of the

businesses are concerned about their future and that their trading has declined in the last three years. Some felt that the high cost of business rates were now disproportionate to the area. Despite this, there is an air of optimism and a definite desire from them to remain in business and support the area.

The businesses would like:

- To have a more visible and personal contact from someone who can advise them and keep them informed of local plans and developments and be able to air their issues.
- Would be happy to improve their shop fronts if they felt that it would make a difference and included all shops. The landlords of some of the shopkeepers are not maintaining their properties and the tenants felt that this could be an area where they could get help.
- Advice on how to improve their trading through advertising and promotions in the area.
- Crime is a concern for businesses in the area.

One shopkeeper said that his shop walls were covered with letters he had received from the council in response to his letters, but in seven years he has never had a personal visit from the council. The hand delivered invitation and discussion with a member of Leeds Ahead was the first time he had any personal contact.

Small business support must be a key component to any regeneration planning. Exciting new housing developments and services will never, in isolation, regenerate an area. **Small businesses are at the heart of a thriving community.** The larger businesses in the area need a thriving community in order that they can recruit and engage local people, and West Leeds do have some extremely supportive large businesses, as demonstrated by their willingness to sponsor and attend the event.

**Recommendations** (concluded as a result of the feedback on the night and the questionnaires):

1. Establish a business network forum for the Town Centre shops
2. Organise quarterly meetings held in the business premises eg Cafes, pubs and clubs
3. Through the quarterly meetings facilitate the production and monitoring of an action plan for the businesses that aligns itself to the areas regeneration plans. This will encourage the businesses to fulfil their responsibilities to maintain their 'patch' and identify those that don't.
4. Develop relationships with the larger businesses in the area in order that their expertise and guidance can be deployed as well as creating demand for the services and goods of the local small businesses.
5. Develop a web-site to keep the businesses informed
6. Establish a magazine that gets circulated to the local neighbourhoods advertising the shops goods and services.
7. Link the activities and support of the community policing team into the network
8. Provide advice and training for small businesses on promotion and marketing of their business

9. Ensure that the issues addressed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January are addressed and a response is given.
10. The residual sponsorship money, with the agreement of the sponsors, is used to support the businesses

The creation of a 0.5 post for a Town Centre Manager that would ensure that the above recommendations were implemented and act as the conduit between the business community, the council and the local police. The event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January highlighted the positive response and energy that can be elicited from small businesses when they have personal contact and they are listened too.

This post would also be able to work closely with the West Leeds Regeneration Manager to ensure that the forum action plan linked and complimented the West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Plan and that of the West Leeds/Bradford Corridor developments.

**Alison Shaffner**  
**West North West Area Manager**  
**8/2/08**



Originator: Gavin Forster

Tel: 395 0977

**Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods**

**Report to : Inner West Leeds Area Committee**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008**

**Subject: Neighborhood Renewal Funding changes and impact on Inner West Leeds**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**  
**Armley**  
**Bramley and Stanningley**

Ward Members consulted

**Specific Implications For:**

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**Executive Summary**

**1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

1.0 This report highlights the impact of the changes to Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (NRF) in Leeds and its impact on the delivery of schemes in Inner West Leeds.

**2.0 Background Information**

2.1 This year (2007-08) Leeds received £15 million of NRF from the government. Due to this funding finishing there are obvious impacts on all parts of the city.

2.2 The Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) is a special non ring-fenced grant which has been made available to England's most deprived local authorities, to enable them, in collaboration with their Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), to improve services, narrowing the gap between deprived areas and the rest of the country.

2.3 Due to changes in budgets from the Department of Communities and Local Government, NRF is being replaced by the Working Communities Fund. NRF was focused on improvements to the lowest 3% Super Output Area (SOAs) neighbourhoods across the country with regards to the 'environment'. Working Communities Fund will target levels of worklessness across government defined cities. Unfortunately Leeds has not been classified as being in enough need for this strand of funding so is therefore only eligible for a small amount of transition funding to allow completion of some schemes.

- 2.4 The transition funding for Leeds means that some of the current schemes can continue in some form.

	<b>NRF Allocation (£)</b>
2007-08	15.0 million
2008-09	8.9 million
2009-10	3.4 million
2010-11	0

- 2.5 There are currently 72 projects running in the city that are funded through NRF. Of this number 32 are active in Inner West Leeds in some way i.e. as a City wide provision (please see appendix 1 for full information). In addition, 3 schemes are specific to West Leeds:

<b>NRF Scheme Number</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
CYP09	Looked after children
GAP13	Area Regeneration Team – West
HCOP07	More than a school

- 2.6 The nature of the city wide bids mean that at this time, there is no way of confirming if the schemes will continue in their current form as most of them will have significantly reduced funding. This reduction does not mean that the project will cease, as other funding may have been secured to continue this work.

The three schemes specific to west will be impacted upon as follows:

- 2.7 **Looked after children:**  
As the scheme is running as a pilot with some experimental works being done, Children's services would like the scheme to continue to see effective outputs over a longer period of time. This project is therefore being funded at the same level in 2008-09 as this year.

- 2.8 **Area Regeneration Team – West**  
As part of the re-structure proposals in the regeneration section programmes such as this are to be mainstreamed into the councils permanent structure. This means that the work will be undertaken as part of a new team not funded through NRF. Although the exact level of work in the area will be determined once the restructure is in place, this team will take forward the West Leeds Gateway.

- 2.9 **More than a school**  
Negotiations are currently ongoing regarding the exact delivery strategy for the next year on this scheme but transition funding has been confirmed but at a reduced level compared to this year.

- 2.10 **Wardens**  
The Neighbourhood Wardens across the city are funded through a combination of sources. This funding package pays for all of the wardens so in effect the wardens



that are NRF funded are only partly affected by the loss of the funding. Inner West currently has one post funded in this way as all others are funded through partnerships, for example West North West Homes Leeds. Transitional funding has also been secured for 2008-09 so there are no implications on the wardens in the next financial year, and long term funding is being investigated at this time to allow further years to be funded.

### **3.0 Main Issues**

- 3.1 The reduction in funding will impact heavily on certain projects but the full impact may not be seen for some time. As each project will have very different funding they will obviously all be investigating how they will be able to continue their work even if they are receiving some of the transition funding. This means that there could be some applications to wellbeing in the early stages followed by more at a later date.

### **4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance**

- 4.1 The reduction in funding may have an impact on the Well Being Budget as those agencies affected will seek to make good the loss incurred.

### **5.0 Legal And Resource Implications**

- 5.1 The reduction in NRF could lead to various applications for funding to the Inner West Area committee thus placing additional pressures on this pot of funding. This should be considered by the Area Committee.

### **6.0 Conclusions**

- 6.1 Delivery of projects and outputs will be effected by the changes to the funding but the full impact will not be seen until future funding is confirmed for the continuation of the schemes.

### **7.0 Recommendations**

- 7.1 Members are asked to note the report and discuss the implications of the reduction in funding with regards to its impact on Well-being funds.

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**Report of the West North West Area Manager**

**Report to the Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 3rd April 2008**

**Subject: Inner West Area Delivery Plan 2008-2011 - Proposal**

**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

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**

To bring members up-to-date with the proposed Inner West Area Delivery Plan for 2008-2011. This with regards to the lay-out, content, member involvement and information received to date from key partners, stakeholders and from public consultation events undertaken.

**1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

**1.1** The report seeks to inform Members of the proposed content and format of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for 2008 – 2011 and up date them on progress so far. The report provides an overview of how the ADP will link with the Leeds Strategic Plan. Members are asked to approve the general approach and request the completed Area Delivery Plan to come back to the Area Committee in June 2008.

**2.0 Background Information**

**21.** The ADP for 2007/8, approved by the Inner West Area Committee, has been used to inform the work of the West Leeds Area Management Team over the year. It set out the priorities for action under the main Area Management responsibilities and acted as a tool for the Area Committee to monitor progress.

**2.2** The Area Management Review includes ADPs within the proposed Area Committee Responsibilities under the 'local control' category.

2.3 The 'Corporate Planning Framework – A One Council Approach' September 2007 states that ADPs would set out how an area contributes to achieving strategic outcomes and improvement priorities set out in the Leeds Strategic Plan and the Thematic Priority Plans.

### 3.0 Main Issues

3.1 A report to Executive Board on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007 proposed the merger of the new Local Area Agreement and the Council's Corporate Plan into a single document called the 'Leeds Strategic Plan' (LSP) to cover the period 2008-11. The role of the ADP will be strengthened and feed into the LSP.

3.2 The plans would identify key actions for delegated services, influenced services and local funding, allocate resources and identify priority areas for scrutiny and appraisal. ADPs would be used by Area Committees to monitor progress regularly with deliverers of delegated services being held accountable. The ADP will also inform priorities contained within Service Plans. ADPs will be developed and overseen by the relevant Area Committee. A sub-set of ADPs may be Priority Neighbourhood Plans which would aim to set out key actions to improve deprivation indices in key neighbourhoods and to increase service user and citizen involvement.

3.3 Following development work on the ADP It is proposed that the plan for 2008 -11 will be developed under the headings contained within the Vision for Leeds and be a local expression of the city's commitment to the LAA and the Vision for Leeds. A proposed template of what the ADP action table will look like is included at Appendix 1.

3.4 It is suggested that a member from each ward works with the Area Management team to develop the details for each of their priorities.

### 4.0 Progress to date

4.1 Members have been consulted on priorities for their communities and which theme they would like to champion with the support of an officer or agency group. Key priorities for members were :

Theme	Initial Priorities expressed by members	Cllr Champion	Lead Agency
<b>Culture &amp; Environment</b>	Increase the no of waste re-used and re-cycled. Address neighbourhood problem sites: improve cleanliness and access to quality green space.	Cllr Taggart	Leeds Voice
<b>Enterprise and Economy</b>	Reduce worklessness in deprived areas	Cllr Hanley	Leeds Ahead
<b>Learning and Children</b>	Improve participation and early learning outcomes for all children with a focus on families in deprived areas.	Cllr Lowe	Children Leeds West
<b>Transport</b>			Leeds Bradford Corridor Group/West Leeds Gateway Board
<b>Health and Well being &amp; Older People</b>	Increase the number of people helped to live at home	Cllr Harper	PCT/Adult Services
<b>Thriving Communities</b>	Reduce crime and Fear of Crime Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour	Cllr Mckenna	Police & Safer Leeds

<b>Stronger Communities</b>	Enable a robust and Vibrant Community, voluntary and faith sector. (utilizing Cultural events)  Strengthen the role of elected members as community champions	Cllr Atkinson	ALMO/Area Management
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- 4.2 Some issues have a greater priority for members than others but from the ADP template one can see that Leeds has chosen 35 national indicators out of a possible 198 as key issues for the authority. However where other indicators help us to deliver actions more relevant to the theme or the needs of the neighbourhood then these will be included. Delegated functions also need to be included as well as the themed improvement priorities. Monitoring and progress reports will be a key aspect of the plan to ensure actions are being delivered and impact assessed.
- 4.3 Members will be aware that since January 2008 various consultation events have been held with stakeholders and local communities ('What's the Big Idea') asking them for their ideas and input on a range of issues facing their communities.
- 4.4 In Inner West, events were held at Armley Leisure Centre Armley, and St Peter's Church Bramley. Attendance at both events averaged 28 people most of whom were 65yrs plus although young people did attend both events. Attendees were asked to write comments on flags and to stick them in maps of the two wards according to the above themes. A lot of very useful information has been collected which requires in-depth analysis and although many of the comments refer to issues affecting them as individuals there were many suggestions on how the wider community can be improved. For example in Armley there was enthusiasm for more cultural events on the Moor and the need for a Post Office, whilst in Bramley a key issue was improvements to the shopping centre and the need to create a 'heart' to Bramley which local people thought was lacking.
- 4.5 A stakeholder event was also held at Stanningley Rugby Club on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008 where all agencies from the voluntary, community and faith sectors as well as statutory agencies were invited to give their views on services they currently provide and where they would like to focus in the future. This will facilitate better partnership working which will assist the delivery of projects in communities more efficiently and with more innovation.
- 4.6 Over the following weeks the Area Delivery Plan will be drafted which incorporates the views collected and with knowledge of the service plans of key partners.

## **5.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

### Member Consultation

- 5.1 Members have been fully consulted and involved in the process of collecting information regarding the Area Delivery Plan and their approval will be sought on the final plan in June.
- 5.2 The Area Management Team will be responsible for driving forward the delivery of the plans and for liaising with partners over actions to be delivered.

## **6.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

6.1 Progress against actions will be reported to Area Committee on 6 monthly basis.

## **7.0 Conclusions**

7.1 Significant work is underway with the drafting of the Area Delivery Plan for Inner West Leeds with community and agency involvement and with the support of ward members as Champions of the key themes of the Plan.

## **8.0 Recommendations**

8.1 That members note progress so far and request the final plan to come to the Area Committee in June 2008.

8.2 Comment on Area Delivery template and identify lead member from each ward to work on the themes within the plan.

Leeds Strategic Plan Theme - Culture

Theme leads: Area Mangement Team; Cllr Cllr Taggart

LSP Strategic Outcomes

- P1 Increased participation in cultural opportunities through engaging with all our communities.
- P2 Enhanced cultural opportunities through encouraging investment and development of high quality facilities of national and international significance

Actions

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leeds Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION			
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09		
Enable more people to become involved in sport and culture by providing better quality and wider ranging activities and facilities.	None appropriate	NI 8 Adult participation in sport. NI 9 Use of public libraries. NI 10 Visits to museums and galleries. NI 1 Engagement in the Arts.	A1											
			A2											
			A3											
			A4											
			A5											
			A6											

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**Leeds Strategic Plan Theme - Enterprise and Economy**

**Theme leads: Jobs, Enterprise & Training Partnership; Cllr Hanley**

**LSP Strategic Outcomes**

- P1 Increased entrepreneurship and innovation through effective support to achieve the full potential of people, business and the economy
- P2 Increased international competitiveness through marketing and investment in high quality infrastructure and physical assets, particularly in the city centre

**Actions**

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leeds Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION	
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09
			B1									
			B2									
			B3									
			B4									
			B5									



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**Leeds Strategic Plan Theme - Learning**

**Theme leads: District Children Leeds Partnership; Cllr x Cllr LOWE**

**LSP Strategic Outcomes**

P1 Enhance skills of the current and future workforce through fulfilling individual and economic potential and investing in learning facilities

**Actions**

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leeds Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION	
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09
Enhance the skill level of the workforce to fulfill individual and economic potential		NI 163 Working age population qualified to at least level 2 or higher. NI 164 Working age population qualified to at least level 3 or higher.	C1									
			C2									
			C3									
Improve learning outcomes for all 16 year olds, with a focus on narrowing the achievement gap	NI 102 Achievement Gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stage 2 and 4. DCFS Statutory Targets.		C4									
			C5									
			C6									
Improve learning outcomes and skill levels for 19 year olds	NI 80: Achievement of Level 3 qualifications by the age of 19.		C7									
			C8									
			C9									
Increase the proportion of vulnerable groups engaged in education, training or employment	NI 117: 16-18 yr old who are not in education, training or employment (NEET).		C10									
			C11									
			C12									

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leeds Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION	
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09
Improve participation and early learning outcomes for all children, with a focus on families in deprived areas	DCFS Statutory Targets.		C13									
			C14									
			C15									

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**Leeds Strategic Plan Theme - Transport**

**Theme leads: City Development Directorate; Cllr xxxx**

**LSP Strategic Outcomes**

P1 Increased accessibility and connectivity through investment in high quality, integrated transport influencing others and changing behaviours

**Actions**

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leeds Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION	
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09
Deliver and facilitate a range of transport proposals for an enhanced transport system.	NI 167 (Congestion - average journey time per mile during the morning peak).		D1									
	<b>Possible MAA</b> (possibly add 167 or 177).		D2									
			D3									
Improve the quality, use and accessibility of public transport services in Leeds.	NI 177 Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area.	To be developed.	D4									
			D5									
			D6									
Improve the condition of the streets and transport infrastructure by carrying out a major programme of maintenance and improvements.	NI 169 (Non-principal classified roads where maintenance should be considered).		D7									
			D8									
			D9									
Improve road safety for all our users, especially motor cyclists and pedal cyclists.	NI 47 (people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents).		D10									
			D11									
			D12									



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**Leeds Strategic Plan Theme - Health and Wellbeing**

**Theme leads: Health & Social Care Partnership; Cllr xx Cllr Harper**

**LSP Strategic Outcomes**

- P1 Reduced health inequalities through the promotion of healthy life choices and improved access to services
- P2 Improved quality of life through maximising the potential of vulnerable people by promoting independence, dignity and respect
- P3 Enhanced safety and support for vulnerable people through preventative and protective action to minimise risks and wellbeing

**Actions**

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leeds Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION	
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09
Reduction in the number of people who smoke.		Develop additional local indicator around narrowing the gap between most deprived 10% SOAs and rest of Leeds.	F1									
			F2									
			F3									
Reduce rate of increase in obesity and raise physical activity for all.	NI 57 Children & Young People's participation in high-quality PE and sport.		F4									
			F5									
			F6									
Reduce teenage conception and improve sexual health.	NI 112 Under 18 conception rate.		F7									
			F8									
			F9									

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leads Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION		
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09	
Increase the number of vulnerable people helped to live at home.	NI 141 No. of vulnerable people achieving independent living.	NI 136 People supported to live independently through social services (all ages).	F10								Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09	
			F11										
			F12										
Increase the proportion of people in receipt of community services enjoying choice and control over their daily lives.	NI 130 Social care clients receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individual Budgets).		F13										
			F14										
			F15										
Embed a safeguarding culture for all.		Either APA dataset indicator: KIGS CH39: Children looked after per 10,000 population aged under 18 Or No. of looked after children and young people.	F16										
			F17										
			F18										

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**Leeds Strategic Plan Theme - Thriving Communities**

**Theme leads: District Housing Partnership; JE&T Partnership, Divisional Community Safety Partnership; Cllr xxxx**

McKenna

**LSP Strategic Outcomes**

- P1 Improved quality of life through mixed neighbourhoods offering good housing options and better access to services and activities
- P2 Reduced crime and fear of crime through prevention, detection, offender management and changed behaviours
- P3 Increased economic activity through targeted support to reduce worklessness and poverty

**Actions**

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leeds Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION	
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09
Increase the number of "decent homes"		NI 158 % Decent Homes.	G1									
			G2									
			G3									
Increase the number of affordable homes	NI 154 Net additional homes provided. NI 155 (number of affordable homes delivered (gross)).		G4									
			G5									
			G6									
Reduce the number of people who are not able to adequately heat their homes	NI 187 Tackling fuel poverty - people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating		G7									
			G8									
			G9									
Increase financial inclusion in deprived areas	None appropriate	LAA EDE 12 - No. of people with a bank account in SOAs in the 10% most deprived in the country for the	G10									
			G11									

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leeds Performance Indicator <small>(country for the Income Domain.</small>	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION		
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09	
			G12										



Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leads Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION	
											Q1 & 2 08/09	Q3 & 4 08/09
Reduce crime and fear of crime	NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate. NI 20 Assaults with injury crime rate.		G13									
			G14									
			G15									
Reduce offending	NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders.	YOS - first time entrants and positive activities PIs to be used as local measures	G16									
			G17									
			G18									
Reduce the harm from drugs and alcohol to individuals and society	NI 40 Drug users in effective treatment.	To be developed re: alcohol.	G19									
			G20									
			G21									
Reduce anti-social behaviour	N 24 Satisfaction with the way the police and local council dealt with anti-social behaviour.		G22									
			G23									
			G24									
Reduce worklessness across the city with a focus on deprived areas	NI 152 working age people on out of work benefits. NI 153 working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods. NI 150 Adults in contact with mental health services in employment.		G25									
			G26									
			G27									
Reduce the number of children in poverty	NI 116 Proportion of children in poverty. Further work being		G28									
			G29									

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leads Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION		
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09	
Develop extended services, using sites across the city, to improve support to children, families and communities	undertaken to confirm inclusion.	NI 88 Number of Extended Schools.	G30										
			G31										
			G32										
			G33										

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**Leeds Strategic Plan Theme - Stronger Communities**

**Theme leads: Area Management Team; Cllr Atkinson**

**LSP Strategic Outcomes**

- P1 More inclusive, varied and vibrant neighbourhoods through empowering people to contribute to decision making and delivering local services
- P2 Improved community cohesion and integration through meaningful involvement and valuing equality and diversity

**Actions**

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leeds Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION	
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09
An increased number of local people engaged in activities to meet community needs and improve the quality of life for local residents.		NI 6 Participation in regular volunteering.	H1									
		NI 10 Young people's participation in positive activities.	H2									
			H3									
			H4									
			H5									
An increase in the number of local people that are empowered to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and a greater role in public service delivery.	NI 4 Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality.											
			H6									
Enable a robust and vibrant voluntary, community and faith		NI 7 Environment for a thriving third	H7									

Local Improvement Priorities	National Indicators (up to 35)	Leeds Performance Indicator	Ref No.	Action 2008/09	Action 2009/10	Action 2010/11	Who responsible	Resources	Target	Action Outcome	PROGRESS AGAINST ACTION	
											Q1&2 08/09	Q3&4 08/09
<p>community enterprise sector to facilitate community activity and directly deliver services</p> <p>An increased sense of belonging and pride in local neighbourhoods that help to build cohesive communities</p>		community enterprise sector.	H8									
			H9									
	NI 1	Develop local indicator around the prevention of all forms of violent extremism.	H10									
	Percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area.		H11									
			H12									



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**Report of the West North West Area Manager**

**Report to Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008**

**Subject: Update on Community Centre Issues in Inner West Leeds**

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p><b>Armley</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></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**

Following the decision to close the West Leeds Family Learning Centre from 31st March 2008, the Jobs and Skills service will be moving to Strawberry Lane Centre, Tong Road, Armley where the caseworkers will continue to assist local residents seeking work and training. Finance will be provided to facilitate the move and subsequent operation of the service from the venue.

To also update members on the funding secured by New Wortley Community Association from development of the land relinquished for development and which will assist in the future operation and maintenance of the centre.

**1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

- 1.1 To update members with recent operational and financial developments regarding the operation of jobs and skills service from Strawberry Lane and New Wortley Community Centre.

## **2.0 Background Information**

### **2.1 New Wortley Community Centre.**

- 2.2 Members will be aware that New Wortley Community Association are an independent management committee who run New Wortley Community Centre and who are therefore responsible for raising finance to ensure the continued maintenance and operation of the building and services which serve the local community. A peppercorn rent is charged by Leeds City Council by way of providing support.
- 2.3 To raise additional finance the Association have negotiated the release of spare land for development as a pharmacy and treatment centre. The development started in 2007 and is near completion.
- 2.4 The terms of the lease agreement were that during the construction phase the developer would pay £1,250 per annum ( in this instance 17<sup>th</sup> August 2007 until 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008 or the date of practical completion which ever is the sooner) following which a rent of £2,500 will be payable. This will be payable until 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 when the rent shall be reviewed as per the 5 yearly rent review process. The term of the lease is 99 years from 17<sup>th</sup> August 2007.
- 2.5 Previous discussions regarding where this additional funding should be placed suggested that it should be used to increase the Inner West Well Being Budget from which members could allocate the funds to New Wortley Community Association or any other appropriate project relevant to their delegated functions.
- 2.6 However because the Well Being Budget is mainstream council funding subject to carry forward and annual budget setting and which is not guaranteed the official advice is that it should not be added to the Well Being Fund but placed in the Community Centre Budget held centrally. This will ensure a clear audit trail.
- 2.7 It is suggested that members agree to allocate this funding to New Wortley Community Association via the Community Centres budget for a specific purpose such as the payment of utility bills and insurances and which should be reviewed annually as the centre moves towards sustainability.

### **3.0 Strawberry Lane/St.Bartholomew's Community Centre.**

- 3.1 Members will be aware that Armley Helping Hands and the Youth Service are presently operating from Strawberry Lane Community Centre. However the Youth Service are vacating the premises on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 in order to move to the former Bramley Community Centre. This will leave 3-4 rooms empty. Members will also be aware that West Leeds Family Learning Centre is closing from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 and it is necessary for the Jobs and Skills service to find alternative accommodation.
- 3.2 Following discussions with all parties it has been agreed that Jobs and Skills staff (approximately 9) move to Strawberry Lane as soon as the Youth service have departed. Jobs and Skills are willing to pay rental income of approximately £ £18,900 to offset the running and maintenance of the site and which will contribute to the overall costs of this building.
- 3.3 Leeds City Council are directly responsible for the financial upkeep of the building both for external and internal maintenance through a centrally held budget.

#### **4.0 Main Issues**

- 4.1 It is important to secure the delivery of local services locally and from venues familiar to local people who would not access services if they had to travel far from their community. This will certainly be the case for the Jobs and Skills service who will remain local and for New Wortley Community Centre where services such as the Neighbourhood Wardens and Police Community Safety Officers hold surgeries and other services are provided.

#### **5.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

- 5.1 The proposals contribute to the priorities of the Departmental, Council and Corporate Plans by aiming to create better neighbourhoods and confident communities. The proposals also aim to ensure the sustainability of community venues and services.

#### **6.0 Member Consultation**

- 6.1 Members are aware of these proposals through previous reports brought to the Area Committee and through informal discussions

#### **7.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 7.1 Legal Services and relevant departments are in discussion regarding the agreements that need to be in place to ensure the smooth running and financial probity of the transactions and arrangements.

#### **8.0 Conclusions**

- 8.1 That Jobs and Skill will move to Strawberry Lane Community Centre following vacation by the Youth service at the end of March 2008 and that the required income will be paid to support this move. This will provide opportunities for partnership working with other occupiers on the site and secure the delivery of a much needed service in west Leeds.
- 8.2 That New Wortley Community Centre are now able to access additional funding to secure the continued operation and maintenance of the centre.

#### **9.0 Recommendations**

- 9.1 To note the contents of this report and to note the move of Jobs and Skills to Strawberry Lane Community Centre for the income associated with that move.
- 9.2 To approve the allocation of finance raised by the new development at New Wortley Community Centre to assist with the payment of running costs to ensure the sustainability of the centre and local services.

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**Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods**

**Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008**

**Subject: Inner West Area Committee Well-Being Fund Update**

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b>  <b>Armley</b>  <b>Bramley &amp; Stanningley</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted  (referred to in report)</p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></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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**Executive Summary**

This report provides details of the amount of well-being capital and revenue funding remaining from the financial year 2007-2008 and to be carried forward into 2008-09. 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 was:

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

2.2 Information regarding the allocation of funding for 2008-2009 has not been formalized as yet but it is likely that a similar amount of funding will be allocated. It is unlikely that additional funding will be made available for environmental works as in 2007-08.

2.3 Following approval of applications at the committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and rationalization of all expenditure since financial year 2004/05 the amount of well being funding

remaining and to be carried forward as an underspend is £7,358.91 Revenue and £19,800 Capital.

### 3.0 Projects already approved for 2008-09

3.1 A certain number of projects have been approved throughout the previous year but which require expenditure in financial year 2008-09. These are listed below.

Project Title	2008-09	Revenue	Capital	Ward
Holiday Sports Programme	2008-09	£5,000		Armley. Barmley & Stanningley
I Love West Leeds Festival	2008-09	£24,000		Armley. Bramley & Stanningley
NWCC Development Worker	2008-09	£21,588		Armley
Summer Bands in the Park	2008-09	£1,200		Armley. Bramley & Stanningley
Local Futures A2E	2008-09	£30,000		Bramley & Stanningley
Henconner Lane Roundabout	2008-09	£1,500		Armley. Bramley & Stanningley
Wellington Mt Alleygating Scheme	2008-09		£2000	Bramley & Stanningley
<b>TOTAL APPROVED</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>£83,288</b>	<b>£2,000</b>	

### 4.0 New applications for Well being funding.

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

Project Title	2008-09	2009-10	Total Amount	Capital or Revenue	Ward	Appendix
Warden for Wyther & New Wortley Neighbourhoods	£35, 873.00		35,873	Revenue	Armley	1
Mobile Youth Bus	12,000		12,000	Revenue	Armley Bramley & Stanningley	2
Tea Dance	3,500		3,500	Revenue	Armley	3

SKIPS & SMALL GRANTS	Date approved	Amount
No requests for skips since the last Area Committee		00.00
West Leeds Walking Group		450.00
West Leeds Debt Forum		500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£950.00</b>

4.2 In addition to large and small grants and skips the area management team also undertake projects which have a community engagement and consultation focus such as the 'What's the Big Idea' events held recently. Also, last year members

approved a small budget for the wardens which helped them to undertake additional work in the community such as creating information leaflets and handing out reflective arm bands to school children. In order to service these initiatives the following allocation of funding is requested:

Small Grants (Max £500 per grant)	£10,000
Skips	£2,500
Consultation & Engagement Budget	£2,000
Community Safety (Wardens)	£1,000

- 4.3 Since the last Area Committee meeting, an application was received from Leeds City Council, Parks and Countryside for the funding of Gardeners to work within the West Inner Area Committee. One to be based at Armley Park, one at Bramley Falls and one at Rodley Park. The gardeners will work a five day, 37 hour week. The cost for this is £55,002 (£18,334 per gardener). This application was considered at the Chairs Briefing on 18th March and it was decided that further information on the funding was required for this application and therefore it would not proceed to the Area Committee at this stage for further deliberation.

## **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 the 2007-08 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**

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 skips, community engagement and consultation events and a budget for the neighbourhood wardens.

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**Inner West Area Committee**

**Appendix 1**

**Project Name: Neighbourhood Wardens**

**Lead Organisation: Area Management**

**Project Summary:**

The New Wortley area of West Leeds has 2 Neighbourhood Wardens. The wardens have been in post since October 2004 following the significant success of the pilot to place wardens in the area to combat previously high levels of crime and anti social behaviour. These posts are jointly funded by West Inner Area Committee and Leeds West North West Homes and at present are temporary for 2 years. This application is to continue joint funding of 2 neighbourhood wardens posts in New Wortley for a further 12 months and to joint fund a neighbourhood wardens post with WNWHL and Leeds Federated Housing Association for the Wyther estate in Armley.

The most deprived areas in West (by rank order) are now New Wortley, followed by the Fairfield, Heights, Upper Wyther and the Gilpins neighbourhoods - all these are in the worst 5% of deprived neighbourhoods nationally. All of these areas have a neighbourhood warden except for the Wyther estate.

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

The overall aim of the Leeds Neighbourhood Wardens scheme is to assist in achieving better neighbourhoods and confident communities by reducing crime and the fear of crime, deterring anti-social behaviour, assisting in making environmental improvements and supporting the local community.

The success of the Wardens, in New Wortley, is based on their flexibility to work when required, and the support and reassurance they give to the local community, which has seen improvements in the reduction of crime and Anti-social behaviour, as well as environmental improvements.

Over the last 2 years the wardens have been involved in a number of multi-agency projects as well as providing patrols and dealing with local issues on a daily basis. Some of the projects have included multi-agency tenancy sweeps in the high rise flats, working with the local PCSO on joint surgeries, attending police briefings, providing vital information that has assisted the police to target criminal activity/individual in relation to drugs, prostitution, nuisance motorbikes, criminal damage, burglaries and vehicle crime. The neighbourhood wardens have also organised environmental clean-up's and work with the environmental enforcement team targeting un kept gardens and fly tipping. The wardens have develop links with the schools, assisting in safe walking schemes and the road safety armband project, youth service and the boys group, youth offending service offering placements for young people to participate in reparation work. The wardens have strong links with the community centre and attend residents meetings support local people and have assisted local people into drugs treatment services and into training and employment.

Currently there is no funding for a warden on the Wyther estate in Armley. On going work and discussions with the Wyther Improvement Group have identified that this area would benefit from a full-time Neighbourhood wardens post. There are issues on the estate in relation to the environment, crime including instances of hate crime, ASB and criminal damage and it is felt that a neighbourhood warden who could have a base at the Wyther Community House would provide a valuable service to the local community and act as a link into to other services on both the top and bottom area of the Wyther estate.

All the Neighbourhood wardens are currently supported by the senior wardens and managed by the Area Community Safety Co-ordinator for West Leeds

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

Joint funding with WNWHL for 2 wardens post for New Wortley for 12 months = 26,905

Joint funding with WNWHL and Leeds Federated Housing Association for 12 months = 8,968

**Total amount £35,873.00**

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

Inner Area Committee Armley ward

**State who will receive the funding for this project:**

Sarn Warbis Project Manager LCC Regeneration Team

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**Appendix 2**

**Project Name:** Mobile Youth Provision - Inner West

**Lead Organisations:** Youth Service/BARCA

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

**This is a refunding bid on a pilot project which has taken place over last 12 months**

- The project will be delivered by the Youth Service/BARCA. The unit will operate weekdays/weekends up to six evenings per week, 2 sessions per evening, times to be specified and in response to meeting local needs.
- The unit is also currently being utilised for daytime delivery – for example by the Connexions project and in support of holiday programming.

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

- The unit has permitted the Service to extend its work in “hot spot” areas of Bramley/Armley such as the Wythers, Raynville, New Wortley and Broadleas etc and target hard to reach young people who are at risk of offending/anti-social behaviour and may not be attending existing provision due to accessibility issues/lack of suitable venues. Work with under 13’s/over 16’s has been enhanced by the inclusion of play work/Connexions staff on sessions.
- This project will involve the re-leasing at a substantially reduced cost of a vehicle from Leeds Commercial to offer mobile youth provision to the young people of Armley/Bramley. Adaptations have been made to a LDV vehicle to incorporate a seating area, storage of resources, lighting and basic refreshments. There is also signage on the vehicle to make it clear to young people and the wider community what the vehicle is being used for. Locations for the vehicle to operate from will take account of where young people tend to gather, health and safety issues and potential disturbance to local residents.
- The unit is equipped from Youth Services resources and offers additional activities and services to young people including Health Education, sports activities, play work and careers/Connexions support for example. An added facility is the fitted canopy to extend the area of use permitting larger groups to access provision.
- Project links to West priorities for young people as specified in the Area Development Plan, West Leeds Youth Work Partnership plan, Service delivery plans (Youth Service/BARCA) and localised planning such as the LAMP/WIG etc.
- Project also relates to LCC Corporate objectives around Creating Better Neighbourhoods and Confident Communities.

- Project further links to Resourcing Excellent Youth Services targets for access to local provision within 30 minutes travelling distance for young people.
- The Project also meets Government objectives relating to Every Child/Youth Matters in providing better information, advice and guidance to young people and the need for an integrated approach in the planning and delivery of front line services.

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

- Engagement with increased numbers of young people
- Increased access to services for hard to reach young people
- High profile street work resulting in positive image for young people and services
- Enhances links with other agencies in reducing youth crime/asb in areas of concern.
- Can assist Youth Services in identifying potential for sustainable new units of work in Armley/Bramley.
- Complements existing work programmes.

**Identify which geographic areas will benefit:**

- Potentially any part of Armley/Bramley – so far unit has operated in Cedars, New Wortley, Wythers, Spring Valley, Fairfields, Armley Lodge, Sandford.....

**Project Cost . Please indicate how much the project will cost. (please list all partners and their contributions)**

The total cost of the scheme will be £12000:

- Lease of vehicle for 12 month period -£8000
- Running costs for 12 month period (fuel/resources) - £4000
- Staffing costs to be met from Youth Service Staffing Budget (50%) and BARCA (50%)

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

- The Inner West Area Committee is asked to fund this scheme with £12000 (revenue) from its Wellbeing Budget.

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

- Jean Davey Senior Youth Officer, West 0113 2319903

**Lead Workers:**

Kevin Donnelly  
 Youth Work Manager (Inner West)  
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**APPENDIX 3**

**Project Name: The Marvellous Armley Tea Dance**

**Lead Organisation: Armley Tea Dance**

**Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project):** Armley Tea Dance will continue as a community company and run 7 Marvellous Armley Tea Dances at Interplay Theatre Festival, VE Day, '*I Love West Leeds Festival*', (Funded by the festival) Autumn and Christmas of 2008 and Valentines and Easter of 2009. Working with attention to authentic vintage detail, the Tea Dances will work with local musicians, artists and Dance teachers and promote each event across West Leeds, as well as regionally to relevant interest groups. The project will be supported by partners Interplay Theatre and '*I Love West Leeds*' Festival who will provide the venue for free and support and inclusion in the Festival and company publicity, including flyers, websites, radio and PR. The Tea Dance will be supported by sponsors *Rose and Co Boutique* and *Lyndy Friday* dance class organisers.

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

The very first Marvellous Armley Tea Dance played the opening of the 2006 '*I Love West Leeds*' Festival and was attended by 120 very enthusiastic West Leeds residents who drank tea, ate cakes and swung their partners to the sounds of Armley-based musicians, Miss Cara Robinson, Miss Sally Fairfax and Mr Joe Tatton.

Between Feb 07 and Dec 07 with the support of Leeds Area management funding Six more Tea Dances have taken place. Several local and Armley based bands artist and waitresses have been involved in these events.

The Marvellous Armley Tea Dance is far from an average Tea Dance. Angie and Donna, of Armley Tea Dance, openly admit that this project is an absolute labour of love and take sheer delight in taking their customers on a trip back to the 1940s and 50s.

We absolutely refuse to do anything by half measures. We are almost fanatical about the whole event being vintage. Our efforts have not gone unnoticed. We have received many wonderful compliments about our attention to detail, and received a good amount of local newspaper coverage and local radio interviews. We both have a passion for all things vintage and have a huge collection of 1950s tea sets and tablecloths. We both have a degree in Fashion Design. Angie has previously worked in theatre design and Donna is a trained visual merchandiser. Due to our backgrounds we have a real creative flair for dressing up a hall and thoroughly enjoy taking our customers on a visual and musical adventure back to the 1950s. Interplay Theatre is the ideal setting for the 1950s themed Tea Dances - the halls are decked with 200m of vintage bunting; the table set with vintage table cloths and tea sets; we even give out vintage bingo prizes.

For anyone who missed out on the 1950s and never learnt how to dance there is no need to worry. Our resident dance instructors will teach Swing Jive and will take you back in time and teaches everyone all the 1950s swing jive moves. In no time the entire dance floor is full of dancers both old and young. Lots of our customers come dressed in 1950s party dresses and suits and ties and we always present the best-dressed couple with a prize donated by sponsors *Rose and Co*.

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

The project will run 7 Tea Dances across West Leeds for up to 150 local people each time. The Tea Dances aim to reach local people from all generations, each bringing their own experiences and expectations. In particular, it is a useful tool for community safety promotion, enabling older people to experience young people at a positive, shared event. The experience of the older generation is relevant and validated, when shared through the revival of the Tea Dance.

Their memories are acknowledged and people across generations begin to develop an understanding and respect, which is fundamental to everyone feeling safe and part of their communities. Clearly, the Marvellous Armley Tea Dance provides an accessible and enjoyable opportunity for local people to participate in a community activity on a regular basis. The revival of Tea Dances has an appeal across generations and its central location and the afternoon timing of the events makes them easy and safe to attend for all. In particular, they will promote a sense of belonging and understanding that events in the community are welcoming and beneficial to be part of. This will break down barriers and perceived obstacles to greater community engagement in West Leeds and provide an opportunity for people from across the different centres to share memories, experiences and a sense of shared identity and community. Finally, the Marvellous Armley Tea Dance intends to contribute to longer term plans for regeneration in West Leeds.

The attention to detail and authenticity associated with the Armley Tea Dance organisation brings people from across the region in to West Leeds; opens up the possibility of a citywide profile and commissioning of events both within West Leeds and further across the city and the real potential of a small business growing in the locality. Additionally this is one of the few occasions on which live music can be enjoyed in Armley and provides opportunities for local artists (all those involved from organisers to musicians are from Armley and other areas of Leeds) to perform to their local audience and promote the area, positively changing perceptions of the locale and its communities.

From the very beginning the Tea dance has been a huge success and has been attended by 100's of people from many walks of life and aged between six months and 75yrs old. As a Company our ultimate goal is to make The Armley Tea Dance a permanent event . We have filled a gap in the Market and offer a huge amount of people a great experience which will clearly be missed by all our clients. We have 85 pieces of positive customer feed back to support this statement.

**Identify which geographic areas will benefit:**

All of West Leeds, as the events will be promoted across west Leeds.

Since the start of the Company we have attracted customers from many other areas of Leeds plus Bradford, Dewsbury, and Huddersfield

**Project Cost . Please indicate;**

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

The following information is taken from last years account. In terms of materials and equipment we may not need to spend as much as we did last year as we have built up a stock of props

Organisers ( Organise, design, promote, source,cook,present ) x 2 people x 6 events	£6000.
4-6 waitresses x 6 events	£1070
Various Bands x 6 events Priced between £150 - £350	£1595
Materials and equipment ( Baking ingredients, props and prizes)	£2028
Marketing 3 days @ £250 + Festival	£1750

Hall hire x 6 events	£ 600
Flyers x 6 events	£ 510
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13553</b>
Income ( Door taking, cakes, raffle)	£5100
In-Kind payments (Hall hire)	£ 600
In-Kind 'I Love West Leeds ( Marketing)	£1750
In-Kind payment Flyers Rose And Co Boutique	£ 510
In-Kind payment Gifts for prizes	£120
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8080</b>
<b>How much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue)</b>	
<b>Break down between capital and revenue =</b>	<b>£5473</b>
<b>Well being funding sought</b>	<b>£3500</b>
<b>Who will be in receipt of the financial order. (name of the organisation and contact details)</b>	

<p><b>Approved</b> Date</p>
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<p><b>Not Approved</b> Date</p>
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## **LCC Youth Service/BARCA Mobile Youth Provision Inner West**

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

### **Project Summary**

The project has been delivered by Leeds City Council Youth Service and BARCA-Leeds. It became operational in May 2007 and is well supported by young people and the community. The mobile unit's purpose is to engage with hard to reach young people who are at risk of offending/anti-social behaviour. It also targets young people who may not be attending existing provision due to accessibility issues/lack of suitable venues. The mobile operates up to six evenings /weekend 2 sessions per evening. The provision is now well established. It has enabled young people to meet others in a safe environment with support from youth workers. Young people have been involved in the design and delivery of the project right from the start making sure that their ideas and views are taken on board. Here are some examples of young people involvement,

- Young people consultation
- Supported staff to identify geographical areas
- Designing the interior layout
- Choosing the resources needed
- Designing the programme that suits their needs e.g. times, venues

### **Young People who have benefited from the project**

Since May 2007 over 200 young people per week have accessed the mobile and engaged in the activities. During the Summer Programme the mobile engaged in the Breeze and Mini Breeze projects with over 200 young people attending the event. Of that figure 80% were aged 13 and above and 20% were under 13. The majority of young people who accessed the mobile were those who would not normally access mainstream provision and find the mobile is their preferred choice.

### **Activities**

The mobile has provided young people with opportunity to engage in other different types of activities alongside an open and accessible advice and support provision. Through the support of Health Education, sports activities, play work

and Connexions it has enhanced and added value to the existing programme. The activities delivered have included

Sports Programmes  
Junior Jam (d j skills)  
Theatres visits  
Motorbikes  
Outdoor Education  
Accredited Programmes  
Drugs Awareness  
Sexual Health (Inc C Card)  
Healthy Eating Programmes  
Arts and Crafts  
Issue Based Sessions  
Signposting Opportunities  
Connexions  
Play Support (work with under 13)

### **Geographical Areas**

At present the mobile covers the following areas but is flexible according to need of young people and community.

#### **Armley**

New Wortley  
Cedars  
Armley Park Road  
Cockshott Lane  
Spring Valley

#### **Bramley**

Summerfields  
St Peters  
Fairfield  
Sandford

We also have developed 2 Connexions sessions staffed by Personal Advisors and Youth Workers. These sessions are during the day and target NEET young people.

### **Young peoples comments**

Most young people comments about the provision have been really positive. Some young people said that the staff are friendly and help us .One young male aged 14 said “the bus is great and I like coming” Another young male aged 15 commented that they were disappointed that the provision had to close because of the Bank holidays. Young people have expressed that this provision is what their need and it must continue.



## **Overall Summary**

Like any other new project it experienced some teething issues .A major hurdle was the fact of working in partnership with different policies and procedures. This issue was quickly overcome and we moved forward .It took a while to build staff relationships and to designate areas of responsibility and cooperation. Due to good publicity and staff outreach work the mobile was, within 3 months, up and running .Many issues were resolved and both partners began working well together.

The young people in the first instance were fairly low. Numbers of young people increased and regular groups formed from then on. The weather has also played a part in the attendance of young people as it has been an exceptionally cold winter. Even though the mobile has heating it has been hard at times to encourage young people but on the other hand some young people prefer to come because it cold.

On the whole the response and commitment from the young people is very encouraging .The mobile offers a safe and confidential environment enabling the workers to engage with young people where there are and on their terms.

Janice Dix            BARCA-LEEDS

Linda McHale        LCC YOUTH SERVICE

Date                    26<sup>th</sup> March 2008

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Originator: Steve Crocker

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## Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

**To: Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 3rd April 2008**

**Subject: Area Managers Report**

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p>Armley Bramley and Stanningley</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></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

The purpose of this report is to inform members of progress on a number of projects in Inner West Leeds as follows

- Report on the residents survey 2007 as it affects Inner West Leeds
- Report on the 2007 neighbourhood statistics as they affect Inner West Leeds
- Developments in the area
- Partnership working in West and North West Leeds
- An update on the Regeneration Restructure as it affects the Area Committee

#### 1.0 Purpose of This Report

1.1 This report informs members about actions on a number of Inner West Area Committee priorities.

#### 2.0 Background Information

2.1 The priorities of the Inner West Area Committee are set out in the Area Delivery Plan agreed by members in February 2007. This report updates members on a number of specific actions under this plan.

2.2 The results of the 2007 residents survey and the IMD Neighbourhood statistics give an up to date picture of trends over the past three years within the local area. These will help inform the Area Delivery plan for the Area Committee 2008-11. This report also identifies progress in major project and proposals for future partnership arrangements.

### **3.0 Main Issues**

#### **Report of Leeds Annual Residents Survey 2007**

3.1 This section of the report examines the key findings from the 2007 Leeds Annual Survey as it relates to West Leeds. The City Council commissioned QA Research to undertake the 2007 Leeds Annual Survey, following on from the work that they did in 2005 (Leeds Annual Survey). The aim of the survey is to measure satisfaction levels with various City Council services. Copies of the full report are available separately.

3.2 Residents were asked the top things they considered most in need of improvement by respondents in the West Leeds. In 2007 these were

- Activities for teenagers
- Low level of Anti Social Behaviour
- Road and pavement repairs
- Low level of Crime

These were also the areas where residents in West thought that the council's priorities should be when deciding how to spend its money in 2008

3.3 These results represent significant and welcome changes from the 2005 survey results. The proportion of respondents saying that anti-social behaviour needed improving had fallen from 38% in 2005 to 23% in 2007. The proportion of respondents saying that road and pavement repairs needed improving had also fallen from 45% to 21%. Clean neighbourhoods, which was highlighted in 2005 was not regarded as a major problem by those responding to the 2007 survey. Respondents from the West were more likely to say that road and pavement repairs, crime, traffic congestion and anti-social behaviour had got better than those for the City as a whole. Respondents in west were also much less likely to have selected the lack of clean neighbourhoods as an issue in the 2007 survey (this featured in the top 5 list of concerns in 2005). This result reflects the improved level of service provision in West Leeds in crime, community safety, and road and neighbourhood improvements over the past two years.

#### **The Indices of Deprivation 2007**

3.4 The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007 was published in December 2007. It updated the previous survey undertaken in 2004 and therefore allows a direct comparison to see how neighbourhoods are progressing, and to measure the success of measures to tackle health poverty and improvement of services. The seven "domain" statistics measured are as follows:

- Income deprivation
- Employment deprivation
- Health deprivation and disability
- Education, Skills and Training deprivation
- Barriers to Housing and Services
- Living Environment Deprivation
- Crime

In addition, there are two supplementary indices that measure Income Deprivation Affecting Children and Income Deprivation Affecting Older People.

3.5 Overall the analysis of data shows that Inner West Leeds has improved markedly in terms of levels of deprivation between 2004 and 2007, reflecting the overall trends Citywide. A total of 12 neighbourhoods in Inner West have improved and only four declined over the three year period indicating a clear narrowing of the gap between the most deprived areas and the rest.

3.6 The neighbourhoods that have improved most in 2007 compared to 2004 are the Aviaries in Armley and the Fairfields in Bramley. Other neighbourhoods showing marked improvements were the Broadleas in Bramley and Lower Wythers, Edinburghs, Raynviles, and Gilpins in Armley. The Fairfield neighbourhood is worth highlighting here – it has improved markedly and moved out of the bottom 3% - 832 places from 3% to 5%, reflecting the success of all the joint partnership working there. Of the four other Neighbourhood Management (LAMP) areas Broadleas is the second best improvement by 735 places. The other two LAMP areas had shown smaller improvements, New Wortley by 25 places, Upper Wyther by 23 places. For those neighbourhoods that have declined Moorside in Bramley has been the most notable - by 819 places

**Table 1: Improvements of neighbourhoods in Inner West 2003-7**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Improvement (places)</b>
Aviaries	Armley	1041
Fairfields	Bramley	832
Broadleas	Bramley	735
Lower Wythers	Armley	676
Edinburghs	Armley	544
Raynviles	Armley	331
Gilpins	Armley	324
Astons	Armley	222
Landseers	Bramley	107
New Wortley	Armley	25
Upper Wythers	Armley	23
Nansens	Bramley	9

**Table 2 Decline of neighbourhoods in Inner West 2003-7**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Decline (places)</b>
Cedars and Athlones	Armley	-6
Mistress Lane	Armley	-55
New Scarborough	Bramley	-111
Moorside	Bramley	-819

3.7 The areas now in most need of attention (by rank order) are New Wortley, Fairfield, Upper Wyther and the Gilpins - these are all still in the worst 5% of deprived neighbourhoods nationally. These need to continue to be target regeneration and neighbourhood management areas in Inner West over the next three years.

**Table 3: Overall ranking of neighbourhoods in Inner West (2007 data)**

<b>National Rank</b>	<b>Band</b>	<b>Neighbourhood</b>	<b>Ward</b>
1088	5%	New Wortley	Armley
1249	5%	Fairfields	Bramley
1328	5%	Upper Wythers	Armley
1495	5%	Gilpins	Armley

3.8 Inner West area contains Leeds's most deprived neighbourhood in respect of Health Deprivation & Disability "domain" (the SOA containing Leeds Prison - Hall Lane /Armley Grove Place). The most notable "domain" improvement in Inner West is the living environment domain which has seen the number of SOAs ranked in the most deprived 20% on the national scale fall from 23 in 2004 to 19 in 2007. Inner West has scored well on improvements in employment, income, health/disability and barriers to housing data, and less well on crime and skills.

3.9 It should be borne in mind that some of the statistics in the IoD series are not completely up to date and hence do not reflect more recent changes.

### **Neighbourhood Management**

3.10 As can be seen in Table 3 above the Wythers remains as one of the priority Local Area Management project (LAMP) areas. As reported elsewhere on the agenda the Wythers is to benefit from a temporary warden over the next twelve months funded by the ALMO, wellbeing funding and a local RSL. This will bring the area into line with the other LAMP areas and help tackle some of the crime, environment and ASB issues locally. The Wythers is also set to benefit from PCT funding to offer £40,000 to manage and deliver an increase the amount of Health Development work carried out locally over the next two years.

3.11 Neighbourhood management continues on the Fairfield – despite the area now coming out of the worst 3% (para 3.6 above) work is still needed to maintain this. The new Catalyst Centre at Cubic on Stanningley Road will help encourage the number of people establishing small businesses and social enterprises locally. Full funding of £210,000 for two years was approved at LEGI Programme Board in February 2008. A manager and outreach worker will be in post in the near future. A number of sites for the new build catalyst centre are being investigated. BARCA is now established as a development trust and is leading on this project with the support of the Council.

3.12 The Broadleas Participatory Budgeting (PB) project (part of the Broadleas LAMP) is a pilot project testing the PB approach. It aims to build capacity by involving local citizens in prioritising, agreeing and carrying out improvements. A number of projects have now been proposed by local people. A decision making event is planned for April 2008 following which the projects will be implemented by the winning applicants

3.13 Environmental improvements are underway in a number of neighbourhoods. The gates for the Wellington Gardens ginnel are now due to be put in place during April 2008

### **Community Centres update**

*Wyther CC*

3.14 The current user group, Twilight Twirlers has now asked to make arrangements to move their equipment from the as soon as possible so that the demolition can take place within the next month.

#### *Strawberry Lane CC*

3.15 As reported elsewhere on the agenda the Youth Service is due to move to their new hub at Bramley Community Centre on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Following discussions with all parties it has been agreed that Jobs and Skills staff (approximately 9) will move into these offices in Strawberry Lane from West Leeds Family Learning Centre.

#### *Moorside CC*

3.16 Discussions have taken place between the Strategic Landlord, with whom the Moorside Community Centre is vested, West Area Management and the two groups involved in the dispute around the management of the Centre. These discussions have resolved the dispute as to which group will be offered the license to run the Centre.

#### *New Wortley CC*

3.17 As reported elsewhere on this agenda the development of the new pharmacy started in 2007 and is near completion. Funding arrangements are being progressed so that the Centre can benefit from a sustainable income stream from this development.

### **Regeneration of West Leeds Gateway update**

#### *Armley Town Centre*

3.18 Detailed designs for the public realm improvements are being finalised which include repaving footpaths, new street furniture, new street lighting, and some public art work in the form of a series of keystones set in the pavement depicting people and events of historic interest. Work was programmed to start on site in spring 2008, however we are aware that Gas Networks have some major main and service replacement to carry out in Town Street, and this will impact on programme dates for the Town Street Improvements.

3.19 The Heritage Lottery bid for the THI has been submitted and a decision is imminent. Provided the bid is successful, the THI programme will run for five years from 2008-2012. The conservation area has now been adopted, and the next step is to develop a conservation area management plan. Consultation on what is important to the upkeep of the conservation area is taking place alongside the Area Action Plan consultation.

3.20 Plans for the new leisure centre are progressing well and designs for the new building are now available. The current programme is to obtain planning approval by summer 2008 with a view to starting on site in September 2008. It is anticipated that the existing leisure centre will remain open until late summer 2009, and there will then be a period of closure prior to enable the new centre to be completed and ready for opening in early 2010. Existing groups using the centre are being assisted in finding temporary premises for the period of closure.

3.21 External funding sources are being explored for undertaking the improvements to Armley Moor, Little Moor and Hill Top in addition to the S106 funding which is available.

3.22 The key gateway to Armley Town Centre is the junction of Stanningley Road/Armley Road. Currently this junction offers a poor impression with Mikes Carpets and the Living World site dominating the landscape. For the long term, a 'Gateway' scheme is proposed to

include regeneration of all 4 corner sites, together with improved signage to create a sense of arrival for Armley Town Centre.

#### *New Wortley*

3.23 Plans and images for New Wortley have been made available for consultation with the community as part of the Area Action Plan. However it is acknowledged that once a private sector partner is secured, they may bring new ideas. The Area Action Plan will allow for such flexibility to enable the council, WNWLH and the local community to work with a developer to achieve an attractive and sustainable community.

#### *Armley Mills*

3.24 Further work has been commissioned to have a valuation prepared for the options in the Jacobs report. An audit of the collection is being prepared, and a workshop will be taking place to hold further discussion on the potential development options and to bring together the follow-up work that has been undertaken since last years workshops. Dunkirk Hill adjoins the site and the museum car park and options for improving this area are being considered which can cross fund the regeneration of Armley Mills. Interest in the waterfront has led to joint working with Leeds City Council, British Waterways and the Environment Agency to develop a business proposal for the canal and river which pulls together ideas, potential projects and potential funding sources to maximise use of the canal, river and surrounding area. This will include opportunities for improving access, interpretation, public art, heritage considerations, environmental improvements, construction of a fish pass, and promotion of recreational uses.

### **The Leeds – Bradford corridor**

3.25 A number of events have been held as part of the joint Leeds-Bradford work. A business seminar was held at Morrisons headquarters on Gain Lane in Bradford on 5<sup>th</sup> March. A total of around 50 people attended from businesses on both sides of the border. Local services, including the police and local authorities were present. The key issues that arose are discussed elsewhere in this agenda. They were the lack of land and sites for business, high levels of business crime, and poor environment. Transport and labour supply did not emerge as big issues for local companies. One of the Leeds-Bradford working groups has been set up specifically to tackle land supply issues.

3.26 The Yorkshire Regional Housing Board visited the area on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008. The tour followed a meeting at Bradford City Hall and visited private sector housing in Little Germany, Bradford, the Regen 2000 area on Leeds Bradford Road, public sector housing improvements at Laisterdyke, Ravenscliffe and Barkerend Road in Bradford, the park and ride facility at New Pudsey, Pudsey Town Centre regeneration, the new housing proposals at Fairfield in Bramley and New Wortley in Armley. A decision on funding for Leeds-Bradford Northern Housing challenge proposals is imminent so the visit was timely.

3.27 A series of Leeds Bradford masterclasses are being arranged funded by Yorkshire Forward and Leeds and Bradford Councils. These will run from April through to July 2008. They are being organised by NS+, the skills training arm of New Start journal. They will include case studies and will be a combination of presentations and problem solving.

3.28 A major employment opportunity for the Leeds Bradford corridor is logistics. A strategy is being developed between the City Council, local business and Park Lane College to provide a range of added value services throughout the provision of new business start up



support, and logistics skills training. A potential funding source will be ERDF. This is an important initiative within the Leeds Bradford corridor given the recent announcement of a major retailer to site their Northern Logistics hub at the Bradford end of the corridor.

### **I Love West Leeds Festival**

3.29 Interplay were successful in March in achieving from the Arts Council a £26, 500 award for the fourth "I love west Leeds" festival to be held Sat 5<sup>th</sup> - Sun 20<sup>th</sup> July. This grant completes the funding for the festival and matches that provided by the area committees. It will fund a number of specific elements of the festival

- *Second-hand Stories*. This will rummage its way through Charity Shops across West Leeds and unravel the stories behind the knitted tank tops, the carriage clocks and so forth.
- "*2 ninety-nine's and a...*" will transform a working ice cream van into become an arts festival in miniature.
- *Pride of Place* will be a photographic profile of local residents through images of their Mantlepieces.
- *Forward to the Past and back again* will take place on Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July; this year in Inner West at Armley Mills with performances and participation opportunities around every corner

### **Community Safety - Operation Champion: Bramley**

3.30 The Bramley estates were the location for Operation Champion - the multi-agency crime and grime crackdown – from Wednesday to Saturday 12 -15 March. Led by the Safer Leeds crime reduction partnership, Operation Champion brings together the major players responsible for tackling crime and environmental issues throughout the city. Numerous events took place throughout the Fairfield, Summerfield and Britannia estates, including environmental clean-ups, activities for young people and crime prevention awareness raising events.

3.31 A community coffee morning was held at Fairfield Community Centre on Saturday 15 March, where they will be able to obtain free low energy light bulbs as part of a Safer Leeds campaign to encourage people to leave lights on in the house to prevent burglaries. West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service were also on hand to demonstrate to visitors an 'exploding chip pan' at the coffee morning to highlight fire safety issues. The Fairfield community centre was also the location for a number of activities for young people from the Bramley estates, including barbeques, football coaching, arts and crafts and a techno bus, which have been organised the council's youth services and the Youth Inclusion Project.

### **Community Engagement**

3.32 Two Community engagement "What's the Big Idea" event were held in the past two months - at Armley Leisure Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> February and St Peters Church Bramley on 27<sup>th</sup> February. A wide range of partners including the Police, Housing, Children's Services, Streetscene and Planning and Highways and the PCT participated. Residents were given the opportunity of identifying the main issues for their neighbourhoods. This information is being collated and analysed and will form part of the Area Delivery plan that will come forward to Area Committee in June 2008. Also included will be the outcomes of consultation with young people that took place as part of the District Partnership/CLW Young People's Awards on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at Stanningley Rugby Club.

### **Partnership working**

3.33 The success of partnership work in West Leeds has been recognised by the City Council through the award of “Beacon Status” by the City Council. At a ceremony in London on 4th March, considered to be the ‘Oscars’ of local government, deputy council leader Richard Brett accepted the accolade on behalf of the authority. The West Leeds contribution to this award was assessed by a visit made by the adjudicators to the Lazer Centre earlier this November, an event in which all District partners, public, private and voluntary sector put in their support. The assessors especially liked the joint work taking place in West Leeds to support children, the joint tasking with the police to tackle crime, the partnership with local businesses that provides new employment opportunities for local people.

3.34 The joint West and North West District Partnership funding A2E bid for 2008-10 funding was unfortunately unsuccessful. Staff from Area Management will work with the successful winners of the contract (Archway, Touchstone, Learning Partnerships) to ensure that the needs of lone parents and those young people not in education employment and training are provided for by the new services.

3.35 Under the new arrangements for Area Committees to scrutinise local partnership working, the first seminar with Inner West Area Committee, led by the Crime Reduction Partnership, is scheduled to take place prior to the next Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

### **Regeneration Restructuring**

3.36 The proposals for restructuring Area Management and the new roles of Area Committees were reported to Area Committee in December 2007. Subsequent to this time Area Managers for the three new Area Management areas have been agreed as follows: Rory Barke- North East, David Richmond - South East and Steve Crocker – West and North West. The Deputy Area Manager for West and North West will be Jason Singh, the former Area Co ordinator for North West Leeds. The West North West team will cover 13 wards and four area committees. It will have bases in both the former West and North West Area.

3.37 The West Leeds Gateway team will now come under the management of the new City Regeneration Office manager, Christine Addison. Staffing appointments are being made to posts within the team structure – this will be completed by the summer of 2008.

3.38 The new Environmental Action Team manager for West North West Leeds is Ruth Lees, formally the Environmental Health manager for West Leeds. The EAT team will work closely with Area Management and will be co located to enable a comprehensive approach to tackling crime and grime.

## **4.0 Council Policy and Governance, Legal and Resource Implications**

4.1 The Area Delivery Plan for Inner West is administered through West and North West Leeds Area Management team. This report had indicated progress on tackling a number of projects crucial to delivering the next Area Delivery Plan 2008-11

## **5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 Inner West Area Committee members are invited to note the contents of the report and to comment on any aspect of the matter raised



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

**Date:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008

**Present:** J. B. Quimby, K. Smith, M Pryce, J Upton, J Pearson, J Glennon, P Bond, P Ward, M Smith, T Edwards, L Haworth, I Hirst, J Foster, C Broadbent

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.00 WELCOME</b> Acknowledgement that the weather was really bad which led t the low attendance.	
1.01 <b>APOLOGIES</b> – Cllr Hanley, E & B Rayworth, P Green, J Preston, K Donnelly, M Tyson, P Miles	
<b>2.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b> – agreed.	
<b>3.00 Matters Arising –</b>	
3.01 All items covered in main agenda	
<b>4.00 Policing Issues – Police / PCSOs – Sgt. Glennon</b>	
4.01 Sgt. Glennon gave a brief overview of the current reductions in crime in the North West Division, overall crime down by 1500 compared to this time last year and 6000 from 2 years ago.	
4.02 Robberies are not an issue currently in the Bramley & Stanningley Ward.	
4.03 There is a issue of theft from motor vehicles in the Landseers and surrounding areas, the Police have reacted to this and altered the shift patterns to give a presence in the area till 2am. This action has to date had a significant impact and will be continued to reduce this issue as best as possible.	
4.04 Theft of motor vehicle – down on previous 8 weeks. Criminal damage also down on the previous 8 weeks.	
4.05 PC's and PCSO's working very hard in the area which shows in the figures. the issue of a lack of ASB contact was noted by a number of Residents group. All issues around ASB can be referred through your local Neighbourhood warden. Confirmation of the current staffing situation will be confirmed for the next meeting	<b>GF</b>
4.06 Details of all local police surgeries to go out with minutes	<b>GF</b>
4.07 New scheme being run which means that if there is any quiet time during the night, 2 pro-active team cars will default to the Bramley Area	
4.08 600 properties leafleted on the Fairfields regarding the potential of a Neighbourhood watch group for the area. Police to keep the group informed of future developments.	
4.09 Residents of the broadleas raised the potential of having Smartwater in their estate. Funding would have to be secured for this to occur but it will be investigated, ie numbers of properties potential funding sources etc.	<b>GF</b>

## **5.00 Bramley Shopping Centre – Ian Hirst**

- 5.01 Tesco's have confirmed that it will be operating over 2 floors with the main entrance to the rear of the centre. This is also where Farm foods will be situated in the new units. Farm foods will be opening in the next month.
- 5.02 The escalator and the lift are both installed and working but have to be checked by the insurance company so that they can be in full use. This will be taking place in the next 2 weeks.
- 5.03 Planning permissions have been granted for the 3 units on the front of the centre
- 5.04 Planning also given for the conversion of Viewpoint in to flats. The plans for all improvements will be in the centre managers office soon, and residents are welcome to go along and see them.
- 5.05 The front car park will be re-modelled in April, this will include the loss of 45 parking spaces from the front of the site.
- 5.06 Jack Fulton's opened today, worries also addressed over the rumours of another gambling place in the centre. This type of establishment is not in any of the current plans for the long term future of the centre.

## **6.00 Julie Upton – Bramley Churches update**

- 6.01 Julie is the team Vicar for the parish of Bramley (St Peters, St Margrets and the Church in Rodley)
- 6.02 The parish is currently helping out Trinity Church by allowing them to use the buildings at St Peters until all of the works have been completed at their church. This arrangement could be for some time due to issues with the contract for the works, but the uniform groups for example will be carrying on in various venues.
- 6.03 St Margaret's – there has always been poor access to the Church, the works currently being completed give full disabled access. The funding for this was raised over the last couple of years by the parish.
- 6.03 St. Peters – fund raising still going on for the improvements to the spire, some works can be done now to make the structure safe. Unfortunately the Heritage bid was unsuccessful as was the people's millions funding. The adjacent building was refurbished in the 1970's and funding is required again to allow the building to be used as a community space.

## **7.00 Inner Area Committee Co-opted Representative feedback – Jean was unable to attend.**

## **8.00 AOB**

- 8.01 Friends of Bramley Falls wood – 2 representatives of the group came to the meeting to drum up support for the newly created group. They are planning to hold a hands on work day on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February @ the car park in the woods.
- 8.02 The crossing on Leeds / Bradford any progress? – Cllr Atkinson informed the group that there had been no updates since the last meeting  
This again will be an issue in the summer when the young children are crossing the road to use the facilities in the park. GF to investigate further.

**GF**

- 9.00 Dates of meetings in 2008 - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
31<sup>st</sup> July 2008

**Armley Community Forum**

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008

**Present:** Cllr Harper(Chair), Cllr A Lowe, Cllr J Mckenna, R Boon, A Friebe, H&D Boutle, D Peck, K Lemm, E Bowes, W Anderson, M&D Stead, B Draper, J Ramell, M Garside, B Holmes, JK & JP Newsome, A Willis, E Meadowcraft, J Gill, P Fathers, C Teasdale, J Kerry, B&M Guthrie, P Kempster, T Maynard.

**ACTION**

**1.00 WELCOME**

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2.00 APOLOGIES**

2.01 K Anderson, I Penman, I Stephenson, E & B Rayworth, K Draper, Ald. B Nelson, D Newsome, D Maynard, M Pryce.

**3.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

3.01 The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

**4.00 MATTERS ARISING**

4.01 (4.02) It has been rumoured that the Post Office have refused the unit next to the Copper Lantern as being too small; also that Theaker Lane Clinic was being considered. These are unsubstantiated however and the only information available is that Mr John Battle is continuing to liaise with the Post Office.

4.02 (8.01) This issue has been reported.

4.03 (8.02) Area cleared but there is still rubbish next to the newsagents. Mr Malik insists that this is not his and that others are overfilling these bins. Cllr Mckenna has been in contact and asks if anyone is seen using these bins can they please let LCC know.

4.04 (8.03) This issue has been reported.

4.05 (8.04) This issue has been reported.

4.06 (8.05) This issue has been reported.

4.07 (8.06) All gullies are cleaned on a rota every 8 months – this has been the case for the previous 10 yrs. However as local Members have reported recently to Steve Greenwood at Inner Area Committee – rubbish is going uncollected and therefore causing more blockages. Rebecca Boon suggested the possibility if an environmental day of action around the Little Scotland area.

**RB**

**5.00 Community Safety Update and Tension Monitoring – Inspector Mohammed.**

5.01 A slight increase in ASB reported around the Edinburghs, the Prison and the Clydes.

5.02 Number of thefts from motor vehicles is still quite high in the ward – however this is still on target division –wide.

5.03 There have been recent initiatives re drug-dealing, prostitution at bottom of Clydes and the towers.

5.04 Local Cllrs and the Police visited Steam Sauna recently but were not allowed to enter. Police continuing to monitor.

5.05 Police planning regular evenings of serving warrants in the Armley & Bramley wards.

5.06 There are new staff coming to the area soon.

5.07 Cold weather makes people close all doors, curtains and doors so this leads to less sneak-in and opportunist thefts!

5.08 Incidents of public drinking within the DPPO area reported. Hard to arrest on this as still too few signs up advertising this. 12 extra signs will be up soon.

5.09 Several needles seen on field near railway – in future to report (0845 124 0113) or if a PCSO in the area – let them know.

- 5.10 Armley Park – underage drinking can not be dealt with by Park Rangers – as they do not have the enforcement powers and work for LCC not the Police.
- 5.11 The next Project Champion is in March and the DVLA will also be taking part.
- 5.08 **Tension Monitoring:** to be reported centrally – none.

**6.00 Town Street Tales – Kevin Donnelly**

- 6.01 This was an Inner Area Committee funded art project and initiated by Mark Metcalfe (Youth Development Worker) whose contract has now finished. Phil Spellacy (Snr Youth Arts Officer) and Mel Sinclair (community artist) have also been working on this. The idea being for young people in Armley to create some life-size figures of famous people with a link to the area. There are now 28 of these! These include characters like the Queen (who has visited Armley) and Benjamin Gott. They also visited schools and as part of a healthy eating project created very large painted fruit and vegetables!
- 6.02 They are now looking for ideas on how and where to display all the paintings. They are already hoping to be included in the I Love West Leeds festival and one will be featured on Gelderd coaches' wall. Ideas included:
- Armley Moor (Hazel Boutle to check with ACRT)
  - Armley Mills
  - City Art Gallery – a day of local art?
  - Corner opposite Mikes Carpets – may be a safety issue? No planning permission needed if there for less than 28 days.
  - Civic Hall – banqueting hall? Council chamber?
  - Millennium Square
  - Armley Library and OSC

KD thanked everyone for their ideas and stressed that local sites would be more in keeping with the original project aims. The local Members offered financial help to mount the display if necessary.

**7.00 Web Site for Armley – Andrew Hutchinson – unable to attend.**

**8.00 Setting up a social enterprise - Jess Duggal, Places for People.**

- 8.01 JD introduced Places for People – a housing provider who has been awarded part of the £20m allocated to Leeds from LEGI (Local Enterprise Growth Initiative). The focus is on enterprise – and the aim is to encourage particularly people in social housing to set up new enterprises/social enterprises /businesses. The project is very community focussed – Jess is the Community Officer and will take details of any one interested and their ideas – and pass on to the relevant business advisor.

**9.00 AOB**

- 9.01 Fencing around Mistress Lane site is open at Crab Lane – allowing children access to site. RB to report to Building Control.

- 9.02 A resident reported uncollected bins adjacent to no 8 Clyde Walk. This was reported to Glenn Maude (Principal Area Manager- Streetscene) who responded:  
*8 Clyde Walk. The Area Manager has spoken to the crew. They insist that all bins presented are collected. I have instructed that this address be added to the area monitoring sheet. All collections for the next month will be monitored.*

- 9.03 Area around Chapel on Mistress Lane is full of rubbish: This was reported to Glenn Maude (Principal Area Manager- Streetscene) who responded:  
*I have been reliably informed that the area caretakers have cleaned this area. If it is actually in the grounds of the chapel this would be their responsibility to clear.*

- 9.04 Nancroft Mount - Dog Mess and glass reported on the ground: This was reported to Glenn Maude (Principal Area Manager- Streetscene) who responded:  
*Nancroft Mount is on a weekly sweeping schedule so this should have been cleared on Monday. I will have the area inspected to confirm.*

RB

- 9.05** Wheelie Bins reportedly being burnt on Ley Lane.  
This was reported to Glenn Maude (Principal Area Manager- Streetscene) who responded:  
*Wheeled bins being burned is an anti social behaviour problem and should be dealt with by the police. I will arrange for the debris to be collected.*
- 9.06** Paisley binyards reportedly not being cleared.  
This was reported to Glenn Maude (Principal Area Manager- Streetscene) who responded:  
*The bin yards are the responsibility of the residents. They should be containing their household waste. If they have any bulky items these should be booked in for a collection. We no longer clear bin yards as a matter of course. I will ask the Enforcement Officer to visit the area. After the Officer has visited the area and issued warnings we will clear the bin yards. After this has been done the next time there is any uncontained waste in the yards a fixed penalty notice can be issued.*  
Further to the above the Enforcement Division confirmed that this matter is under investigation.
- 9.07** Road works on Canal Rd – when will they be complete? Alan Robinson to be invited to report at next forum.
- 9.08** Highthorne St – since resurface disabled road markings repainted on wrong side of road. RB to follow up.
- 9.09** Ginnel at the bottom of Simpson Grove – bollards broken so cars cutting through. RB to report to Highways.
- 9.10** Further problems reported re Cedars binyards - the Enforcement Division confirmed that this matter is under investigation and being monitored.
- 10.00** **DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008 7pm AOSC**

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**Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer**

**West Inner Area Committee**

**Date: 3rd April 2008**

**Subject: Dates, Times and Venues of Area Committee Meetings 2008/09**

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

**Executive Summary**

The purpose of the report is to request Members to give consideration to agreeing the dates and times of their meetings for the 2008/09 municipal year which commences in May 2008.

**1.0 Background Information**

- 1.1 The Area Committee Procedure Rules stipulate that there shall be at least six ordinary meetings of each Area Committee in each municipal year (May to April).
- 1.2 The Procedure Rules also state that each Committee will agree its schedule of meetings for the year either at the last meeting in the current municipal year (i.e. tonight) or at its first meeting in the new municipal year. In order to appear in the Council's official Diary and Yearbook for 2008/09, the dates and times of your meetings need to be approved today.

**2.0 Options**

2.1 The options are:

- To approve the list of dates and times provisionally agreed with the West Area Manager based on the existing pattern;
- To consider other alternative dates;
- To continue to alternate times between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m., or to consider alternative times;

- To continue to alternate between suitable venues within the two Wards or to seek some other venues, for instance possibly holding the meetings, or some meetings, at Civic Hall, Leeds, which some Area Committees are considering, due to a lack of public attendance when the meetings are held at Ward-based venues.

### **3.0 Meeting Dates**

- 3.1 The following provisional dates have been agreed in consultation with the West Area Manager. They follow roughly the same pattern as last year, i.e. Thursday's in June, September, October, December, February and April :-

26<sup>th</sup> June 2008 (5.00 pm), 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (9.00 am), 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 (5.00 pm), 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008 (9.00 am), 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 (5.00 pm) and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009 (9.00 am).

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

### **4.0 Meeting Days and Times**

- 4.1 Currently the Committee meets on Thursday at either 9.00 a.m. or 5.00 p.m. and the above suggested dates reflect this pattern.
- 4.2 Meeting on set days and times has the advantage of certainty and regularity, which assists people to plan their schedules. The downside might be that it could serve to exclude certain people, for instance, who have other regular commitments on that particular day or who might prefer an evening meeting.
- 4.3 For these reasons, some Area Committees have chosen to vary their meeting days and times, alternating between different weekdays and holding daytime and evening meetings alternately. Others, however, have chosen a regular pattern similar to this Committee's existing arrangements – it really is a matter for Members to decide.

### **5.0 Meeting Venues**

- 5.1 Currently the Committee alternates venues between the two West Inner Wards. Although by and large the venues are suitable, the meetings are not well attended by the public.
- 5.2 If the Committee were minded to request the officers to explore possible alternative venues, then the considerations Members and officers would have to take into account are matters such as cost, accessibility – particularly for people with disabilities – and the facilities available at the venue, e.g. IT facilities for presentations etc.

5.3 From time to time, some Area Committee Members suggest moving meetings back to Civic Hall, Leeds. The meeting facilities might arguably be better in some instances, and the venue possibly more convenient for Members, and possibly also the public, as Leeds is the hub of the public transport system. However, Members are reminded of the stated role of Area Committees, as set out in Paragraph 2.1 the Area Committee Procedure Rules :-

- Act as a focal point for community involvement;
- Take locally based decisions that deal with local issues;
- Provide for accountability at local level;
- Help Elected Members to listen to and represent their communities;
- Help Elected Members to understand the specific needs of the community in their area;
- Promote community engagement in the democratic process;
- Promote working relationships with District Partnerships and Parish and Town Councils.

These aims and this role is unlikely to be enhanced by holding meetings at the centre, and rather than move meetings to Civic Hall, Members might wish to look again at other ways of publicizing meetings and encouraging greater community engagement.

Another option might be to alternate meetings between the centre and local venues.

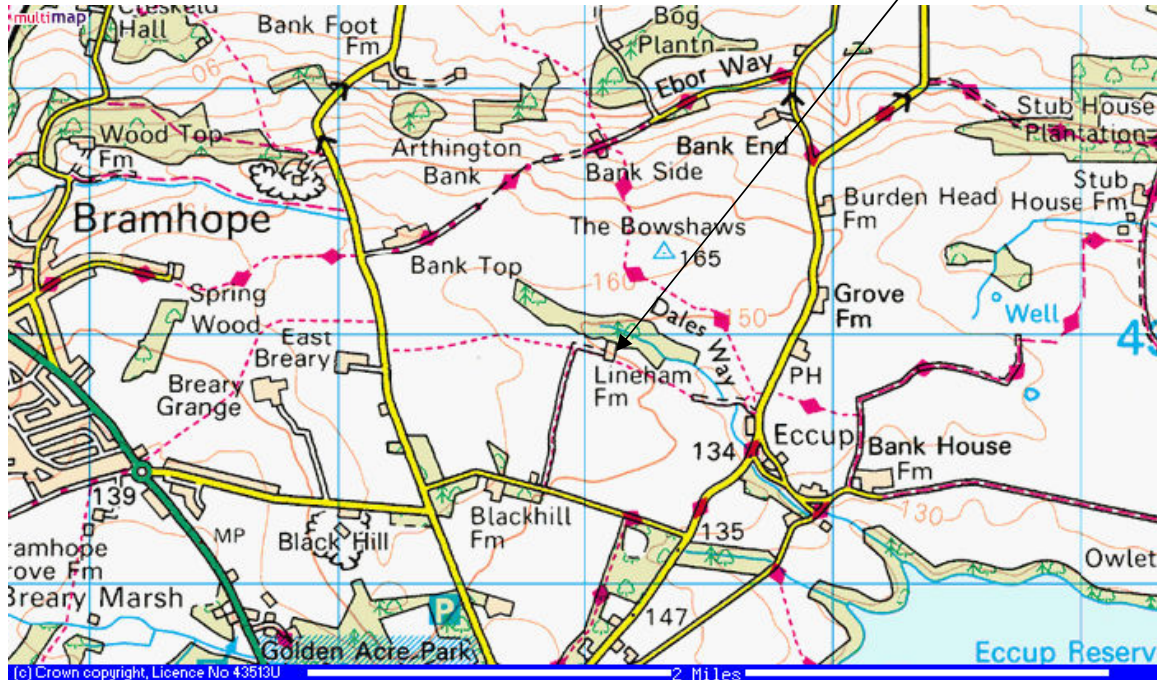
## **6.0 Recommendation**

6.1 Members are requested to consider the options and to agree their meeting dates and times for 2008/09 in order that they may be included in the Council's official diary for 2008/09. Meeting venues can if necessary be agreed at a later date, or left for the officers to sort out, taking into account Members' views, although a clear indication of Members' wishes in this regard would be helpful.

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# Agenda Annex

Lineham Farm  
Swan Lane  
Eccup  
Leeds  
LS16 8AZ



## Directions by car

- From the Leeds outer ring road at Alwoodley / Moor Allerton (Sainsbury's Roundabout) turn up King Lane through Alwoodley
- Carry on to the very end of King Lane and right onto Arthington Road
- Take the next right which is Black Hill Lane. The Farm is up Swan Lane, on the left just after the cottage – the only turning on Blackhill Lane.

## Coming from the A660?

- Take the Eccup turn at Bramhope onto Kings Road
- Carry on to the top past Mone Bros Quarry
- Turn left and immediately right onto Black Hill Lane then proceed as above.

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