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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC OPEN FORUM MEETING –



A public open forum session based on a 'Children and Young Peoples' Services' theme will take place prior to this Area Committee meeting, in the Lord Mayor's Banqueting Room, Civic Hall, Leeds, at **3.30pm**.

NORTH EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

**Meeting to be held in Committee Rooms 6 & 7, Civic Hall, Leeds on
Monday, 27th October, 2008 at 5.30 pm**

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

A Lamb	-	Wetherby
J Procter	-	Wetherby
G Wilkinson (Chair)	-	Wetherby
R D Feldman	-	Alwoodley
Mrs R Feldman	-	Alwoodley
P Harrand	-	Alwoodley
A Castle	-	Harewood
R Procter	-	Harewood
A Shelbrooke	-	Harewood

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A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL FUNCTIONS AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

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

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

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded)</p> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Chief Democratic Services Officer at least 24 hours before the meeting)</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:- No exempt items on this agenda.</p>	

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3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify any items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	
4			<p>APOLOGIES</p>	
5			<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To declare any personal/prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 12 of the Members Code of Conduct</p>	
6			<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p>	
7			<p>MINUTES - 15TH SEPTEMBER 2008</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the attached minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2008.</p>	1 - 6
8			<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p>	

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9			<p>THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE TO SECONDARY EDUCATION PROVISION IN LEEDS (COUNCIL FUNCTION) (15 MINS)</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the Chief Executive, Education Leeds, regarding the possible implications for secondary schools in East and North East Leeds of the Government's ' National Challenge ', ' Building Schools for the Future ' and ' Every Child Matters ' initiatives, and the Leeds 14 – 19 Strategy.</p>	7 - 16
10			<p>LEEDS COLLEGES MERGER - CONSULTATION (COUNCIL FUNCTION) (10 MINS)</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the East North East Area Manager and to welcome to the meeting Cristina George, of the Learning and Skills Council, who will speak on this subject.</p>	17 - 18
11			<p>PROPOSALS FOR A NEW GP-LED HEALTH CENTRE IN LEEDS (COUNCIL FUNCTION) (10 MINS)</p> <p>Further to Minute No.8, 7th July 2008, and Minute No. 23, 15th September 2008, to receive the attached report of the East North East Area Manager and to welcome Dr Damien Riley, Director of Primary Care, Leeds Primary Care Trust, who will speak on this subject.</p>	19 - 22
12			<p>PROBATION SERVICE ' COMMUNITY PAYBACK TEAMS ' (COUNCIL FUNCTION) (10 MINS)</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the East North East Area Manager, and to welcome to the meeting Margaret Ambler, of the Probation Service, to explain the Community Payback scheme.</p>	23 - 26
13			<p>WELLBEING FUND 2008/09 - UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) (10 MINS)</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached report of the East North East Area Manager.</p>	27 - 36

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14			<p>TOWN AND PARISH FORUM - FEEDBACK REPORT (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) (5 MINS)</p> <p>To receive the attached report of the East North East Area Manager regarding the meeting of the local Town and Parish Council Forum held on 18th September 2008.</p>	37 - 40
15			<p>DATES, TIMES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>Monday 8th December 2008, 5.30pm, Civic Hall, Leeds</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> 10th February 2009, 5.30pm, <u>Leeds Town Hall</u></p> <p>Monday 23rd March 2009, 6.00pm, venue to be advised.</p>	

Agenda Item 7

NORTH EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor G Wilkinson in the Chair

Councillors J Procter, R D Feldman,
Mrs R Feldman, P Harrand and A Castle

OFFICERS: Rory Barke, East/North East Area Manager
Alison Pickering, Area Management Officer
Mike Earle, Democratic Services

18 Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Carole Clark, who was replacing Alison Pickering at the NE Area Office, Sergeant Matthew Appleyard, who had just returned to Wetherby Police Station, and Mr Alan Everard, a local resident.

19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors A. Lamb, R. Procter and A. Shelbrooke.

20 Declaration of Interests

The following declarations of interest were made:-

Councillor G. Wilkinson – Agenda Item 12 (Minute No. 28 refers) – applications for funding from Wetherby Town Council in respect of the Wetherby Community Bonfire and the Jubilee Garden footpath – personal and prejudicial interest in his capacity as a Member of Wetherby Town Council.

21 Open Forum

The Chair made reference to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure Rules for an Open Forum session of up to 10 minutes at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee, to allow members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the remit of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no issues were raised.

22 Minutes - 7th July 2008

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

23 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Monday, 27th October, 2008

(a) Proposals for a New GP-led Health Centre in Leeds (Min. No. 8 refers)

Further to Minute No. 8, 7th July 2008, the Chair reported that arrangements had been made for a representative of Leeds NHS Trust to attend the October Area Committee meeting to speak to Members on this issue.

24 Area Management Income from Advertising on Lamp Posts

The Director of City Development submitted a report regarding advertising on lamp posts across the City, part of which income would come to the Area Committees in respect of any such advertisements within its area.

Helen Franklin, Acting Head of Highways Services attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments. In brief summary, the main points discussed were :-

- There were no current proposals for lamp post advertising in the Committee's area. Arterial commuter routes were the most likely possible locations;
- The Council's Advertising Design Guide limited the number of suitable locations. Once the service provider had identified a potential site, this would be considered initially by a special group of officers, to judge whether or not it was regarded as suitable, in particular with regard to road safety. Adverts would not be placed in wholly residential areas,
- If a site was regarded as potentially suitable, planning permission was required, and it was at this stage that Ward Members would be consulted;
- The content of the advertisement was a matter for the service provider. All advertisements were subject to national ASA standards. Where previous complaints had been received, advertisements had been removed.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

25 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2008/09

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a copy of his report to the Executive Board on 16th July 2008. The report contained details of the functions delegated to Area Committees for 2008/09. It also addressed the development of the role of Area Committees in representing the community interest, in terms of service performance, co-ordination and targeting, and an increased influencing, developmental and consultative role, particularly in view of the demise of the previous District Partnerships. These proposals were influenced by the Area Management Review, led by Councillor Chapman, reported to the Executive Board in November 2007.

In brief summary, the issues raised were :-

- The allocation of Area Committee Well-Being Budgets across the City, and the discrepancies in the levels of funding for various parts of the

City. The Area Manager indicated that the allocation was based on a formula, which took account of population levels and levels of deprivation indices, and he undertook to provide Members with exact details of the formula,

- The discrepancy in the numbers of Neighbourhood Wardens between different parts of the City. The Area Manager reminded Members that this subject had previously been discussed and decided, with some Area Committees choosing to finance additional PCSO's, rather than Neighbourhood Wardens;
- Councillor Harrand requested that Members be provided with details of the budgets associated with the transfer of responsibility for Community Centres to Area Committees;
- Speed cameras, Walton Road, Wetherby. In response to the Chair, Inspector Griffiths stated that the operation of speed cameras was a matter for the Camera Safety Partnership. The Chair indicated that he would pursue the matter separately outside the meeting.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above comments, the report be noted.

26 Community Centres - Pricing and Lettings Policy

Further to Minute No 58, 11th February 2008, the East/North East Area Manager submitted a report outlining the results of the 3 month consultation exercise which had taken place between April and June 2008, and setting out a schedule of proposed charges and discounts for community centres operating in the Committee's area.

In brief summary, the main issues raised were :-

- The fact that the Wetherby Ward Members had decided that in respect of Community Centres in Wetherby Ward, for a transitional period of 3 years, prices would be fixed at 2007/08 levels where letting arrangements were unchanged, except for those users currently paying more than the proposed new charges. This situation would be reviewed after two years;
- The Alwoodley Ward Members indicated that they might wish to implement a ' payment holiday ', whereby use of the Treetops Community Centre would be free for all users for the next 12 months, as a promotional offer to get the Centre in use. The Area Manager stated that the proposed scheme did not preclude this, and he would pursue this idea separately with the Alwoodley Ward Members;
- All users would be notified of the new charges and discounts, including a tailored letter setting out specifically how they would be affected by the changes.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above comments, the schedule of charges and discounts appended to the report be approved and be reviewed on an annual basis.

27 Area Delivery Plan 2008 - 2011 - Update

Further to Minute No 7, 7th July 2008, the East/North East Area Manager submitted a report advising Members of two proposed amendments to the Area Delivery Plan 2008-2011 as a result of the Ward Member discussions held subsequent to that meeting. The report also contained an update on actions since the 7th July meeting.

RESOLVED – That the revised Area Delivery Plan 2008-2011 be received and approved.

28 Well-Being Fund 2008 - 2011

The East/North East Area Manager submitted a situation report regarding the Committee's Well-Being Fund 2008/09, including details of small grants approved since the last meeting, projects in development and applications for revenue and capital funding before the Committee this evening for determination.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Area Manager's report be noted, including details of small grants made since the last meeting and projects in development
- (b) That the following decisions be taken in respect of the applications for funding before the Committee tonight for determination:-

Revenue

- (i) Community Planning Officer - £50,000 – Approved
- (ii) Gang Resistance Project, Wetherby - £3,680 – Approved
- (iii) Thorner Bowling Club - £3,180 – Approved
- (iv) Wetherby Community Bonfire - £1,000 – Approved
- (v) Wetherby- Jubilee Garden Pathway - £1,000 – Approved
- (vi) Clifford – Northways Playing Field - £1,165 – Approved
- (vii) Tempo FM Radio Station - £5,000 requested – £2,623 approved

Capital

- (i) Cranmer Bank, Alwoodley – Security - £4,000 - Approved
- (ii) Thorner Victory Hall - £25,000 requested – £10,000 approved.

(N.B. Councillor G Wilkinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the applications for funding from Wetherby Town Council in relation to the Wetherby Community Bonfire and the Jubilee Garden pathway, in his capacity as a Member of Wetherby Town Council, and left the room during the consideration of these particular applications. Councillor R D Feldman assumed the Chair for these particular items).

29 Town and Parish Council Forum - Feedback Report

The East/North East Area Manager submitted a report outlining the issues discussed at the meeting of the Town and Parish Council Forum held on 24th July 2008.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

30 Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings

Monday 27th October 2008, 5.30 pm, Civic Hall
Monday 8th December 2008, 5.30 pm, Civic Hall
Tuesday 10th February 2009, 5.30 pm, Town Hall, Leeds
Monday 23rd March 2009, 6.00 pm, venue to be announced.

31 Alison Pickering

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair paid tribute to Alison Pickering, who was leaving the NE Area Office to take up a similar position in the West Area Office, and wished her well for the future.

The meeting concluded at 7.00pm.

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Report of the Chief Executive of Education Leeds

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 27th October 2008

Subject: The National Challenge and Structural Change to Secondary Provision

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

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

Executive Summary

This report addresses the implication for schools of the Government's National Challenge, Building Schools for the Future Strategies, the Leeds 14-19 Strategy and our Every Child Matters Agenda.

In particular there is a focus on five schools, two of which serve wards of the Outer North East area.

The Executive Board report on this subject forms part of this document.

Purpose Of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the Area Committee's attention the situation in Boston Spa High and Wetherby High Schools, the position regarding two further High Schools in the East/North East area of the city and how this may affect their future.

Main Issues

2. As part of the National Challenge, the government has set a new floor target for secondary schools at Key Stage 4 of 30% of its young people achieving 5 (A*-C) including English and Mathematics at GCSE. Local Authorities are required to consider structural options for schools at high risk of not achieving the floor targets by 2011. The options include closure, mergers, federation, academy or trust status.
3. Two High Schools in the east/north east area of the city are considered at high risk. These are Parklands Girls High School and Primrose High School.
4. Substantial numbers of young people travel from East Leeds to Boston Spa School and Wetherby High School. For Boston Spa this represents approximately 60% of the school population. The average travelling to learn distance for Wetherby and Boston Spa is 4.0 miles and 5.3 miles respectively.
5. Both schools are scheduled for refurbishment as part of Wave 13 of BSF and there has been some consideration as to whether this investment might be better used to develop new build provision of higher quality and which would better reflect the local need. Any such option would increase demand for provision in East Leeds.
6. The attached Executive Board (appendix A) sets out what that means and a suggested way forward.
7. Executive Board agreed to commission a review of provision in East and North East Leeds consulting with schools, ward members, young people and communities and bring forward an options paper to Executive Board later this year.
8. Education Leeds is therefore developing options for these schools, and three others falling outside the Outer North East Committee area (Parklands Girls High School, Primrose High and City of Leeds High School).

Recommendations

9. The Committee notes the Executive Boards Report and its implications.
10. The Committee provides feedback to Education Leeds to inform the early stages of this review.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF EDUCATION LEEDS

Subject: THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE TO SECONDARY PROVISION IN LEEDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Executive Board with the context and proposals for the next phase in developing secondary school provision in Leeds, with specific reference to the National Challenge response.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 As part of the National Challenge, the government has set a new floor target for secondary schools at Key Stage 4 of 30% of its young people achieving 5 (A*-C) including English and Mathematics at GCSE. Local Authorities are required to consider structural options for schools at high risk of not achieving the floor targets by 2011. The options include closure, mergers, federation, academy or trust status.

3.0 MAIN ISSUES

- 3.1 Fourteen secondary schools, including the David Young Academy, were identified by the DCSF as part of the National Challenge. But, our analysis following the outstanding GCSE results this year five schools in Leeds are still at risk of not achieving the floor targets by 2011. In developing a structural response, the Council has the opportunity to further its ambitions for young people in Leeds by aligning its policy and strategies for the National challenge, 14-19, the Building Schools for the Future programme (BSF) and the development of provision for learners with special educational needs.
- 3.2 This paper describes a unique window of opportunity to review provision in the East and North East of the City and to develop proposals which would build on the considerable progress to date and ensure that brilliant learning places are accessible in localities

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ask the Executive Board to commission a review of provision in East and North East Leeds consulting with schools, ward members, young people and

communities and bring forward an options paper to Executive Board later this year.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF EDUCATION LEEDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: 8 October 2008

SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE TO SECONDARY PROVISION IN LEEDS

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality & Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call-in

Not Eligible for Call-in (Details contained in the Report)

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Executive Board with the context and proposals for the next phase in developing secondary school provision in Leeds, with specific reference to the National Challenge response.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 The Council has a clear purpose for education and learning in the context of narrowing the gap, going up a league and social and economic regeneration:

- Brilliant learning and outcomes for all our young people
- Brilliant learning spaces for young people and staff
- Local schools at the heart of strong, vibrant and successful communities

2.2 These aims have been translated into purposeful objectives for delivering the transformation for our young people in Leeds:

- To continue to rebuild and remodel secondary provision in Leeds
- To ensure all young people in Leeds have the skills, confidence and

- outcomes to be successful in further education, training and employment
- To meet the statutory duty to match provision to demand and preferences
- To provide choice and diversity to communities in Leeds
- To deliver successful regeneration through the education strategy
- To ensure robust partnerships to deliver against the Leeds Children and Young People Plan objectives
- To establish the local and regional commissioning arrangements to fulfil the new statutory duties transferred from the LSC

2.3 The Government have set out their agenda to ensure that education provision is fit for purpose and develops locally to prevent failure and to provide young people with a personalised and appropriate learning choice. The four key national drivers which are shaping our Leeds strategy are:

The National Challenge

The Government want all schools to achieve the national floor targets of 30% 5(A*-C) including English and mathematics by 2011. Local authorities are expected to consider 'structural' change strategies where schools are at high risk of not achieving the floor targets; which could include closure, mergers, federation, academy or trust status. The Government has introduced new powers for local authorities and the Secretary of State to intervene where progress is deemed inadequate

Building Schools for the Future

Expressions of interest (EOIs) are invited for new programmes for 2009 onwards and the Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) will be looking for local authorities with the vision and capacity to deliver. EOIs will need to demonstrate joined up resourcing with inclusion and 14+ provision and proposals will need to improve sustainability and achieve low carbon buildings

14-19 strategy:

New funding arrangements and responsibility transfer to local authorities under the new duty ("Machinery of Government" 2007) and Learning Skills Council (LSC) capital investment programme. New models of delivery and governance will be needed to deliver the learner entitlement and curriculum offer (Framework for Excellence – FE quality assurance). The Youth strategy will need to support the delivery of improved outcomes including NEET and support young people staying in learning to 19 years (from 2013)

Children's Services

The Every Child Matters agenda seeks to achieve the success and well-being of children and young people through the provision of Extended services for the community and the wider role of schools in family engagement and support

2.4 The ambitions of Leeds together with these national drivers lead to clear priorities for secondary provision:

- Addressing the needs of children and young people at risk of not achieving
- Developing new models of governance including trusts and academies to accelerate progress where necessary
- Implementing the Leeds 14 - 19 strategy and consultation on new patterns of confederated local provision

- Aligning capital investment opportunities including LSC and Wave 13 Building Schools for the Future (programme and EOI for December 2008)
- Meeting sustainability objectives, reduced travel and low carbon buildings
- Keeping focused on improving standards and making the necessary step changes

2.5 Leeds has come a long way in its journey to deliver to these priorities. It has made step changes over the last five years against some of the key measures of performance - highest ever achievement at 16, lowest ever exclusion rates and the best attendance ever. The contributing strategies have been:

- Significant PFI and BSF investment in learning environments
- New models for schools governance e.g. Garforth Trust and David Young Academy
- Education Leeds' School Improvement Policy and strategy
- Rationalising secondary provision

2.6 This report seeks to take forward the work to ensure appropriate secondary provision for the communities in East and North East Leeds, in the context of these clear national and local agendas.

3.0 **MAIN ISSUES**

Schools at high risk of not meeting the National challenge

3.1 At its July 2008 meeting, the Executive Board approved the response to the DCSF with regard to the National Challenge. Five schools are assessed as being at high risk of not achieving the floor targets. Of the five, Intake and South Leeds are subject to consideration for Academy status, and the consultation is underway this term. We need to consider options for the other three schools, Parklands and the two Central Leeds Learning Federation schools: Primrose High School and City of Leeds. The performance, organisation and admissions arrangements for the three institutions are described in the following sections.

Parklands Girls' High School

3.2 Parklands Girls' High School is a small secondary school for girls located in Seacroft. There were 669 girls (11-16) on roll in January 2008 with a further 97 girls in the sixth form. Numbers have been declining and there are expected to be 111 pupils in Year 7 (2008/9) against an admission number of 140. Its intake is predominantly from the local Seacroft and Killingbeck areas, and from the inner wedge communities towards Harehills. The school was given a notice to improve by Ofsted in March 2008, being judged to require significant improvement in students' achievement and attendance. At Key Stage 3 standards are well below floor targets. At Key Stage 4 it is likely that about 20% of pupils will achieve five or more A*-C grades including English and Maths.

3.3 Parklands is a target school for attendance which stands at 87% which is well below the target. Persistent absence is over 15% and has not improved this year. Financial management at the school is good and the school carried forward a small surplus into the current financial year.

Central Leeds Learning Federation

- 3.4 The Central Leeds Learning Federation comprises the two institutions of City Of Leeds High school and Primrose High school. City of Leeds High School is a small school which has long struggled for viability. There were 573 pupils (11-16) on roll at the last school census in January 2008, with a further 52 pupils in the sixth form. There are expected to be 103 pupils in the 2008/9 Year 7 against an admission limit of 150. The school does not provide for its local community in terms of admissions, since parents generally preference other schools. With the high levels of surplus places and its central location, City of Leeds is often the nearest school with available places for new arrivals to the city. This highly transient population brings its own challenges for the school.
- 3.5 Primrose High is a small but growing school. It had 809 pupils on roll at the January 2008 pupil census with a further 68 in the sixth form. There are expected to be 180 pupils in the 2008/9 Year 7 against an admission limit of 180. Primrose High has effectively filled the available places with local children although not the first preference for many. At Key Stage 3, in 2008, standards in both federated schools remain significantly below floor targets. At Key Stage 4, although preliminary results indicate improvement this year, standards are still be well below the floor target, with City of Leeds around 13% and Primrose around 19%. A result of 20% or over would place Primrose in the top quartile of schools for progress from Key Stage 2. However, both Federation schools are target schools for attendance and while there have been improvements this year, both will be unlikely to meet their targets. Attendance at Primrose is 85% and at City 86%. The number of persistent absentees has been reduced but is still high and attendance in year 11 in both schools is a concern and has a significant detrimental effect on achievement.

The North East

- 3.6 Substantial numbers of young people travel from East Leeds to Boston Spa School and Wetherby High School. For Boston Spa this represents approximately 60% of the school population. The average travelling to learn distance for Wetherby and Boston Spa is 4.0 miles and 5.3 miles respectively.
- 3.7 Both schools are scheduled for refurbishment as part of Wave 13 of BSF and there has been some consideration as to whether this investment might be better used to develop new build provision of higher quality and which would better reflect the local need. Any such option would increase demand for provision in East Leeds.

Developing options

- 3.8 Education Leeds has looked carefully at girls' only provision and recommends that it should be accessible to as wide a population in the City as possible to enhance its long term viability. A central location offers the greatest potential for generating demand from across Leeds although it would then place pressure on the admissions to the Federation. Any potential relocation of a school in the East would leave a significant shortfall in places in East Leeds. It would be necessary to build new provision to cater for the demand in East Leeds.
- 3.9 In conclusion, demand exists for the equivalent of three institutions in inner east Leeds, as well as girls only provision in a central location, and there needs to be improvement in the delivery of high quality and sustainable provision. Therefore

any solution needs to meet these basic requirements.

3.10 Essentially, addressing these issues involves the consideration of:

- the Central Leeds Learning Federation;
- re-providing girls only provision at a more accessible location;
- Academy status for any of the schools;
- additional new provision in east Leeds; and
- rationalisation of provision in the North East

3.11 There are significant delivery timeframe constraints in considering the re-provisioning solutions, both to secure the resources needed, to align the different planning processes and to meet the requirements placed on us in planning school places.

3.12 Allowing sufficient time to address the many challenges, the earliest at which substantial new provision in East Leeds could be delivered would be three years. Although four years may be more realistic.

Conclusions

3.13 Leeds has the unique opportunity at this moment to reshape provision in East and North East Leeds to respond to the local and national imperatives for brilliant learning for all our young people. This opportunity can be summarised as:

- To demonstrate Leeds' leadership to deliver its vision, respond to the challenges
- To establish new governance arrangements, providing the impetus and capacity for accelerating progress for the existing cohorts in the target schools
- To rationalise NE and East Leeds provision to better match supply and demand, reduce travel and generate sustainable schools
- To build on the progress being made by schools in the East to ensure that all young people are successful and to help drive regeneration
- To maximise capital resources to deliver our aims
- To demonstrate successful working with partners to deliver e.g. LSC, FE sector, potential sponsors
- To work with the key learning providers to remodel the 14+ offer to meet the needs and aspirations of young people, families and communities, and ambitions of the city

4.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

There has been limited stakeholder engagement in this option appraisal process; and it would be advantageous to delay refurbishment of the Parklands site to allow sufficient time to build consensus and develop the options for East and North East Leeds.

5.0 LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There is funding through the Wave 1 phase 3 BSF programme for Leeds of £9m to refurbish the existing Parklands school.

5.2 The establishment of any new provision in inner East Leeds would require the Council to hold a competition to determine the provider. Any Council proposal

would be judged alongside other proposals that may come forward, by the Schools' Adjudicator. This process could in itself take upwards of fifteen months.

6.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 To ask the Executive Board to commission a review of provision in East and North East Leeds consulting with schools, ward members, young people and communities and bring forward an options paper to Executive Board later this year.

Background Papers

Executive Board, 16 July 2008 – The National Challenge

DCSF Reference Paper; The National Challenge

Executive Board, 19 January 2005 - City of Leeds and Primrose Federation Report

Executive Board, 21 September 2005 - Combined Secondary Schools PFI Scheme



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Report of the Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 27th October 2008

Subject: Leeds Colleges Merger - Consultation

Electoral Wards Affected:

All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

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

Executive Summary

The City Council’s Executive Board has endorsed the proposed merger of the City’s 3 largest Colleges, namely Leeds Thomas Danby, Leeds College of Technology and Park Lane, which will result in the creation of a new single institution to be known as Leeds City College. This report, supported by a short presentation from the LSC Partnership Director for Leeds, informs the Area Committee of the progress made. This will set out the rationale for the merger and summarises the outcome of the extensive consultations which have been held over the past few years.

The report seeks agreement from the Area Committee on a process by which it is felt appropriate influence can be made on future delivery of post 16 and adult learning by the new merged College. This could include locations for the centres and sites for the new College for the provision of further education in the neighbourhoods and communities served by the Area Committee.

Background Information

1. The City Council's Executive Board has endorsed the proposed merger of the City's 3 largest Colleges namely Leeds Thomas Danby, Leeds College of Technology and Park Lane which will result in the creation of a new single institution to be known as Leeds City College.
2. The merger is supported by key partners including Yorkshire Forward, the two Leeds Universities, Leeds Trinity and All Saints College, Leeds Chamber of Commerce and the Leeds Skills Board.
3. It will have a budget of in excess of £70m and will provide extensive further education opportunities to over 70,000 students.
4. The White File is currently with the Secretary of State (The White File catalogues the merger process) and a decision is expected by October 2008.

Current Position

5. The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) which currently has responsibility for the funding of post 16 learning and skills provision is seeking the views of the Area Committee members on the future delivery of post 16 and adult learning in the City by the new merged College.
6. One of the key issues which the Committee is being asked to consider is the possible locations for the centres and sites for the new College for the provision of further education in the neighbourhoods and communities served by the Area Committee.
7. Area Committee members need to be aware that from 2010 the Government has indicated that the funding of all learning and skills provision for 16-19 year olds will transfer from the LSC to the Young Persons Learning Agency (YPLA) and ultimately subject to a satisfactory progress check to the individual Local Authorities. Post 19 funding will be through the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) which will be a national body based in the offices of the former LSC in Coventry.
8. The LSC Partnership Director for Leeds will make a short presentation at the meeting, setting out the rationale for the merger and summarising the outcome of the extensive consultations which have been held over the past few years.

Recommendations

9. The Area Committee are requested to note the report and agree:
 - (a) a process by which it can submit views on the future delivery of post 16 and adult learning by the new merged College and suggest possible locations for the centres and sites for the new College which will help influence the ongoing estates review of the new College going forward
 - (b) to invite a further report on the outcome of the accommodation/estates review of the new College once completed in 2009.

Background Papers

- Report of Chief Executive, Education Leeds, to Executive Board, 14.11.07, Min No. 108 refers



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Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 27th October 2008

Subject: Proposal for a new GP-led health centre in Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:

All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

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Executive Summary

This report introduces Dr Damien Riley, Director of Primary Care, who is attending this Area Committee meeting to address concerns raised by members at the July Area Committee meeting regarding the proposals for a new GP led health centre in Leeds.

1.0 Purpose

1.0 The purpose of this report is enable the Area Committee to raise their concerns about the proposals for a new GP-led health centre in Leeds with the Director of Primary Care.

2.0 Background information

2.1 Leeds Primary Care Trust (PCT), the local NHS organisation responsible for planning and paying for GP services, produced a consultation document in May 2008 to inform people about their plans to open a new GP-led health centre in the Burmantofts area of Leeds. The public consultation period was for a 12 week period, from 19th May to 8th August 2008, with drop-in events in various parts of Leeds.

2.2 Members raised several areas of concern regarding this proposal:

- Objections in principle to the policy and concept of these GP-led polyclinics, and the detrimental effect they were likely to have on existing GP practices, given that no extra funding was being made available for this initiative.
- Concerns regarding the suitability of this initiative for Outer Wards compared to Inner-City Wards;
- Difficulties for patients, particularly the elderly and infirm, in obtaining local GP services within a reasonable distance of their homes, and the likely expense and inconvenience of having to travel further to visit a doctor, even if this was physically possible;
- The lack of a local public consultation event anywhere in, or within reasonable distance of, Alwoodley and Harewood Wards.

2.3 A letter was sent to the Leeds NHS PCT to convey these concerns and Dr Damien Riley agreed to attend this Area Committee to respond to the issues raised. A briefing paper on the development of GP services which has previously been circulated to all MPs and Councillors has also been provided, this is attached at Appendix 1 of this report.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Area Committee are requested to:

- a) Note the content of this report;
- b) Submit views and comments.

Background Papers

Minutes of the Outer North East Area Committee, July 2008
Changes to GP Services in Leeds, May 2008 consultation document

Leeds PCT proposals for procuring a new GP-led Health Centre

In common with every Primary Care Trust in the country, we are currently finalising a service specification for an additional GP-led Health Centre which we aim to have opening around December 2008 or just a little after.

The new centre (and there is to be one in every PCT) will have at its core a high quality General Practice, opening 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week. This will offer routine bookable appointments to non-registered patients, as well as walk-in services to both registered and non registered patients. In this last regard over time the service will be able to dovetail with our plans for the redesign of urgent care provision in Leeds. We wish to have the Centre integrating with diagnostic services (such as blood tests) and in due course with therapy services such as physiotherapy. This will also prove useful to commuters, to those who work full-time and do not wish to take time off work to see their doctor, to those patients who have inappropriately defaulted to over-stretched A+E departments, and finally also to those who cannot access their usual GP, for whatever reason this may be.

We have studied demographic and public health data carefully so that we can use this opportunity to address some of our existing health inequalities, attend to unmet patient needs, provide fairly central access for a patients who may commute into the city centre and wish to see a GP without taking a day off work, and to reduce inappropriate or unnecessary A+E attendance. In addition, the closure of the Dr. Potts practice in Burmantofts has also increased the need for additional capacity in that area of the city.

We have been disappointed with the misleading media coverage which could result in unnecessary concern for patients and the public. We are not building a polyclinic and NHS services are not being privatised. The NHS has always funded services provided by independent contractors such as GPs and will continue to do so. Patients do not have to pay for these services and the NHS sets high standards about the quality of the care that is provided.

We anticipate that around 1,000 patients will register at the Centre over the first year, nothing like the 50, 000 that has been suggested in recent reports.

We are finalising our financial assumptions and projections for this project. However, we can confirm that the Centre will cost significantly less than the £1 million that has been claimed. All funding will be additional to that already spent on GP services in Leeds and will result in an improvement in primary care services for the city.

Leeds Primary Care Trust is committed to developing high quality local GP practices for everyone in the city. This year we will be spending more on contracts with our GP practices than ever before and we are pleased to be able to do so. The new Centre will build on existing services and has real potential for bringing about change in the accessibility of Primary Care services.

We are mindful of the need to undertake a fair, open and transparent procurement programme. We have a rigorous and clinically-led evaluation process, and will only select a provider who offers accessible, quality, safe, effective services. Financial implications of any bid are of course taken into consideration, but absolutely not in any way to compromise the necessary quality of services. We will welcome bids from local GPs and from other suitable providers and are very keen to ensure that any provider has strong clinical leadership and can truly deliver a GP-led Health Centre as a model of clinical provision.

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Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 27th October 2008

Subject: Community Payback Teams

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward members consulted
(referred to in this report)

x

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

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Executive Summary

This report provides a summary of a Community Payback scheme that could be commissioned by the Area Committee and introduces the Unpaid Work District Manager from Probation Services to provide further information and answer questions.

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to brief the Area Committee on the Community Payback scheme operated by West Yorkshire Probation Service and what could be developed in terms of a dedicated team/resource for the area. Guidance is sought from Members on whether they would like a full proposal working up through Ward Member meetings for consideration at a future Area Committee.

Background

2. This is a briefing paper for Area Committee to see whether it is felt a proposal to establish a pilot Community Payback Team for the Outer North East area should be investigated through ward member meetings and brought back to a future meeting.
3. A similar scheme has been in place in Inner and Outer East areas and has proved successful in helping provide a free labour force to assist with a range of jobs in the community. The scheme won the Howard League for Penal Reform Community Programmes Award as an “Outstanding Scheme” earlier this year.

Community Payback Team – Options Available for Consideration

4. The scheme would cost the Area Committee £15k for a year. This is in part a contribution towards the cost to Probation of employing a dedicated supervisor but is mainly the management and overhead costs associated with organising a team of offenders to undertake work in the community. For example, as well as the payroll costs of a supervisor, the offenders need checking/selecting for the right jobs, transporting to and from the work location, health and safety/risk assessments being done and training undertaken where needed.
5. What is **not** included is any additional materials or skips required for a job. This would either need to be found from a pot set aside from Wellbeing or the organisation requesting the free labour force (e.g. a local community group).
6. One option would be to try the scheme for a six month pilot, with a view to committing to an annually renewable contract should Members feel it has been successful.
7. The labour force provided would average 7 people per day, 7 hours a day, every day of the year (including weekends). Although, due to the nature of the workforce it is unlikely that everyone will turn up every day – conversely there are occasions where significantly more may be available for work. Assuming 5 people do report for work that would equate to 12,700 hours a year available to the Area Committee to use. At £10 hour that would be £127k of labour at a cost of £15k for the contract.
8. A contract would be drawn up in the form of a Service Level Agreement between the Area Committee and Probation Services. This will include an agreed referrals system and reports back to Area Committee on the amount of un-paid work that has been achieved, what jobs have been completed and examples of before/after photographs. The report will also provide information on how many offenders have been accredited for their work as part of the scheme.

9. A referral system would be agreed with Members – but probably be based on a system whereby a simple form is completed and sent initially to the Area Management Team and then to a coordinator in Probation. The referral form currently used in East is attached for information (appendix A).
10. It is anticipated that most referrals would come direct from Members and community groups/organisations. There would be publicity of the resource to local groups. Referrals could also be made from local tasking teams. The cover letter used in East for advertising the resource community groups is attached for information (appendix B).
11. The sorts of jobs that the team would typically undertake will be clearance of overgrowth (brambles etc), painting (internal and external), garden clearances and small scale landscaping. Basically, labour intensive jobs that no-one else will do or can not be afforded by groups.
12. It is possible the team could do more ambitious pieces of work – such as small scale pathways – however this may be dependent on the skills sets of those under supervision and supervising and would bring additional cost etc.

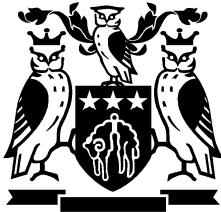
Recommendations

13. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - (a) note the report and presentation
 - (b) decide whether or not this is a scheme that should be worked up through ward member meetings and brought back to the next Area Committee meeting for approval

Background Papers

- None

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Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 27th October 2008

Subject: Well-Being Fund 2008/09

Electoral Wards Affected:
All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

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

Executive Summary

This report on the 2008/09 Well-Being Fund, sets out funding allocations and commitments for 2008/09 and presents a number of new project proposals requesting funding support. The Area Committee is asked to note the content of the report and consider these proposals.

Background Information

1. It has been confirmed that the Well-Being revenue allocation for 2008/09 is £140,410, an increase of just under 2% on last year's allocation.
2. Based on this year's allocation, as a percentage measure of the total population of the outer area, this would represent a financial split of £52,233 for Alwoodley ward (37.2%), £42,263 for Harewood ward (30.1%) and £45,914 for Wetherby ward (32.7%).
3. It was agreed at the July Area Committee meeting that the revenue allocation for 200/08 should continue to be split between the three wards as a percentage measure of the population of the north east outer area.
4. In addition to this there is also the carry forward from 2007/08. The following table sets out the revenue and commitments for this financial year, on a ward basis:

REVENUE	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
	£	£	£
c/f from 07/08	973	33007	45914
08/09 allocation	52,233	42263	53827
Transfer from Wetherby ward	20,000		
Transfer from Harewood ward	5,000		
Total Allocated	78,206	75,270	99,741
Maecare	5,000		
Open House	19,000		
Northcall	25,000		
Environment Fund		10,000	10,000
Barwick Maypole		3,500	
Small Grants	5,000	5,000	5,000
Transfer to Alwoodley		5,000	20,000
Community Planning Officer		25000	25000
Gang resistance project			3680
Thorner Bowling Club		3180	
Wetherby Community bonfire			1000
Jubilee Garden pathway			1000
Northways playing field, Clifford			1165
Tempo Radio Station			2623
Total Committed	54000	51680	69468
Balance Remaining	24206	23590	30273

5. At the July Area Committee meeting Alwoodley Members agreed to transfer £20,000 capital to the Wetherby ward, Wetherby Members agreed to transfer £20,000 revenue to the Alwoodley ward and Harewood Members agreed to transfer £5,000 revenue to the Alwoodley ward to replenish their Small Grant Funding pot.
6. In addition, the Area Committee has a one year (2008/09) capital allocation of £73,500. This allocation was split informally into £24,501 per ward.
7. Details of the capital funding balance to date are presented in the table below for information on a ward basis and includes carry forward from the 3 year allocation from 2004 to 2007.

CAPITAL	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
	£	£	£
c/f from previous years	110,202	110,201	110,201
08/09 allocation	24,500	24,500	24,500
Transfer from Alwoodley			20,000
Total allocation	134,702	134,701	154,702
Spend on projects 2004-2007	64,900	72,200	92,000
Environment Fund	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
Northcall Computers	£1,500		
Barwick Festive Lights		£3,900	
Shadwell Lane Library		£1,000	
Bramham Village Hall			£5,000
Transfer to Wetherby	£20,000		
Cranmer Bank security	4000		
Thorner Victory Hall		10,000	
Total committed	100,400	97,100	107,000
Balance remaining	34,302	37,601	47,702

8. An extra £50,000 has been made available by the Executive Board for each Area Committee to spend in 2007/08.
9. It was noted at the September 2007 Area Committee meeting that this additional funding cannot be spent on projects that include on-going costs and that the Executive Board have identified two areas of strategic importance that they would like Area Committees to consider when deciding how to spend this money. The two areas for consideration are:
 - Carrying out a Conservation Area Review of conservation areas in their geographical area.

- Introducing Residents' Only parking / extra parking provision in particular areas of concern.

10. It was agreed at the September Area Committee that the sum should be split evenly between the three wards, therefore providing an allocation of £16,667 per ward. The money has been spent on the following projects:

Extra Allocation	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Wetherby Conservation Review			£8,000
Boston Spa/ Thorp Arch Conservation Review			£7,500
Thorner Conservation Review		£7,000	
Bardsey Conservation Review		£7,000	
Total Spent	£0	£14,000	£15,500
Total Allocated	£16,667	£16,667	£16,667
Balance Remaining	£16,667	£2,667	£1,167

Fund Updates - Small Grants

11. In March 2007, the Area Committee agreed that a Small Grants Fund be set aside within the Well Being Revenue Budget allocation. The purpose of the fund is to support small scale projects in the community. A maximum of two grants of £500 can be awarded to any one group in any financial year, to enable as many groups as possible to benefit.
12. Elected Members agreed at the July Area Committee meeting to replenish the small grant allocation for 2008 – 2009. Each ward replenished their small grant allocation with £5,000 per ward.
13. The table below shows what projects have received funding in 2008/09. No small grant applications have been approved since the last Area Committee meeting on 15th September 2008.

Small Grants	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Yorkshire Cricket bat			£175
Bramham Gala			£500
In Bloom Open Day	£55	£54	£54
Wetherby Engagement			£362
Northways Litter Bin			£321

Linton Village Pump Refurbishment		£500	
Active 8+ Project		£500	
Scarcroft hanging Baskets		£500	
Aberford Engagement		£182	
Unspent Grants		-£131	
Moor Allerton community Event	£428		
Skips	£0	£170	£85
Projects	£483	£1,605	£1,412
Total	£483	£1,775	£1,497
Total Allocated	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
Remaining	£4,517	£3,225	£3,503

Fund Updates - Environment fund

14. A number of bulb applications have been received which are to be funded from the Environment fund. The details of these are attached at Appendix 1.

Revenue Projects for Consideration

Highfield Primary School Security Improvements – Application submission £3k

15. The school is proposing to automate the pedestrian gate, and install an intercom and camera to monitor visitor access to the school site and improve safety and security for the children, staff and visitors to the school.
16. The improvement of security will help the school in making itself more accessible to organised out of school activity as part of its commitment to meeting the extended services agenda and encouraging community use.
17. This project relates to action H12 of the 2008/09 Area Delivery Plan, which aims to reduce crime and fear of crime and comes under the Thriving Communities theme.

Open House – Application submission £5k

18. Payment of £5,000 to maintain service provision whilst funding is sought to support future running costs. This is an urgent application which required an emergency payment, therefore, with the agreement of the Alwoodley members, authorisation was sought as a delegated decision of the Chief Regeneration Officer.
19. Open house is a Community Organisation in the Moor Allerton area of Alwoodley Ward. It works with public statutory and voluntary agencies and is a primary delivery base for core community services. The project was previously funded through NRF which ended in March 2008, and the organisation is currently seeking grant funding to continue its operation.

20. This project relates to action H15 of the 2008/09 Area Delivery Plan which aims to support the voluntary, community and faith sector to deliver service provision.

Capital Projects for Consideration

21. None

Projects in Development

22. The following projects are in development. This means that the Area Management Team is working with an organisation to ensure that any proposal submitted is linked to one or more of the Area Committee priorities, and that full application forms with appropriate information are submitted for each one.

Thorner Parish Centre (£49,000 – Harewood Ward)

23. Thorner Parish Centre have requested £49,000 towards the cost of refurbishing the centre. The refurbishment is planned to take place over three phases and will include the replacement of the toilets, provide a disabled toilet, install a new kitchen, require the building, replace the boiler, damp proof the building and replace the boiler system. The final phase will include the installation of a computer café.
24. The total cost of the project is estimated to be £80,000 and they have already raised £31,000. The management committee continue to seek sources of external funding. They have also met with Thorner Victory Hall and Thorner Parish Council to discuss how the centres will work together.
25. This project relates to action H9 of the 2008/09 Area Delivery Plan, which aims to support to develop and sustain activities in local facilities for young people and the local community and comes under the Stronger Communities Theme.

Spear Fir Ford (ONE.06.37.LG - £22,900 – Harewood Ward)

26. Spear Fir Ford is located on Spear Fir, between Bardsey and Wike. A number of repairs have been identified which will upgrade the historic ford and make it an attractive feature of the countryside.
27. The proposed work is to remove the stone slab forming the bridge, reconstruct the abutments, put back the bridge slab, replace the concrete posts and paint the tubular handrails, reinstate the footpaths to both sides of the bridge and the stone sets to the ford and install stone kerbs leading up to the ford.

Holywell Lane Footpath (£5,000 – Harewood Ward)

28. The project will ensure safe passage for the users of Holywell Lane Park, which is used by a large number of young people. The project will ensure that they are kept away from the road traffic in the lane and will extend the footpath as far as the entrance to the park.

Recommendations

29. The Area Committee is requested to:
- a. Approve the release of £3k of Wellbeing (revenue) budget for Highfield Primary School Security Improvements
 - b. Note the delegated decision made by the Chief Regeneration Officer and supported by Alwoodley Ward Members to release £5k of Wellbeing (revenue) budget for the Open House project.
 - c. Agree the allocation of small grants for each ward;
 - d. Note the bulb applications to be funded from the Environment Fund.
 - e. And note the projects in development.

Background Papers

Area Committee reports, July 2008: Well-Being Fund 2008/09

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Summary of Environment fund bulb applications

Project	Total cost
HAREWOOD	
	£
Barwick in Bloom	331.80
Collingham with Linton Parish Council	2148
Thorner Parish Council	542.40
Linton Parish Council	138.00
St Mary Magdalene Church (East Keswick)	36.00
Harewood Parish Council	57.60
Scarcroft Parish Council	38.40
Shadwell Parish Council	63.00
East Keswick Village Hall	61.20
Scholes in Bloom	879.60
Aberford Bulb Planting volunteer group	2288.40
Barwick C of E Primary School	66.60
Shadwell Primary School	73.80
Total	6724.8
ALWOODLEY	
	£
Slaid Hill in Bloom	129.30
Alwoodley Primary School	662.40
Total	791.70
WETHERBY	
	£
Wetherby Paths Partnership	660.00
Deepdale TRA	205.20
Boston Spa in Bloom	672.00
Clifford Parish Council	288.00
Primrose Lane Primary School	13.80
Wetherby High School	456.00
Wetherby in Bloom	64.80
Total	2359.80

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Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 27th October 2008

Subject: Town and Parish Council Forum Feedback Report

Electoral Wards Affected:
All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In

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

Executive Summary

This report updates the Area Committee on the feedback from the Town and Parish Council Forum held in the outer north east area held on the 18th September 2008.

Purpose

1. The purpose of the Town and Parish Council Forum is to consult with town and parish councils on area priorities and to identify and discuss local issues.
2. The Area Committee is requested to consider the feedback given, and through the Area Management Team, identify projects and service improvements that can be targeted to meet local needs.

Background information

3. The Harewood and Wetherby Town and Parish Council Forum met on 18th September 2008.

Main Issues - Feedback from the Forums

4. Feedback from the Forum is attached in Appendix one.

Future Forum dates

5. The next Harewood and Wetherby Town and Parish Council Forum will be held on Thursday 13 November at Harewood Village Hall.

Recommendations

6. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.

Background Papers

- None

HAREWOOD AND WETHERBY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL FORUM
Scarcroft Village Hall, 18th September 2008

Agenda Items:

- Transition Towns
- Grass Cutting

Transition Towns

This item was proposed after two members of the forum had attended a talk on Transition Towns at a conference organised by the Yorkshire Rural Community Council.

Transition Towns was an initiative started 2 years ago in Devon aimed at showing how small rural communities can become carbon neutral in order to become more resilient to problems arising through climate change. Help is available from a handbook and website at www.transitiontowns.org.

A 12 step approach sets out how a place can become a transition town:

1. Setting up a steering group
2. Awareness raising
3. Lay the foundations
4. Launch
5. Form sub groups
6. Use open spaces
7. Develop visible manifestations of the project
8. Develop new skills
9. Build a bridge to local government
10. Learn from the past
11. Let it go where it wants to go
12. Create an Energy Descent plan

The climate change issues highlighted as specific to this area were listed as:

- Flooding
- The impact of the motorway
- Renewable energy, in particular windfarms
- Traffic congestion

Following a discussion it was agreed that this item should be included on the agenda of the next meeting to enable the views of the parish councils to be feedback.

Grass Cutting

Roger Foyle and Stephen Smith attended the meeting for this item.

The grass cutting contract with Glendales is for 3 years and is extendable by 3 single years. We are currently at the mid point of year 4 and they have been awarded the contract for year 5.

A number of issues were raised by the various representatives at the meeting concerning the quality of the grass cutting service, uncertainty over what Glendales are responsible for, and monitoring of the contract. Comments included:

- Glendales do not know what areas should be cut;
- The contract needs to be monitored properly if it is to be managed effectively;

- Glendales continue to get paid even though work is not completed;
- The grass is left uncut for long periods and when it is cut is not removed which creates a mess;
- The quality of the work is poor;

Some of the Parish Councils said they could take on some of the grass cutting, and one suggestion was to pilot a scheme where parish councils took over responsibility for grass cutting from Glendales.

Weed spraying was discussed, this is a reactive service sub contracted through Parks and Countryside.

Overhanging trees – responsibility depends on ownership.

Other Business

Christmas lights were discussed, Barwick have recently applied for Well Being funding for Christmas lights, and Aberford expressed an interest in information on festive lights.

Harewood PC raised a query regarding responsibility for milestones and were advised to contact the Milestone Society.

The next meeting is on Thursday 13th November 2008 at Harewood Village Hall.