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### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC OPEN FORUM MEETING

A public open forum based on 'Community Safety' will be held prior to the Area Committee meeting between 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. at New Wortley Community Centre.

#### WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

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Meeting to be held in New Wortley Community Centre,  
40 Tong Road, Leeds LS12 1LZ on  
Thursday, 23rd October, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.

(Note: Themed meeting at 9.00 a.m.)

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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

Hazel Boutle	-	Armley Forum
Stephen McBarron	-	Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum
Morgan Pugh	-	Armley Forum

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

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

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

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1			<p><b>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</b></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><b>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></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><b>RESOLVED</b> – 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:-</p>	

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3			<p><b>LATE ITEMS</b></p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	
4			<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p>	
5			<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b></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><b>OPEN FORUM / COMMUNITY FORUMS</b></p> <p>In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p> <p>It is also intended to submit under this item for information/discussion purposes the minutes of the local community forum meetings. The following sets of minutes are enclosed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Armley Community Forum meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008.</li> <li>(b) Bramley &amp; Stanningley Community Forum meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008.</li> </ul>	1 - 6

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7			<p><b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2008 AND MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008 and any matters arising from those minutes.</p>	7 - 16
8	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p><b>COMMUNITY SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT</b></p> <p>To consider a report by the North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership which provides an overview of the performance of the partnership and the ward based Neighbourhood Policing Team. The report also includes details of initiatives that have been delivered in local communities to reduce crime and disorder for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008.</p> <p>(Executive Function)</p>	17 - 48
9	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p><b>EARLY YEARS CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS 2008/2011</b></p> <p>To note a report by the Childcare Strategy Implementation Manager on the capital funding allocations for 2008/2011 that will support the implementation in the Inner West of the 10 Year Strategy for Childcare and the statutory duties under the subsequent Childcare Act 2006.</p> <p>(Executive Function)</p>	49 - 52
10	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p><b>AREA MANAGER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>To note a report by the West North West Area Manager providing an update on a number of initiatives and projects within the Inner West Leeds Area Delivery Plan.</p> <p>(Executive Function)</p>	53 - 56

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11	All Wards		<p><b>LEEDS COLLEGES MERGER - CONSULTATION</b></p> <p>To consider a report by the West North West Area Manager seeking 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, which could include locations for the centre and sites for the new College for the provision of further education in the neighbourhoods and communities served by the Area Committee.</p> <p>(Council Function)</p>	57 - 58
12	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p><b>INNER WEST AREA COMMITTEE WELL-BEING FUND UPDATE</b></p> <p>To consider a report by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to update Members on the current amount of capital and revenue funding committed and available via the Area Committee Well-Being Budget for wards in the Inner West area. The report also seeks approval for new and continuing projects commissioned by the Area Management Team.</p> <p>(Executive Function)</p>	59 - 76
13	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p><b>UPDATE ON PROJECTS FUNDED FROM WEST INNER WELL-BEING BUDGET APRIL 2007-MARCH 2008</b></p> <p>To note a report by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to update Members on progress with projects commissioned for the financial year 2007-2008 and approved to receive Well Being Funding from the Inner West Area Committee.</p> <p>(Executive Function)</p>	77 - 86

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14	Bramley and Stanningley		<p><b>FAIRFIELDS SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES UPDATE</b></p> <p>To consider a report by the West North West Area Manager to brief Members on the achievements of the Fairfield Community Partnership, the outputs from the associated partnership working and to show the proposed future actions to further improve the estate.</p> <p>(Executive Function)</p>	87 - 94
15	Armley; Bramley and Stanningley;		<p><b>WEST LEEDS GATEWAY REGENERATION PROGRAMME UPDATE</b></p> <p>The West Leeds Gateway Board submitted a report to update Members of the West (Inner) Area Committee on the progress made on key project activity relating to the regeneration of the West Leeds Gateway and to note the proposed new governance arrangements for the West Leeds Gateway Board intent on creating a robust structure capable of taking forward this ambitious regeneration programme.</p> <p>(Council Function)</p>	95 - 102
16			<p><b>DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 5.00 p.m. (Venue to be considered)</p> <p>(Map of Venue to New Wortley Community Centre attached)</p> <p><b>MAP TO TODAY'S MEETING</b></p> <p>New Wortley Community Centre, 40 Tong Road, Wortley, Leeds, LS12 1IZ</p>	

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# Agenda Item 6



## Environments & Neighbourhoods West Leeds Area Management

### Armley Community Forum Present:

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Cllr Harper(Chair), Cllr A Lowe, C Clark, A Pickering, I Penman, J T Wright, K Lemm, D Peck, E Bowes, H Shields, H and D Boutle, E & B Rayworth, W Gregg, B Holmes, S Jeffrey, S and B Richmond, B Draper, J Ramell, M Stead, D Stead, C Hodgson, D Howarth, M Hodgson, P Pickavance, E Koubetsou, J Gill, E Hey, D and T Maynard, J and J Newsome, C Walker, M and B Brewis, L Davies, H Gardiner, N and G Conway, E Sykes, J Ford, T Holland, J Acornley, Audrey Paul, M Pugh.

### ACTION

#### 1.00 Welcome

1.01 Cllr Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting

#### 2.00 Apologies

2.01 D Newsome, Honorary Alderman B Nelson, F Smythe, K Draper

#### 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 9:03 Cllr Harper invited people to the Themed discussion on Children and Young People taking place prior to the next Area Committee.

11:01 Cllr Harper has met with the Environmental Action Team to discuss. A letter is to be sent out to local businesses asking them to ensure that staff are not throwing down cigarette butts. The fixed penalty fine for throwing a cigarette butt is £75 (£50 if paid within 7 days).

11:03 Cllr Harper has contacted Planning and is awaiting further information.

Cllr H

#### 5.00 Community Safety Update and Tension Monitoring – Local Policing Team

5.01 Railings for the binyards at the Cedars are still to be installed. Cllr H to report back next time. CC

5.02 Motorbikes in the Clydes area causing problems, police aware. Two individuals concerned have been issued a first warning, and if caught a second time the bikes can be confiscated.

5.03 In response to a question about deployment of PCSOs in the Cedars, the officer responded that deployment of PCSOs is based on where the priority areas are. Cedars is currently a priority area, and the police are having positive results.

5.04 Still a problem with fires on Moorfield Rec.

5.05 No incidents to report in relation to tension monitoring to report.

#### 6.00 Neighbourhood Wardens

6.01 In the absence of a warden attending, Cllr Harper talked about the work they do for local communities.

#### 7.00 Conservation Area Management Plan and nomination of representative to Heritage Advisory Group

7:01 Phil Ward, Conservation Officer gave a presentation on the outline and features of the conservation area and how it would be managed. Key points were the importance of working with developers, a proposal for a shopfront policy, the importance of design standards, engaging the local community in the importance of

protecting the Heritage of Armley, and measuring the effectiveness of the conservation area. Phil took a number of questions:

- 7:02 The grant awarded for environmental works on Strawberry Fields can not currently be used due to a landownership issue. Cllr Lowe said she would look into it if the school contacted her with the details. **Cllr Lowe**
- 7:03 Triangle of land behind Kentucky Fried Chicken is not mowed. This is one of many small areas not part of the grass cutting contract. Cllrs have previously taken this up, and will try again. **Cllrs**
- 7:04 Land to the rear of Somerfield is very untidy, this is a matter for the Environmental Action Team rather than planning. To be referred.
- 7:05 One way system, a route has been looked at, but further work is needed to look at a suitable route which allow traffic to flow.
- 7:06 Positive buildings are not necessarily listed, it is about recognising what's important, working with developers and businesses to encourage new development to fit in with the character of the area. The conservation area gives powers to protect buildings.
- 7:07 Planning permission is required for rendering stone buildings.
- 7:08 The council has to be notified before a tree in a conservation area can be lopped, topped or felled.
- 7:09 There are some concerns that some trees on Eyres Terrace may be felled. Resident has contacted Cllr McKenna.
- 7:10 The 'lock up' at Stocks Hill will be preserved, this is part of the planning consent for new development on the site.
- 7:11 Any variation on a planning consent requires a further planning consent.
- 7:12 The following people agreed to join the Heritage Advisory Group:  
David Boutle, Hannah Gordon, Clancy Walker. Phil Ward has also arranged for a member of the Armley Society to join the group. First meeting of the group is 23 September.

## **8.00 AOB**

- 8:01 The 'cutting the first sod' ceremony for the new Armley Leisure Centre takes place on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 8:02 Residents near West Leeds school are concerned about the closure of a open space being fenced off for use as temporary site depot. Cllr Lowe is checking with planning on whether there is a public right of way through the site.
- 8:03 Eyres Street – dead end sign still hasn't been repositioned. Cllr Lowe to chase up. **Cllr L**
- 8:04 Paving stones on Hereford Street (Aviaries) have been lifted and stolen. There are local concerns that they will be replaced with tarmac as has happened previously. This is area is due for repair and is on the maintenance schedule. Cllr Harper will check what repairs are due. **Cllr H**

8:05



Armley Cake Competition at Charlie Cake Park  
This was a great success last year with 88 cakes entered in a number of different categories. This year includes an international category. The event takes place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October and will be a great day out.

## **12.00 Date & time of next meeting**

12.01 **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008, Armley One Stop Centre**

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

**Date:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008

**Present:** P Miles, M Tyon, S Longley, Y Beesting, I Cullum, C Crookson, Barron, B Hobson, C Fox, D Maynard, T Maynard, A Iqbal, R Deighton, E Deighton, A Silson, P Ward, E+B Rayworth, N Gibson, J Upton, A Pickering, A Khan, S Withers, S McBarron, M North.

ACT

**1.00 WELCOME**

1.01 **APOLOGIES** – Mr+Mrs Lockett, Rachel Reeves, Cllr Atkinson,  
All of our thoughts to Cllr Atkinson who is still in hospital, we hope to see her fit and well at the next meeting.

**2.00 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** – agreed.

**3.00 Matters Arising –**

3.01 Lord Cardigan Pub – no progress on lease. Everything is on hold at this time. Updates will be given when information is known

**4.00 Policing Issues – Police / PCSOs –** Insp. Bowes, Acting Insp. Jon Glennon

4.01 Apologies from Chief Superintendent Ian Whitehouse who was unfortunately on a job but will hopefully be available to come to the next meeting.

4.02 Overview of Bramley – last 6 months has shown a reduction in overall crime

4.03 Number of schemes currently running

**ABACUS** – divisional wide scheme looking at burglary dwelling, including both uniform and plain clothes officers. Works by flooding an area with staff and putting nominals on the backfoot.

**Capture house** – 1 currently in Armley, 2 planned for Bramley, basically the house is filled with smartwater and other capture techniques.

**Capture car and trackable assets** – another 2 ways that are being used to target nominals

Also there is a proactive drive on the Fairfields and Summerfields, Intake school is also a focus of attention.

4.04 Bramley Shopping centre – youths that were an issue earlier in the year have moved from the centre to Bramley Park. Currently this does not seem to be causing too much of an issue.

4.05 2-3 families to be targeted in the Wythers.

4.05 Questions/comments

- Speeding is a big issue on all of the main routes through Bramley, Whitecoate hill, Broad lane, Town street, L/B road. The crossing next to the Globe pub is really bad could this be changed to a pelican crossing? **GF to invite highways person to explain future plans and ideas for traffic issues in the area.**
- Music in cars? Is this something that can be prosecuted on? – the only action that can be taken is if it is effecting the drivers ability to control the

GF

- vehicle.
- Issues were raised over a noise nuisance problem in St Michaels Court –  
**GF to distribute information to the area**
- 4.07 New text service – 078950080240 start text with NPTWI  
<http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/section-item.asp?sid=12&iid=5280>
- 5.00 AOB – brought forward due to timescales on the evening**
- 5.01 West Leeds Debt Forum – Loan Shark project
  - Debt is a major issue in the area
  - If you are having any issues please call 0300 555 2222
  - Or email [stoploansharks@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:stoploansharks@leeds.gov.uk)
- 5.02 Housing development discussion – Local Ward Councillors
  - Councillors led a discussion on the current housing market and the impact it is making locally to the developments on the likes of Pollard Lane
- 5.03 Equality monitoring – Gavin Forster (Area Management Team)
  - Leeds as a city is an incredibly diverse, with an ever changing population. This means that the Council needs to be able to monitor who we are currently working with and their needs. The feedback form just handed out will allow us to make changes to the meetings we hold and the way that we contact you. If there are any questions that you don't feel you wouldn't like to answer leave them blank. But the more information you give us the more useful each form will be.
  - If you could please fill in the form and get it back to us we would be most appreciative
- 5.04 The road running from Swinnow lane to Hough lane. Major concerns raised over the condition of the road and how works have not been looked at for the last 30 years since a tragic accident occurred. GF to investigate and update the meeting
- 6.00 Bramley Park – Guy Smithson Leeds City Council Parks and countryside**
- 6.01
  - In Leeds there are 73 community parks, Leeds uses the Green flag award criteria for monitoring the quality of the parks. Currently 17% of the parks meet this standard.
  - 4years ago £3.7 million was given as part of the parks renaissance, Armley Park was successful but Bramley wasn't. this mean that the only works in the pipeline for Bramley park are the regular improvements on the rolling programme.
  - As a team Parks are trying their best but due to the decrease in funding this obviously has limitations on the amount of work that can be done.
  - There is a new gardener for the park who is a Bramley lad and is very keen. E has only been in post for 8 weeks but is making some big improvements already.
  - Martin Farrington (Head of parks & countryside) has been out onsite to see the type of works that needs to be completed.
  - Residents raised concerns over the play area and the associated damage caused by the local children. The site is good for football and the band events were great but not publicised enough.
  - GF to liaise with GS to get all of the events advertising out with the forum minutes
  - The bins are not emptied enough
  - Issues were raised over some of the adjoining buildings to the park, one of the building has barbed wire hanging on to the park and the building next to the reservoir again has barbwire that could be dangerous. GS to look at it
- 6.02 Cllr taggert arrives

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**7.00 BARCA Leeds – Drug treatment in Bramley - I Cullum & C Crookson**

7.01 Introductions, an overview given of the service:

- Service is voluntary
- Currently providing a prescription service
- Therapists provide support
- Social support given to help with housing, volunteering etc
- The service had been always done centrally but now locally which is having a higher success rate
- Crime reduction can in some areas be put down to this improved local support
- 500 people from WNW aged 16-65
- Working in partnership with the local pharmacies, people do need to take responsibility for their actions.
- The people using the Manor house are all local

If there are any worries over dealing the police need to be informed, the issues raised over the chemists need to be raised with them.

Schemes often run along the lines of:

- 3 months supervised administration of the prescription drugs
- After that time if progress is made this can reduce to 3 days a week and the rest taken at home
- All of the actions are led by the proof of progress

**8.00 AOB**

8.01 Confirmation of guests for next meeting

- Highways to discuss any plans for road changes in Bramley
- A N Other fun speaker

8.02 Would it be possible to install a community notice board? Gf to investigate funding as this would be of benefit to the whole community

9.00 Dates of meetings in 2008 - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008  
29<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
28<sup>th</sup> May 2009

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## WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2008

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Harper in the Chair

Councillors T Hanley, A Lowe and  
N Taggart

**Co-optees:** H Boutle, - Armley Forum  
M Pugh – Armley Forum  
S McBarron – Bramley & Stanningley Forum

### 15 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair informed the meeting that Councillor Denise Atkinson is once again in hospital after having had further surgery and she that she was in good spirit. The Chair requested West Area Management Office to send Councillor Atkinson this Area Committee's good wishes. She also referred to the useful meeting held with members of the Children's Service Partnership about the current plans and priorities for the Inner West area.

### 16 Late Items

In accordance with his powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair admitted on to the agenda an additional Area Committee Well-Being Budget Small Grant application for funding for an event linked to 'Inside Justice Week' commencing on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008. As the event will take place before the next meeting of this Area Committee the Chair accepted this item on to the agenda (Minute 26 (d)(i) refers).

### 17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor D Atkinson and Councillor J McKenna. The Chair also informed the meeting that Councillor Taggart would be arriving late to the meeting.

### 18 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

Councillor A Lowe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in her capacity as Chair of Governors at Intake High School (Agenda Item No.10 Minute refers) and as a Director of West North West Homes (Agenda Item No. 12 (Appendix 1) Minute 26 refers).

## **19 Open Forum / Community Forums**

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 occasions, no members of the public were present.

### **RESOLVED -**

- (a) That the minutes of the Armley Community Forum meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were also submitted for information and noted.
- (b) That the minutes of the Bramley & Stanningley Community Forum meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were also submitted for information and noted.

## **20 Minutes - 26th June 2008**

**RESOLVED -** That the minute of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

## **21 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The Chair reminded the meeting of the Area Committee's request for further information regarding how much each company paid for the use of those lamp posts.

**RESOLVED –** That the West/North West Area Manager be requested to investigate this matter and report back to the next meeting of this Area Committee.

## **22 Community Safety Update**

Acting NPT Inspector Jon Glennon for West Inner Neighbourhood Policing Team updated Members regarding community safety issues in the Committee's Area.

The Acting NPT Inspector informed the meeting that NPT Inspector Anwar Mohammed had now moved on to pastures new and was now on public orders training. There will be a replacement within two to three weeks.

In brief, the following information was given at the meeting:

- That burglary offence were down on this period last year which is due to the hard work put in by Officers and PCSO's in the area.
- The main area for concern at the moment is burglary and vehicle crime. Certain areas such as Little Scotland are on the receiving end of property crime, vehicle crime and burglary crime.
- Anti-Social Behaviour in Inner West has dropped significantly. Reports to the Police have dropped. It is an area where the Police are keen to



get out and about in the area to engage with people to try and resolve the issue of anti-social behaviour.

- Operation Abacus – the Inspector informed the meeting that this was now running for another month to six weeks.
- There has been a rise in diesel thefts in the area due to the rising fuel prices. The Police have fitted cameras to catch the thieves.
- The Inspector informed the meeting of the Pudsey Police Station Public Open Day to be held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008 from 11.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. and everyone is invited – 500 local residents have been invited. The Police are trying to raise awareness and engage with the community. A leaflet of the event was tabled for Members information.
- Hazel Boutle, Armley Forum Co-optee informed the meeting that there had been six burglaries in the last three weeks on the Little Scotland area. The Inspector informed the meeting that the Police are aware of the situation and assured her that there will be ‘Catch a Cars’ strategically placed in the area. The Inspector went on to explain that ‘Catch a Cars’ were under cover Police vehicles with cameras in them.
- Councillor Lowe informed the meeting that there had been quite a few public events in the New Wortley area and there had been problems with bikes.

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

## **23 Environmental Service Issues - Inner West Leeds**

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Chief Environmental Services Officer who gave a brief update on various service related issues within the Area Committee’s boundary and the recent implementation of the newly established Environmental Action Teams (EAT) to provide a greater focus on area based working, including enforcement.

Andrew Mason, Chief Environmental Services Officer introduced himself and gave a brief overview of Environmental Services responsibilities for a range of streetscene services including, refuse collection and recycling, street cleansing, bulky waste collection, fly tipping removal. Environmental enforcement, household waste sorting sites and parking related enforcement. As well as other main stream services for environmental health such as food inspections, work place conditions, private sector housing conditions, pest control and dog wardens.

Ruth Lees, West/North West Environmental Action Team Manager gave a brief outline of the newly established Environmental Action Team for the West/North West area and gave an update on what her Team intend to deal with in the West Inner area at the moment. It was report that the bin yards on the Cedars are getting really untidy again and unless this is cleared up by the residents, EAT will be serving quite a few fixed penalty notices. Armley Town Street also has a problem with cigarette butts outside shops, banks and public houses and the EAT team intend to work with these businesses before serving enforcement notices on them to clean the area outside their premises.

Andrew Mason, Chief Environmental Services Officer and Ruth Lees, West/North West Environmental Action Team Manager responded to Members questions and comments relating to fixed penalty notices and educating children in schools regarding litter.

In brief, the main areas of discussion were:-

- proposals to change the uniform worn by Enforcement Officers.
- concern was expressed as to whether EAT are able to deal with the 2,500 requests per week for the whole of West North West.
- the constant problems with litter being dropped in and around the residential area at Intake High School.
- fixed penalty notices for dropping litter and the increasing problem in and around the area by pupils attending Intake High School.
- that the age limit for serving fixed penalty notices is 14. Members suggested that the children under the age of 14 committing offences of dropping litter in the area should be given some kind of community service and be made to clean the area up themselves. This time should be served within the children's quality time during the weekend period.

The Chair thanked officers for their attendance.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the contents of the report and the overview of the services provided by Environmental Services for the West Outer area, be noted.
- (b) That the Chief Environmental Services Officer, together with his Enforcement Officers (in their new uniforms) for the West Inner Area be invited to the Armley and Bramley & Stanningley Community Forums.
- (c) That the Chief Environmental Services Officer be instructed to liaise with the Headteacher of Intake High School regarding the constant problems with litter being dropped in and around the area by pupils attending Intake High School.
- (d) That Enforcement Officers be requested to patrol the area in and around Intake High School and the shops on Summerfield Drive, who should be instructed to clear up the areas outside their properties and surrounding areas.

(Note: Councillor N Taggart joined the meeting at approximately 11.15 a.m. during consideration of the above item).

#### **24 Review of Secondary Education Provision in Inner West Leeds - Proposal to Establish an Academy on Intake High School Site**

The Chief Executive, Education Leeds submitted a detailed report on the public consultation document on the proposals for future Secondary School provision at Intake High School.

Appended to the report was a copy of the Public Consultation document on Future Secondary School Provision proposals for Intake High School – 8<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

The Chair welcomed the following Officers to the meeting who responded to Members' questions and comments:-

- Pat Toner – Strategic Manager, Education Leeds
- George Turnbull – Education Leeds
- Ian Comfort – Edutrust Acadamies
- Fred Groom – Edustruct Acadamies

Pat Toner, Strategic Manager, Education Leeds presented the report and brought Members' attention to the timetable of consultation meetings as outlined in the appendices. Members were asked how frequently they wished to be briefed on this consultation. It was suggested that fortnightly briefing sessions should take place. Amanda Jackson, Children's Services also requested to be included in the briefing sessions.

In brief, specific reference was made on the following issues:-

- concern about the relationship between the trade unions and the new Board.
- clarification of why officers feel that the proposed new Academy will make a difference and how do they measure success.
- concern that the statistics for the David Young Academy and South Leeds High School have not seen much improvement to date.
- concern with regard to the GCSE Achievement (5 A\* - C GCSE grades) 2007 and what proposals are being made to increase on these averages.
- the need for a guarantee that this Academy will deliver as Members felt that the children of Leeds need to develop their talents to maximise their abilities.
- the need to know more about Edutrust Acadamies.
- the composition of the proposed Board of Governors for the new Academy.

At this point in the meeting Ian Comfort, Edutrust Acadamies introduced himself and gave a brief explanation on Edutrust Acadamies.

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the report and consultation document, which includes the proposed timetable for consultation and meetings, be received and noted.
- (b) That the Strategic Manager, Education Leeds submit an updated Appendix in relation to table 4: GCSE Achievements (5 A\*-C GCSE grades).
- (c) That the Strategic Manager, Education Leeds be requested to provide fortnightly updates to Area Committee Members and the West/North West Area Manager.

(Note 1: Councillor A Lowe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above item in her capacity as Chair of Governors at Intake High School. The Councillor left the meeting and took no part in the discussions).

(Note 2: During consideration of the above item Councillor Lowe was called away to another meeting and therefore, left the meeting at 11.30 a.m.).

## **25 'Safety Central' - Development of the Former Bramley Fire Station**

The Chief Executive of the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service submitted a report providing Members with information regarding the development of Safety Central and to invite the continued involvement of Inner West Area Committee in the local development. Safety Central is scheduled to open in Autumn of 2009 and the old fire station premises on Stanningley Road are now being renovated.

Gayle Elvidge, Partnership Officer, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services presented the report and responded to Members' questions and comments.

Safety Central is the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services centre of excellence for the development and safety awareness and education. Upon its launch Safety Central will focus on working with partner organisations towards the eight workstreams outlined below:

- Road Safety
- Alcohol Abuse
- Community Cohesion
- Deliberate and Anti Social Fire Prevention
- Working with Minority Ethnic and Migrant Communities to increase Safety in the Home.
- Safety Awareness for Older People
- Accident Prevention for Vulnerable Groups
- Safety for Young People.

Steve Crocker, West North West Area Manager informed the meeting that the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) are looking to co-locate at the Centre.

The Chair thanked Gayle Elvidge for her attendance.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be received and its contents noted.

## **26 Inner West Area Committee Well-Being Budget Update**

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a detailed report providing an update on the current amount of capital and revenue funding committed and available for the 2008/2009 financial year.

Rebecca Boon, Area Management Officer presented the report and reminded Members of the earlier discussion regarding the late item – small grant

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application for funding. The Area Committee were also reminded that the Revenue Well-Being fund available for 2008/09 was £20,969.94 and Capital Well-Being fund is £92,400.

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the current financial status of the Well-Being Budget, both capital and revenue, be noted.
- (b) That the following decisions be taken in respect of new projects and requests for funding from the Well-Being Budget contained in appendices attached and listed in Paragraph 3.1 of the submitted report:
  - (i) Community Development Worker – That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting in order that an action plan on proposals for future funding of this post be submitted.
  - (ii) Hip Hops Edutainment Programme for Armley – Deferred.
  - (iii) Sikh Temple Refurbishment – Deferred.
  - (iv) Grass Cutting at Holdforth Place, New Wortley – Deferred.
  - (v) Town Centre Manager for Armley - confirmation of funding over two years - deferred until the next meeting.
- (c) That the list of Small Grant made since the last meeting as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of the report, be noted.
- (d) That the following Small Grant application was considered as a late item and tabled at the meeting, due to the project being carried out before the next meeting:
  - (i) Inside Justice Week, West Yorkshire Police - £250 – Approved.

(Note: During the course of this item Councillor N Taggart declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Grass Cutting application for funding (Resolution (iv) above refers) his capacity as a Panel Member of Inner West ALMO Panel, the Councillor left the room and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon. Councillor Lowe declared a similar interest early but had already left the meeting prior to its consideration).

**27 Wyther Community Centre - Scrutiny Report**

Referring to Minute 93 of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 and Minute 6 of the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008, the West/North West Area Manager submitted a report on the outcome of this Area Committee's referral to Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) at its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008 regarding the final costs for the disposal of the Wyther Community Centre.

Appended to the report was a copy of the report submitted by the Director of Environmental and Neighbourhoods to the Scrutiny Board, together with an extract of the minutes which relate the outcome of the investigation.

**RESOLVED -** That the report and appendices be received and noted.

## 28 Area Committee Roles for 2008/2009

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report, which provided the Area Committee with details of the area function schedules and roles for 2008/09.

The following information was appended to the report:-

- Executive Board report – Area Committee Roles 2008/09;
- Area Committee Roles for 2008/09 – Area Functions; and
- Area Committee Roles for 2008/09 – Other Roles.

Steve Crocker, West/North West Area Manager, attended the meeting to update the Committee and respond to Members' questions and comments. The Area Manager referred to some of the area roles and functions such as Environmental Action Team (EAT), street cleansing, highways maintenance etc listed for 2008/09.

From the point of the Leeds Strategic Plan, the Area Manager referred to the area themes and informed the meeting that the next theme to be submitted to the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008 meeting will be on 'Community Engagement'.

In brief, the main areas discussed were:-

- more responsibility and power for Area Committee's but to be supplied with the budget to go with that responsibility.
- advertising on lamp posts – it will be the planning department who will decide on an Area Committee's objections to inappropriate adverts.
- the complaints Members receive every day regarding street cleansing and the cross-cutting powers to deal with maintenance of the area.
- Members expressed their concern at the lack of progress on reviewing Conservation Areas in West Leeds.

It was suggested that the Chair of the committee correspond with the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing detailing the views on the roles and responsibilities of the West Inner Area Committee and the lack of budgetary responsibility. It was also suggested that the Area Committee's concerns regarding the lack of progress on reviewing Conservation Areas in Bramley be addressed through correspondence with the Director of City Development.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the Chair of the West Inner Area Committee correspond with the Executive Member - Neighbourhoods and Housing detailing Members views on the roles and responsibilities of the West Inner Area Committee and its current budget.

- (c) That the West/North West Area Manager correspond with the Director of City Development regarding the concerns expressed by this Area Committee with regard to the lack of progress on reviewing Conservation Areas in West Leeds.

## **29 Area Manager's Report**

Consideration was given to a report by the West/North West Area Manager providing an update on a number of initiatives and projects within the Inner West Leeds Area Delivery Plan.

The following projects were discussed:

- Community Centre
- Neighbourhood Wardens
- Neighbourhood Management
- Regeneration

The Area Manager informed the meeting that the Armley Town and District Centre funding report will be submitted to the Executive Board in November which means the scheme will start after Christmas.

**RESOLVED** - That the progress of the various projects outlined in the report be noted and that it be confirmed Member of this Area Committee continues to support the projects.

## **30 Inner West Area Delivery Plan Progress Report for Quarters 3 and 4**

The West/North West Area Manager submitted a detailed report providing Members with an update on progress in implementing the actions contained in delivering the Area Delivery Plan for quarters 3 and 4 of 2007/2008.

Appended to the report was an extensive list of the Leeds Local Area Agreement mandatory targets.

Steve Crocker and Carole Clark presented the report and responded to Members questions and comments.

In brief, the main areas of discussion were the Youth Service "Northern Ireland" project and the Strawberry Lane Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** – That the progress to date on actions contained in the Area Delivery Plan be received and noted.

## **31 Carole Clark - Area Management Officer**

The Chair thanked Carole Clark, Area Management Officer for all the hard work she had carried out for the West Inner areas over the last four years and wished her well in all her endeavours.

The Chair also welcomed Alison Pickering who will be replacing Carole Clark.

**32 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 at 10.00 a.m. (Themed meeting on Community Safety Partnerships to commence at 9.00 a.m.) – Venue to be arranged.



## Report of the North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership

### Inner West Area Committee

**Date: 23 October 2008**

**Subject: Community Safety Annual Report**

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p>Armley Bramley and Stanningley</p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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the report

## Executive Summary

This report provides Members of the Area Committee with an overview of the performance of the North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership and ward based Neighbourhood Policing Team. It will also include details of the initiatives that have been delivered in local communities to reduce crime and disorder. The report focuses upon the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

### The purpose of this report is to:

- Report on multi-agency ward based sub-groups and activities
- Report on the performance of the North West Police Division and ward crime statistics
- Report on Neighbourhood Warden, Poilice Community Support Officers (PCSO's) activity and Police Operations from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 to 30th September 2008.

## 1. Tasking Arrangements

The Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP) Strategic Plan has now been produced. The document will be the framework upon which the DCSP will develop activity and manage performance against strategic outcomes of the city, Safer Leeds Strategy 08 – 11 and the Area Delivery Plan. The North West DCSP Strategic Plan is attached at Appendix 1 for comments.

The Neighbourhood Police Teams are aligned with the Inner and Outer Multi-Agency Tasking Teams, which also have now been aligned to ward boundaries.

### Performance Framework

The co-chairs of the tasking meetings have responsibility for monitoring performance and local delivery which is overseen by the Area Community Safety Co-ordinators. The proposed introduction of the action template will provide valuable evidence in recording evidence of supporting locality focused working.

The intention is to provide a summary of local actions from each tasking team to Ward Members which will be included in the quarterly Divisional Community Safety highlight report.

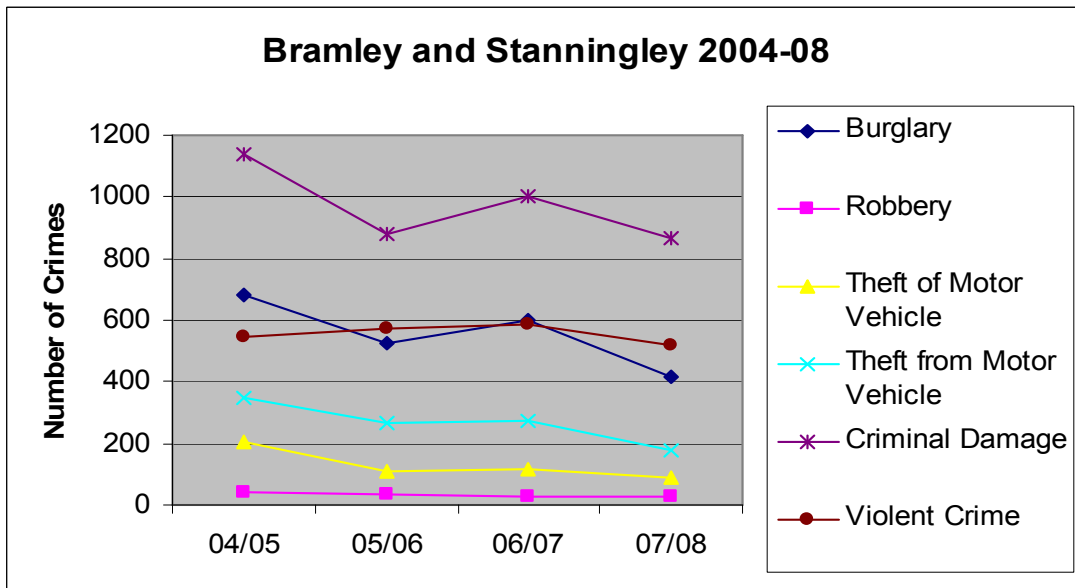
## 2. Ward Crime Statistics

Detailed below are crime statistics from April 2004 to March 2008 across West Inner wards and a comparison of all crime between those wards.

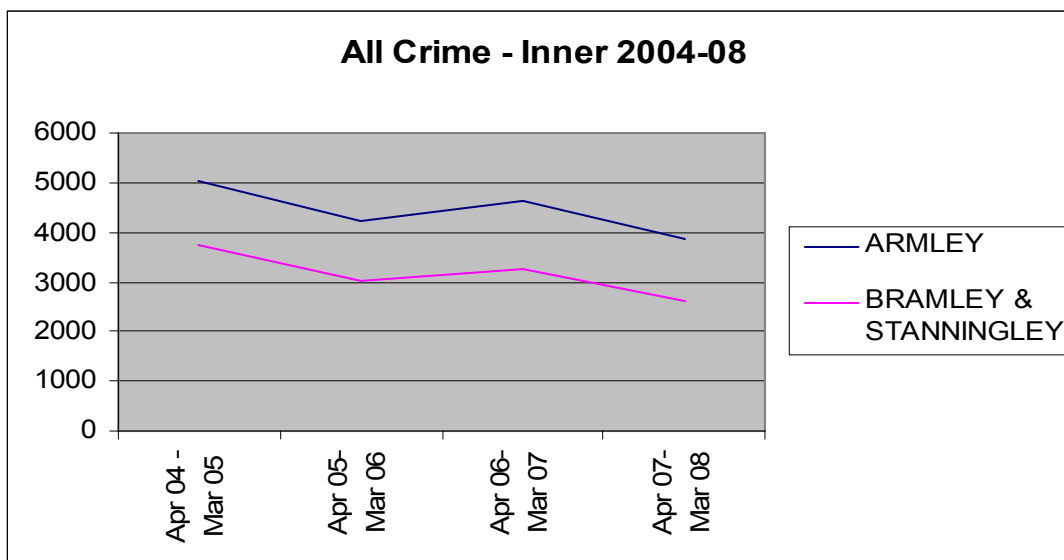
	<b>Armley</b>			
	<b>04/05</b>	<b>05/06</b>	<b>06/07</b>	<b>07/08</b>
Burglary	889	701	712	707
Robbery	75	64	61	32
Theft of Motor Vehicle	287	160	187	120
Theft from Motor Vehicle	495	411	460	442
Criminal Damage	1412	1044	1215	977
Violent Crime	789	772	801	641

	<b>Bramley and Stanningley</b>			
	<b>04/05</b>	<b>05/06</b>	<b>06/07</b>	<b>07/08</b>
Burglary	682	526	599	415
Robbery	42	32	36	30
Theft of Motor Vehicle	120	108	114	87
Theft from Motor Vehicle	348	268	271	179
Criminal Damage	1142	877	271	179
Violent Crime	545	570	587	517



Ward	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08
Armley	5036	4240	4616	3861
Bramley and Stanningley	3739	3024	3248	2612



From the tables above there has been a steady downtrend in all the priority crimes over the last 4 years, and in particular a reduction in the number of criminal damage offences. Over the last 12 months crime has reduced by 8% for the City and 7% within the North West police division.

Data from Safer Leeds Ward Crime Statistics.

### 3. **Ward Based Activities – Armley, Bramley and Stanningley**

#### 3.1 **Acquisitive Crime**

During Operation Champion in July 07, a total of 50 high risk properties were target hardened on the Broadlea estate in Bramley.

On the Wythers estate in Armley, 500 smart water kits were funded from the Area Committee, West North West Homes and Leeds Federated Housing Association and administered as part of a multi-agency action day on the Wyther estate on 1<sup>st</sup> May 08.

During Operation Strikeback (October to December 07), extra officers were deployed in areas. This included mounted officers and high visibility police officers providing crime prevention advice. This operation was set up to combat burglary dwellings offences in the Bramley area. Numerous shifts were changed for both PCSOs and PCs in order to make sure an increased police presence was available at the relevant times and a number of plain clothed officers were patrolling the areas also. The NPT worked alongside specialised policing teams e.g. burglary, drugs and robbery teams throughout this period in order for it to achieve a positive outcome. During this period, burglaries decreased by over half and numerous prolific offenders were locked up.

Operation Christmas Cracker took place on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December 07 in West Leeds focusing on crime prevention advice and targeted nominals.

A light-up campaign was run through the Autumn identifying vulnerable locations throughout West Leeds NPT . The campaign focused on issuing low energy light bulbs, timer switches and giving crime prevention advice. £500 was allocated from the Inner Area Committee for the Neighbourhood Police Teams to purchase additional timers to support this campaign. Areas covered were Fairfield, Broadleas, New Wortley and the Edinburgh's.

Several arrests were made as part of a day of action targeting burglary in April 08. The use of covert operations and the deployment of PC and PCSO's have seen positive results across inner West.

#### 3.2.1 **Violent Crime**

There were operations throughout 2007 with trading standards targeting problematic licensed premises within North West Division in order to tackle underage drinking in North West Division.

A Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) for Armley Town Street to tackle the increase in alcohol related crime was approved by the Licensing Committee in October 07 and implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> December to reduce anti-social behaviour and alcohol related violence in Armley. Additional funding was allocated from Inner Area Committee to assist with the policing of the DPPO.

#### 3.3.2 **Domestic Violence**

£5,000 funding was granted from the Inner and Outer Area Committees to work with Leeds Inter-agency Project and Theatre in Education targeting 10 schools in West Leeds with Bad Mummy production to raise awareness of domestic violence among primary and high school children. Workshops were delivered with 5 schools during

February and March 07 and a further 5 sessions during April, May and June.

The Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) are held every month in West Leeds and focus on the high risk and multiple Domestic Violence incidents cases within the division. The MARAC statistics for West Inner and Outer in August 08 show 11 cases reviewed, of which 7 were new. That gives a repeat rate of 36%.

### 2.3.3 **Weapons Awareness**

A Weapons Awareness session was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 08 with Safer Leeds and partner agencies to enable 25 practitioners to have a good understanding of the issues relating to weapons and to enable staff to highlight key messages to young people in relation to carrying/use of and consequences around weapons. The Youth and Schools Officers have been proactive in delivery Weapons awareness sessions in schools targeting year 10 and 11 and in primary schools targeting year 5 & 6 pupils.

### 2.3.3 **Hate Crime Focus Group**

The North West Police Division has refocused the Hate Crime meeting and developed a victim, perpetrator and location action plan to support victims and target perpetrators of hate crime throughout the division.

## 2.4 **Drugs**

Operation Abbreviate commenced in January 08 and is an ongoing multi-agency operation lead by the Neighbourhood Police Team and Anti-Social Behaviour Unit targeting ASB in relation to drugs and prostitution focusing on the multi-storey tower blocks on the Clydes and Wortley Towers in New Wortley. A multi-agency action day was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January to gather intelligence and to analyse the information to inform further actions.

The police are providing high visibility patrol to counteract the use of Class A drugs and prostitution in the area. To date there have been over 80 arrests and a quantity of Heroin and Amphetamines seized. Operation Champion in July 08 focused on this area.

A number of drugs warrants have successfully been executed on the Wyther estate during April to June 08. As a result of these Class A and Class C drugs have been seized. The police are continuing to target priority offenders through the Offender Management Unit.

There are now initiatives each month looking at drug dealing within the wards of Armley and Bramley and areas with warrants being executed where appropriate.

The Neighbourhood Police Team targeted anti-social behaviour associated with alcohol and street drinking during the spring/summer months in 08 across Inner West.

## 2.5 **Anti Social Behaviour**

Through the Inner and Outer Multi-Agency Crime and Grime meetings the following were identified as hotspot areas that partner agencies focused on.

### 2.5.1 **Armley**

In February 08 Alleygates have been installed on Nancroft Mount following a number of incidences of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. Local residents have provided us with very positive feedback since the gates were installed, with no further criminal damage and ASB incidents.

Cedars – Environmental clean-up/reassurance multi-agency action days took place on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September 07. First phase of the binyard project has been completed with gates fitted to binyards and new bins to be delivered. Further work will be targeted in this area by the Neighbourhood Police Teams and partner agencies.

The Designation Public Places Order came into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 07 in Armley (refer to Violent Crime).

The capture car was utilised in Armley to target during April to June 08.

A crime prevention initiative was held around the Victoria's in Armley, due to people leaving valuables on display in their vehicles. Notification is given to the owner warning them of the risks of leaving valuables on display.

### 2.5.2

#### **New Wortley**

There were 3 multi-agency action days on 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August 07 with the Neighbourhood Police Team, Immigration, Fire Services, Wardens, Anti Social Behaviour Officers, and Housing focusing on the Clydes, Holdforths and the tower blocks with 2 arrests. There were over 100 questionnaires completed and 75% of the residents visited giving intelligence information that was analysed by the Divisional Intelligence Unit (DIU) for further action.

Another multi-agency action day was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 07 targeting Wortley Towers to raise awareness of concerns in relation to fires in this block of flats. Over 60 flats were visited and residents given a leaflet on fire safety. Intelligence information received from the action day was analysed by the DIU for further action.

The Police reported that following work undertaken by the Wardens, West North West Homes, the Fire Service and Police, these disturbing offences have reduced vastly to only one reported incident in the last month.

Operation Champion took place in New Wortley in July 08. The operation saw 2 seized vehicles, 11 fixed penalty tickets, 2 x vehicle defects reports re light not working, 3 vehicle with no road tax, 7 verbal warnings for minor offences, and 5 search warrants executed, recovered over £1100 in outstanding fine warrants, slots on Radio Aire and BBC Radio Leeds, 10 arrests for various offences from drug dealing to thefts, around 105 cannabis plants recovered.

On the Saturday morning a coffee morning was held inviting the local community to attend. The Fire Service provided a display of an exploding chip pan, in order to highlight the issue of fire safety in the home. People also had the opportunity to ask any questions of agencies in attendance and receive crime prevention advice.

### 2.5.3 **Wyther & Raynville area**

The area is a hotspot for criminal damage and anti-social behaviour in Inner West. A successful Operation Champion was held in this area during November 07 . The Neighbourhood Police Team and Anti Social Behaviour Unit officers identified nominals and gathered evidence together for investigation. There were joint operations also targeting hate crime with ASBU, Police and the ALMO during November. During Operation Champion the Neighbourhood Police Team completed over 100 reassurance questionnaires. LAZER Centre staff and PCSO's worked together to combat nuisance issues with off road bikes. Enforcement work was undertaken with fines default officers and there were approximately 6 arrests and over £800 outstanding fines recovered. The DVLA dealt with 57 untaxed cars: 21 lifted, 36 clamped and 23 complaints addressed. 8 summonses were served, 19 interviews completed, 9 further vehicles sighted and 15 further vehicles were to be lifted/clamped. Communities Action and Support Against Crime (CASAC) had 28 appointments booked for additional security.

Environmental work included 2 skips filled by Probation Team. Waste ground behind Raynville Road shops was cut back and rubbish removed. Over 60 gardens were cleared from Wyther Park Hill, Raynville Crescent and the Victoria's. Multi-agency actions have been identified to tackle issues around hate crime on the Wyther estate.

Multi-agency action day held on Wythers and 500 Smart water kits distributed to ALMO and Leeds Federated tenants as part of the action day and environmental clean up (refer to Acquisitive Crime also).

Funding was granted from the Area Committee for a Neighbourhood Warden on the Wythers.

Street lighting is currently being considered for Houghley Gill. Consultation has been undertaken with residents and people who use the Gill. Feedback has shown that the majority of people would like the Gill to be lit. The scheme has the support of local ward members.

### 2.5.4

#### **Bramley & Stanningley**

During Operation Champion on the Broadleas in July, there were 16 arrests, 41 vehicles seized, 78 fixed penalty notices issued and 11 traffic reports. Crime prevention advice was also provided to residents.

Alleygates have been installed on Wellington Mount, Place and Terrace following a number of incidences of crime and anti-social behaviour. Positive feedback has been received from local residents and incidents of ASB and criminal damage have reduced.

During March patrols were increased around the Summerfield area due to ongoing reports of anti social behaviour. A local problem solving meeting was set up to tackle these issues through a multi agency approach and letters sent to the parents of the youths involved to advise them of their behaviour. Nuisance riders of off road motorbikes are being targeted also. Incidents of ASB have now reduced.

Operation Champion in March 08 also focused on the Fairfield and Summerfield

estates in Bramley, during which numerous arrests were made. Crime prevention advice was given to residents and timer switches and light bulbs distributed. Environmental work and graffiti removal were undertaken involving a number of agencies. Since March, the West NPT with specialist support has had one action day a week targeting and arresting offenders.

Three households on the Broadlea estate have been prosecuted in relation to their waste in their garden leading to fines and a community service order.

During the summer (The Dream Scheme) project has been developed on the Fairfield estate, Bramley working with young people to get them involved in their area. It is hoped the project will bring the community and Neighbourhood Police Team closer by working together.

A successful multi-agency Environmental Action day was held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 08 on the Broadlea estate involving the wardens, Housing, Probation Unpaid Service Team, Youth Inclusion Project and local residents to make improvements in the area. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> August there was a community funday on the Broadlea estate which attracted over 100 local residents in partnership with the police, Sandford residents association, Youth Inclusion Project, and West North West Homes.

### **Bramley Shopping Centre**

Work undertaken to tackle complaints of youth anti-social behaviour around Bramley Shopping Centre by the Neighbourhood Police Team and the Centre management and security staff. Police Patrols were increased. Two mosquito devices were purchased by the shopping centre management agents. They were considered successful but due to possible legal challenges, it has been decided not to pursue the opportunity of having devices installed at other locations. The new Farm Food store is now operational so this has reduced criminal damage. Tesco has now opened its store and should improve security in the centre.

Nuisance Bikes – Operation Kickstart to tackle nuisance bike riding throughout June, July and August 07 proved very successful with over 30 bikes seized and a reduction of ASB complaints in relation to nuisance bikes. In addition there are a number of section 59 bike signs in Inner West in key locations funded by the Area Committees. During the summer of 2008 the off road bikes have continued to focus on the hotspot areas, and since the bikes came into operation, there has been a reduction in the number of call in relation to nuisance bikes.

Initiatives were undertaken with Trading Standards during April to June 08 to target problematic licensees and off licence premises in West Leeds. This involved joint agency working with Environmental Action Team tackling noise nuisance issues relating to licensed premises. A number of problematic licences in Bramley have closed.

#### **2.5.5 Total ASBO's in West Inner – July 07 to September 08**

A total of five Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) have been secured across West Inner since July 07 – September 08. Below is a break down of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) and Injunctions across Inner West.



ASBOs by ward:

Armley	3
Bramley and Stanningley	2

ABC's

Armley	5
Bramley and Stanningley	2

Injunctions

Armley	4
Bramley and Stanningley	0

3.0 **Reassurance**

An Operation Champion street briefing was held on Bramley Shopping Centre during July 07. There was also a display of information at the centre and agencies giving crime prevention advice.

Wardens Armbands projects were undertaken during October to December 07. The wardens have been proactive in local primary schools in Bramley and Armley, working with PCSOs to raise awareness of road safety and to engage with young people attending the breakfast clubs. The initiative was well received and expanded to cover additional schools in these areas during early 2008.

What's the big idea events were held during February and March 08 to find out from communities what the local issues were in order to assist in setting the priorities for the Area Delivery Plan. The Police, Wardens and Area Community Safety Co-ordinator assisted in addressing the crime/community safety issues. After the events, the information was shared with partner agencies to assist in identifying local concerns and issues in relation to crime.

As part of Operation Champion, a community engagement day took place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 08 at Fairfield Community Centre. This event was well attended by local residents and supported by partner agencies with a variety of activities and crime prevention advice being provided.

A community event was held at New Wortley Community Centre as part of Operation Champion on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July 08 .

The police continue to support the Armley and Stanningley Forum meetings, and other local meetings.

3.1 **CCTV**

There are four CCTV cameras operations in Inner West. These are located in Armley. Leeds Watch monitor the cameras and work closely with the police to monitor and highlight incidents . A monthly report is circulated to ward members, which highlights incidents, and actions from specific locations where cameras are present. The CCTV camera in Armley, have assisted in tackling crime and in particular alcohol related incidents around Armley Town Street.

#### 4.0 **Police Community Support Officers ) (PCSOs) and Neighbourhood Wardens activity and Police Operations from 1 July 2007 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

##### **PCSOs**

Operation Champion on Broadlea estate – July 07. There were 16 arrests, 41 vehicles seized, 78 fixed penalty notices issued, 11 traffic reports and 50 premises given target hardening measures.

An environmental day was held involving Street Cleansing and Graffiti Removal. Youth activities and barbecue were held at the community centre on Broadlea Hill. Large skips were also placed in the streets for residents to fill free of charge in order to clean up their gardens and homes.

Community safety bus was present at Bramley Shopping Centre for PCSOs to give advice to residents. Litter pick undertaken and distribution of Smartwater kits to houses in the area. PCSOs also assisted with the arrests of numerous shoplifters within Bramley Shopping Centre.

Increased patrols in Westover Road area regarding criminal damage, which has dramatically reduced since the beginning of January 07.

Operation Kickstart (August 07) in Bramley regarding illegal use of off road motorcycles. 8 motorcycles seized, 18 fixed penalty tickets issued, 44 intelligence reports and 1000 homes leafleted regarding crime prevention.

Involvement of PCSOs in the execution of a drugs warrant at a cannabis farm in Swinnow during September 07.

Drugs warrants action night held on 4 April 08 across West Inner and a tenancy sweeps conducted on 30 April in Poplars. A drugs action day also held in West Inner on 20 June 08.

PCSOs carried out high visibility reassurance in the community during the execution of the 3 search warrants on 19 July 08, handing out information leaflets and obtaining further intelligence (refer to Drugs section).

Operation Champion : 23 to 25 July - New Wortley - 23 vehicles recovered, 11 fixed penalty tickets issued, 2 vehicles seized under sec 59 and 7 Sec 59 warnings issued, 10 arrests, 21 arrests for outstanding warrants and £2277 recovered in fine defaults.

Pudsey Police Station open day 27<sup>th</sup> September 08 – 1,200 visitors to an open day including - The Dog Section, Crime Reduction, Neighbourhood Watch, Ward information, Graffiti Removal Demonstration, Mountain Bike Display, Mounted Section, Police Uniform and Kit Display, HeadCams, Specials Recruitment, Neighbourhood Police Team Presentation, CJS, The Amplitude Van, The Motorway Unit, FSU - Fire Arms Support Unit, Traffic Vehicle with Automatic Number Plate Recognition capability, Off Road Motorcycle, NPT Vivaro, and a Fire Engine from Stanningley Fire Station.

#### 4.1 **Neighbourhood Wardens - 2008**

There are 5 Neighbourhood Wardens working Inner West funded through Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, Safer Stronger Communities Funding, Area Committee and West North West funding. The wardens are based on the Wyther estate, Broadlea, Fairfield, and New Wortley areas. As well as providing a visible presence in areas during 2007/08 they have been involved in a wide variety of projects which are highlighted below.

Leaflet drop in Bramley – 28 April  
Tenancy sweep in Poplar flats – 30 April  
Application of Smartwater and clean-up on Wythers – 1 May  
Community safety questionnaire on Wythers – 15-16 June  
Leaflet drop with ASBU on Leeds/Bradford Road, Fairfield's and Rossfields regarding the increase in anti-social behaviour – 9 June  
Stall at New Wortley Community Centre – 25 June  
Organising clean-up action day on Bardens – 27 June  
New Wortley – Champion Audit – 8 July  
New Wortley – marshalling for mini Breeze – 21 July  
New Wortley Tenancy Sweep – 22 July  
Bruces clean-up – 23 July  
Gilpins clean-up – 24 July  
New Wortley – Avenues clean-up - 24 July  
New Wortley – Crime prevention leaflet drop - 25 July  
New Wortley Community Centre advice day - Sat 26 July  
Broadleas leaflet drop - 28 July  
Broadleas community fun day - 29 July  
New Wortley – Grasmere clean-up - 30 July  
Broadleas graffiti removal project – 31 July  
Broadleas - clean-up all of the estate – 31 July  
Ginnel clearing on Bellmounts – 1 August  
Fairfields leaflet drop – 4 August  
Fairfields – organised litterpick with local school – 4 August  
Wythers/Raynville's graffiti removal project and clean-up – 6 August  
Wythers leaflet drop – 7 August  
Fairfields - cutting back ginnels – 13 August  
Broadlea fun day - 22 August  
New Wortley – clearing ginnel project – 27 August  
Clearing grounds at Wyther Park House with Probation - 3 September  
Broadleas – cutting back ginnel project – 10 September  
Fairfield fun day – 13 September  
Setting up Gilpins Tenants and Residents Group – 15 September  
3 day bin yard clearing project on Bardens in Armley – 16-18 September  
Houghley Gill questionnaire regarding views on lighting the Gill – 19 September  
New Wortley fun day – 20 September

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

There are no implications for the Council policy and governance

#### 6.0 **Legal and Resource Implications**

There are no legal implications

There are no resource implications.

## 7.0 **Recommendations**

The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of this report of the North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership and the attached Performance Framework/Strategic Plan 2008-2011 and make any comments or feedback.

### **Background Papers**

- June 2007 Area Committee: Inner West Area Committee Well-Being Budget.

North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership  
Performance Framework/Strategic Outcomes

2008-2011

## Our Mission - what we want to achieve

The overall mission of North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is :

**‘ Creating Secure, Strong and Safer Neighbourhoods in North West Leeds ’.**

# Our Strategic Outcomes

## OVERALL VISION AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Leeds Initiative (the **Local Strategic Partnership**) guides the work of all partnerships in the city towards achieving the long term ambition of the **Vision for Leeds (2004-2020)** of 'making sure everyone has a better quality of life now and for generations to come' The Vision commits Leeds Initiative and its partnerships to make sure they: ***'tackle crime and community safety in everyone of the Vision's programmes of work'***

The **Leeds Strategic Plan (2008-2011)** will set out how partners across the city will deliver measurable outcomes agreed with Government Office. The LSP has a number of themes. Within each theme are Strategic Outcomes which have a set of Improvement Priorities. These priorities will have a varying degree of relevance and local priority to different areas of the city.

**Area Committees** will be responsible for developing, agreeing and monitoring a local interpretation of the LSP through **Area Delivery Plans (ADPs)**. These will focus on those improvement priorities for which it has delegated responsibility and influence over (council functions). There is opportunity however to use this local delivery/service planning and public accountability framework for the work of the DCSP.

The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is an operational arm of the Safer Leeds Partnership (CDRP) which supports the delivery and co-ordination of activity at a local level.

To ensure consistency of approach across the DCSPs of the city, each will place equal emphasis on delivering these Strategic Outcomes:

- 1. Creating safer environments by tackling crime**
- 2. Improving lives by reducing the harm caused by substance misuse**
- 3. Supporting victims and reducing the risk of victimisation**
- 4. Reducing offending and managing offending behaviour**
- 5. Improving community confidence and public satisfaction**

The above 5 Safer Leeds outcomes translate across into the Leeds Strategic Plan mainly under the “Thriving Neighbourhoods” theme under the Strategic Outcome (and associated Local Improvement Priorities) of:

- Reduced crime and fear of crime through prevention, detection, offender management and changed behaviours (Local Improvement Priorities: reduce crime and fear of crime, reduce offending, reduce the harm from drugs and alcohol to individuals and society, Reduce anti-social behaviour)**

There are further cross-cutting LSP outcomes that the DCSP will contribute towards but not have the lead role:

- Improved quality of life through mixed neighbourhoods offering good housing options and better access to services and activities (Thriving Neighbourhoods)**



- **More inclusive, varied and vibrant neighbourhoods through empowering people to contribute to decision making and delivering local services (Stronger Communities)**
- **Improved community cohesion and integration through meaningful involvement and valuing equality and diversity (Stronger Communities)**

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# 1. Creating safer environments by tackling crime

The public have the right to be safe and feel safe in their own home, on the streets and the places they go. Tackling serious crime and diffusing tensions in our communities is vital to peoples' quality of life.

## Priorities

## Our Delivery Activities & Accountability (08/09)

**Reducing serious acquisitive crime:**  
(Burglary, robbery, theft of and theft from motor vehicle)

- **Develop an Acquisitive Crime Sub Group -**
- Deliver a range of targeted campaigns to increase potential victims' awareness, prompt action and prevent opportunities for acquisitive crime to take place.
- Identify and deploy suitable situational crime prevention measures in key locations using a targeted approach.
- **Inner & Outer West & North West Crime & Grime Multi-agency Tasking Groups**
- Identify and target offenders committing acquisitive crime.
- Develop through partnership work targeted diversionary activities

**Reducing violent crime:**  
(Assaults & wounding and alcohol fuelled violence)

- **Inner & Outer West & North West Crime & Grime Tasking Group**
- Deliver activities that focus on alcohol related crime locally/ Target Activities around licensed premises and working in partnership with Licensed Public Houses
- Deliver activities that focus on reducing the incidence of weapon enabled crime, including the possession of knives and firearms
- Deliver a range of targeted campaigns focussing on the student population in partnership with the universities to reduce the number of students who are victims of crime
- **DCSP - Consider Designated Public Place Orders(DPPO'S) where appropriate**

Prevent, identify and respond to community tensions.

- **Inner & Outer West & North West Multi-agency Tasking /Neighbourhood Wardens**
- Continue to develop and implement the intelligence assessment and response to community tensions, ensuring partners work closer with and within the communities where the greatest risks have been identified.
- Sharing of local intelligence

- Attendance at the City-wide Community Intelligence focus meetings
- Develop a partnership approach to PVE targets (Preventing Extreme Violence)

Note Performance indicators yet to be agreed

## 2. Improving lives by reducing the harm caused by substance misuse

Substance misuse affects the well being of individuals, families and neighbourhoods; it damages the health of individuals and undermines family life as well as having huge social and economic costs to the city. Reducing drug and alcohol related crime is vital to making people safer and improving lives.

### Priorities

### Our Delivery Activities & Accountability (08/09)

Addressing alcohol misuse through a combination of prevention, control and treatment.

#### Operation Champion

- Develop with partners, effective communication and public information mechanisms to carry key prevention messages to promote a culture of Responsible Drinking.

#### Inner & Outer West/North West Tasking

- Work with licensed premises to ensure that the sale of alcohol and its consumption are managed in a responsible manner.
- Work with youth services to deliver educational programmes in relation to alcohol and responsible drinking
- Work with PCT/BARCA to identify targeted work to address alcohol related issues young people

### 3. Supporting victims and reducing the risk of victimisation

Victims have the right to expect that crimes they have reported are investigated and to receive information about what happens, the chance to explain how the crime or incident has affected them and for their interest to be taken into account. All victims should be treated with respect and sensitivity and be offered emotional and practical support.

#### Priorities

#### Our Delivery Activities & Accountability (08/09)

#### Supporting victims and reducing the risk of victimisation:

#### Domestic violence

- **Domestic Violence Sub Group**
- Develop and deliver activities to support the refreshed city wide Domestic Violence Strategy including, raising public awareness, improving services to women, improving services to children, continued development of community support, supporting effective civil and criminal justice responses, developing preventative and educational work with children and young people, supporting the sustainability of domestic violence services and developing effective offender management interventions.
- **North West and West MARAC**
- Identification of and early intervention with victims and perpetrators of domestic violence to prevent escalation, and the continued implementation and roll out of the MARACs (multi-agency risk assessment conference) across the city.

#### Hate crime

- **North West Hate crime sub group**

Children and young people

- Develop and deliver activities to support the refreshed city wide Hate Crime Strategy including, increasing victims' confidence in the reporting of hate crime incidents, improving service responses to victims of hate incidents, improving service responses to deal with perpetrators of hate crime, continue to develop preventative and educational activity to address hate incidents and implementation of actions to tackle hate crime in response to local assessment of need.
- Work with local communities in identifying community solutions to addressing hate crime and develop good practise
- Linking into the Locality Enabler posts for children & young people in West/North West Leeds and the Children's and Young people's Plan . Supporting the Children Leeds Partnership in delivering the stay safe theme for 'Every Child Matters', ensuring the views and concerns of young peoples are taken into account when identifying and developing community safety responses. Utilising safer schools partnerships to build relationships between young people and services as well as an avenue to support learning about safety in the home, streets and neighbourhoods and delivering targeted early years preventative schemes and targeted diversionary programmes.

#### 4. Reducing offending and managing offending behaviour

The community has a specific right to expect public agencies to work with known offenders. By placing increasing emphasis on managing or modifying the behaviours of offenders who create most harm in our communities, this will reduce the risk of them offending again and also reduce crime.

Priorities

Our Delivery Activities & Accountability  
(08/09)

Reducing offending behaviour by addressing risks and harms.

- **Inner & Outer West & North West Tasking**

- Sharing local intelligence and multi agency problem solving around prolific offenders
- Working with Youth Inclusion Projects/Youth Offending Service/Youth service /Social Care to identify people at risk of being involved in offending behaviour and put partnership mechanisms in place to reduce risk
- Multi-agency Panel referrals for young people who are involved in crime & ASB
- Children Leeds Partnership to maximise opportunities to reach the most socially excluded young people and particularly those at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

## 5. Improving community confidence and public satisfaction

Communities expect public agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour in their localities in a responsive and effective manner. Communicating, engaging and involving local people in those issues of most importance to them is a vital component to providing public reassurance and reducing the fear of crime.

### Priorities

### Our Delivery Activities & Accountability (08/09)

Tackling anti-social behaviour and damage through a combination of prevention, diversion and enforcement activities.

- **Anti Social Behaviour**
- Continue to utilise effectively a range of tools for tackling ASB and damage (e.g. ASBOs, ABC, dispersal powers, parenting classes or orders, crack house closures as well as powers in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005) as part of a package of responses to local issues.
- Development of a problem solving approach to tackling lower level ASB through early identification taking a partnership approach.
- The implementation of the Family Support and Parenting Strategy and programmes to support parents whose children are involved in or at risk of being involved in ASB activity, in particular targeted

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- diversionary programmes.
- Work closely with Education Leeds and individual schools to create and develop local Safer Schools Partnerships.
- Operation Champion / Inner and Outer West/North West Crime & Grime tasking.
- Co-ordinate single days of multi agency action
- Continue with the targeted rolling programme of neighbourhood crime and grime initiatives such as Operation Champion.
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- **ASB Problem Solving Group**
- Develop partnership mechanisms for measuring how satisfied victims of ASB are with the service the police and city council provide.
- **Multi –agency problem Solving Groups/Local Area Management Plans (LAMPs) and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs)**
- Continue to actively promote community safety messages and increase awareness of crime prevention and community safety services.
- Local residents representatives at LAMPs and NIPs meetings
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- **Neighbourhood Policing Team**
- Promote and Increase the neighbourhood Watch Schemes
- Increase the number of police contact points
- Attend local forums
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- **Divisional Community Safety Partnership**
- Develop good news stories/Develop effective Media strategy
- Ensure agencies respond effectively to local need by integrating neighbourhood policing practice with area management delivery programmes.

- Communicate with local people

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### Priorities

### Our Delivery Activities & Accountability (08/09)

#### Reducing serious acquisitive

**crime:** (Burglary, robbery, theft of and theft from motor vehicle)

#### Burglary Sub Group and Vehicle Crime Sub Group

- Deliver a range of targeted campaigns to increase potential victims' awareness, prompt action and prevent opportunities for acquisitive crime to take place.
- Identify and deploy suitable situational crime prevention measures in key locations using a targeted approach.
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- **Neighbourhood Management Tasking X 12**
- Identify and target offenders committing acquisitive crime.

#### Reducing violent crime:

(Assaults & wounding and alcohol fuelled violence)

#### Neighbourhood Management Tasking x 12

- Deliver activities that focus on alcohol related crime locally/ Target Activities around licensed premises and working in partnership with Licensed Public Houses
- Development of over 21 scheme with local shops
- **Drugs and Robbery Sub Group**
- Deliver activities that focus on reducing the incidence of weapon enabled crime, including the possession of knives and firearms
- **YOS E+ NE**
- Deliver weapons awareness programmes to all active yos cases known to carry weapons

Prevent, identify and respond to community tensions.

- **DCSP** - Consider Designated Public Place Orders(DPPO'S) where appropriate

#### Neighbourhood Management Tasking x 12 /Neighbourhood Wardens

- Continue to develop and implement the intelligence assessment and response to community tensions, ensuring partners work closer with and within the communities where the greatest risks have been identified.
- Sharing of local intelligence
- **Hate crime sub Group**

- Follow up local tension issues across NE by multi-agency approach

**Note Performance indicators yet to be agreed**

**2. Improving lives by reducing the harm caused by substance misuse**

Substance misuse affects the well being of individuals, families and neighbourhoods; it damages the health of individuals and undermines family life as well as having huge social and economic costs to the city. Reducing drug and alcohol related crime is vital to making people safer and improving lives.

**Priorities**

**Our Delivery Activities & Accountability  
(08/09)**

**Addressing alcohol misuse through a combination of prevention, control and treatment.**

- **Operation Champion**
  - Develop with partners, effective communication and public information mechanisms to carry key prevention messages to promote a culture of Responsible Drinking.
- **Neighbourhood Management Tasking**
  - Work with licensed premises to ensure that the sale of alcohol and its consumption are managed in a responsible manner.
- **YOS E + NE**
  - All young people screened for substance misuse and specialist intervention provided by substance misuse worker
  - Deliver group sessions on 'Basic Alcohol awareness' to young people
- **NE and East Children's Leeds Leadership Team**
  - Develop and implement local solutions to address increasing teenage conceptions by providing joint service responses to underage drinking and other substance misuse that can lead to unsafe sexual behaviour.

### 3. Supporting victims and reducing the risk of victimisation

Victims have the right to expect that crimes they have reported are investigated and to receive information about what happens, the chance to explain how the crime or incident has affected them and for their interest to be taken into account. All victims should be treated with respect and sensitivity and be offered emotional and practical support.

Priorities

Our Delivery Activities & Accountability  
(08/09)

#### Supporting victims and reducing the risk of victimisation:

Domestic violence

##### **Domestic Violence Sub Group**

- Develop and deliver activities to support the refreshed city wide Domestic Violence Strategy including, raising public awareness, improving services to women, improving services to children, continued development of community support, supporting effective civil and criminal justice responses, developing preventative and educational work with children and young people, supporting the sustainability of domestic violence services and developing effective offender management interventions.
- Improve capacity for delivering Domestic violence initiatives by merging the Domestic Violence sub group with the Domestic violence children and young people's forum. Co-ordinate good partnership work that cuts across two service areas
- **NE MARAC**
- Identification of and early intervention with victims and perpetrators of domestic violence to prevent escalation.,
- Provide support for victims of DV via case study approach and multi-agency intervention

##### **Hate crime sub group /Halton Moor Hate crime/cohesion group**

- Develop and deliver activities to support the refreshed city wide Hate Crime Strategy including, increasing victims' confidence in the reporting of hate crime incidents, improving service responses to victims of hate incidents, improving service responses to deal with perpetrators of hate crime, continue to develop preventative and educational activity to address hate incidents and implementation of actions to tackle hate crime in response to local assessment of need.
- Work with local communities in identifying community solutions to addressing hate crime and develop good practise
- Develop joint agency service standards in dealing with hate crime

Hate crime

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- Supporting the North East and East Leadership team and their partnerships in delivering the ' stay safe theme ', ensuring the views and concerns of young people, their parents and carers are taken into account when identifying and developing community safety responses. Utilising safer schools partnerships to build relationships between young people and services as well as an avenue to support learning about safety in the home, streets and neighbourhoods and delivering targeted early year's preventative schemes and targeted diversionary programmes.
  - Strengthen relations between the Police Youth liaison officers and extended cluster services coordinators to support the delivery of the stay safe element of the cluster plans .

Children and young people

#### 4. Reducing offending and managing offending behaviour

The community has a specific right to expect public agencies to work with known offenders. By placing increasing emphasis on managing or modifying the behaviours of offenders who create most harm in our communities, this will reduce the risk of them offending again and also reduce crime.

## Priorities

### Our Delivery Activities & Accountability (08/09)

#### **Reducing offending behaviour by addressing risks and harms.**

- **Neighbourhood Management Tasking x 12**
- Sharing local intelligence and multi agency problem solving around prolific offenders
- Referrals to specialist agencies, e.g Signpost
- **YOS E +NE**
- Individually tailored programmes based on assessed risks and needs delivered to all sentenced young people and parents by a multi agency team
- **Community Pay Back Team – Probation services**
- Maximise use of community payback scheme and consult with communities on identifying issues to be addressed
- **NE and East Children’s Services Leadership Team**
- North East and East Children’s leadership team and their local partnerships to understand local need and personalise our collective service response to the most socially excluded young people and particularly those at risk of entering the criminal justice system .

## **5. Improving community confidence and public satisfaction**

Communities expect public agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour in their localities in a responsive and effective manner. Communicating, engaging and involving local people in those issues of most importance to them is a vital component to providing public reassurance and reducing the fear of crime.

**Tackling anti-social behaviour and damage through a combination of prevention, diversion and enforcement activities.**

- **ASB Panel & ASB Problem Solving Group**
- Continue to utilise effectively a range of tools for tackling ASB and damage (e.g. ASBOs, ABC, dispersal powers, parenting classes or orders, crack house closures as well as powers in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005) as part of a package of responses to local issues.
- **Signpost East**
- Continue to support the implementation of the Family Support and Parenting Strategy and programmes to support parents whose children are involved in or at risk of being involved in ASB activity, in particular targeted diversionary programmes.
- **North East and East Childrens Services Leadership Team**
- Work closely with Extended Services and cluster co-ordinators(18) to strengthen communication with local schools , children's centres and youth provision .
- Maximise opportunities to deliver initiatives in schools via PSCHE
- **Leeds Watch and North East Division CCTV Officer**
- Work closely with the City Council on their on action to improve the security of homes, public buildings and public spaces.
- Maximise usage of CCTV footage in order to take enforcement action
- **Operation Champion /Neighbourhood Management Tasking x 12**
- Co-ordinate single days of multi agency action
- Continue with the targeted rolling programme of neighbourhood crime and grime initiatives such as Operation Champion.

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**Improve public reassurance and the fear of crime by actively communicating, engaging and involving local people.**

- **ASB Problem Solving Group**
- Develop partnership mechanisms for measuring how satisfied victims of ASB are with the service the police and city council provide.
- **Thematic Problem Solving Groups/Neighbourhood Management Tasking**
- Continue to actively promote community safety messages and increase awareness of crime prevention and community safety services.
- **DCSP**
- Develop good news stories/Develop effective Media strategy
- **Neighbourhood Management Tasking Teams x 12**
- Ensure agencies respond effectively to local need by integrating neighbourhood policing practice with area management delivery programmes.
- Communicate with local people through 'Face the People' events.
- Co-ordinate feedback to local communities via neighbourhood wardens and police community support officers.
- Deliver crime prevention messages and good news stories in agency newsletters

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## Report of Childcare Strategy Implementation Manager

### Report to Inner West Area Committee

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008

Subject: Early Years Capital Allocations 2008 - 2011

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p>Armley Bramley &amp; 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

## Executive Summary

This report provides the Area Committee with information on the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) capital funding allocations and criteria for the use of the Quality and Access for all Young People and the Extended Services Capital Grants for 2008-11 as approved by Executive Board in July 2008. A briefing note circulated with this paper provides details of criteria, priorities and allocation procedures.

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

The purpose of this report is to:

Inform the Area Committee on the capital funding allocations for 08-11 that will support the implementation in the Inner West of the 10 Year Strategy for Childcare and the statutory duties under the subsequent Childcare Act 2006.

### 2.0 Background Information

Executive Board approval was granted in July 08 to inject £11,324,414 into the capital programme and authority has been given to Early Years to incur this expenditure on payments to Early Years providers and schools to enable the delivery of extended services and the statutory duties of the Childcare Act 2006.

All grants will be awarded using the principles outlined in the developing Leeds City Council framework for this allocation of grants to the voluntary and private sector.

**The Quality and Access for all Young Children capital grant** is £8.2 million over 3 years and represents a significant investment in early years provision in Leeds. The grant has three aims:

- To improve the quality of the learning environment in early years settings to support delivery of the EYFS, with a particular emphasis on improving play and physical activities; and ICT resources
- To ensure all children, including disabled children, are able to access provision
- To enable PVI providers to deliver the extension to the free offer for 3 and 4 year olds and to do so flexibly

The DCSF expectation is that the majority of this capital grant is used to improve the quality of the environment in private, voluntary and independent (PVI) early years and childcare settings both to support higher quality experiences for young children and to ensure that all children can access services and benefit fully from them. However spending on the maintained sector is not precluded.

**The Extended Services Capital funding** is £3.1 million over three years. The grant aims to support the delivery of the Government's Ten Year Strategy for Childcare, *Choice for parents: the best start for children*. This capital funding must support the duties set out in the Childcare Act 2006 and underpin the key role of Local Authorities as strategic leaders for childcare and children's services. The guidance indicates that capital grants should be used to support the authority's strategy for developing access to the core offer of extended services through all schools by 2010. All elements of the core offer for extended schools are eligible but funding priorities should ensure that the provision of 8am-6pm year round childcare and flexible services for 3 and 4 year olds can be achieved within each cluster. Further information on extended schools can also be found at:

[www.teachernet.gov.uk/extendedschools](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/extendedschools)

### **3.0 Main Issues**

In July 08 Executive Board approved the following priorities and allocation processes of for capital funding allocations 08 – 11.

**The Quality and Access for all Young Children** capital grant is to be allocated through the Sure Start Out Of School Panel. Applications will be welcomed on a rolling programme with set deadline dates throughout each year. Each application will be considered by the panel against the appropriate criteria. Any previous allocations to the provider or cluster will be taken into consideration to ensure parity of distribution across the city. Large capital grants will be limited to a maximum of £100,000.

A small grant programme to support the introduction of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework is also available to support the purchase of equipment and small works and limited to £2,500 excluding VAT for providers of the free entitlement for pre-school children. Application forms have been distributed to all eligible providers.

**The Extended Services Capital** grant is to be allocated through the funding panel of the Extended Services Partnership Board. This funding panel is working towards amalgamating the Sure Start out of school panel in the coming year and already has a common membership. Applications will be welcomed and processed on a rolling programme with set deadline dates throughout each year. Each application will be considered by the panel against the appropriate criteria. Any previous allocation to the cluster will be taken into consideration to ensure parity of distribution across the city. Grant size will be limited to a £100,000.

The programme documentation for these funding opportunities is available to all settings on the internet and in paper copy. A high profile communication strategy will highlight the availability of grant. Development Officers and Business Support Officers will work with the private and voluntary sector to ensure they are enabled to access this grant and take the full opportunity to improve the quality and accessibility of their settings.

Extended Schools Advisors will work with Cluster co-ordinators and Leadership teams to identify those capital programmes that are required within the cluster to ensure that flexible services can be provided for all children aged 3 and 4, that out of school activities including childcare can be delivered and that community spaces within clusters can be used for family support and other wider community purposes.

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

In December 2004 the Chancellor of the Exchequer published a pre budget report “Choice for parents; the best start for children. A ten year strategy for childcare”. The Ten Year Strategy represents a significant change to welfare state services and is a key plank in the Every Child Matters: Change for Children agenda. The Childcare Act 2006 gave statutory force to the proposals in the ten year strategy and placed four new statutory responsibilities on Local Authorities (LA):

- To secure sufficient childcare for children up to the September after the child turns 14
- To improve the wellbeing of children aged 0 to 5 and establish a proactive, accessible Early Years Service (EYS) focused on the under 5s.
- To secure the development of a children’s centre in every locality by 2010
- To provide parents with access to the full range of information they need as parents of children aged 0 to 19

The Comprehensive Spending review for 2008 – 11 identifies ring fenced or hypothecated revenue and capital funding to support Local Authorities in delivering these statutory functions.

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

The Local Authority has the statutory responsibility to improve the well being of children under the age of five. Research clearly shows that children will only benefit from early education and care if it is high quality. Alongside adopting the best of professional practice for working with young children, a high quality setting also needs the right built environment and adequate and appropriate resources. This means providing enough space for larger group sizes which can also be used flexibly and up-to-date facilities and equipment to support children’s learning and development. These capital allocations will support the development of high quality early years services across all sectors.

In meeting the Sufficiency Duty from April 2008 Local Authorities will need to ensure that – so far as is reasonably practicable – *all* children of working parents are able to access the childcare provision they need. All funding allocated to this duty should be used in accordance with the findings of the childcare sufficiency assessments completed successfully in April 2008. The statutory guidance: *Securing Sufficient Childcare* indicates that Local Authorities may wish to support providers through one-off capital payments, particularly in relation to groups or areas where there is unmet demand. These capital funding streams will support Leeds in meeting the sufficiency duty.

It is a priority of the Children and Young People's Plan and the Council Plan that all children are able to access good quality early years services. And that every child can benefit fully from early education and care. Every setting must have an inclusion policy setting out how it will meet the needs of all children, in line with delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This grant will allow Leeds to invest to provide key facilities wherever they are required, and work with as many settings as possible to ensure that their built environment and facilities are welcoming and fully inclusive.

This Comprehensive Spending Review period 2008 – 11 sees significant investment to extend the free nursery education entitlement by offering all 3 and 4 year-olds 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year from September 2010, delivered more flexibly. A longer and more flexible offer will give parents greater choice in balancing work and family life as well as helping children getting a better start to school. There is an identified need in Leeds to invest in the necessary facilities in PVI and school settings to enable them to deliver that extended free offer. This capital funding allocation will enable the city as a pathfinder to deliver that offer by September 2009 and will complement the revenue funding already available to providers to support the additional 2.5 hours and more flexible access.

## **6.0 Conclusions**

Leeds has been allocated £11,324,414 to ensure that by 2011 all early years settings offer a high quality learning environment that is accessible for all children and all schools are able to deliver the full core offer of the extended schools programme. This represents a significant investment in the quality of early years settings and will support Leeds in meeting the statutory responsibilities of the Childcare Act 2006.

The Early Years Service has worked in partnership with Education Leeds and agreed a joint approach to these capital allocations that will maximize impact and effect across the city.

Extended Services Clusters and childcare providers across the Inner West can apply for funding under the identified priorities. A briefing for all elected members regarding the funding opportunities has been circulated along with the proposed documentation and rolling programme dates. This report and briefing should provide Area Committees with information so that they may influence the development of wider community based services from school sites and enable the Area Committee to play a part in identifying and publicising the availability of funding to improve quality and access for early years providers.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

Area Committee are requested to note and comment on the report.

### **Background papers**

- Briefing paper - Early Years Capital Grants 2008 – 2011 : June 08
- Executive Board Report July 08 – Early Years Capital Grants
- Sure Start Out of School and extended services priorities 08 – 11
- Sure Start Out of School Application Form



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**Report of West North West Area Manager**

**Report to Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008**

**Subject: Area Manager's Report**

**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**

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

- Community Centres
- Neighbourhood Management
- Regeneration
- Conservation Area Reviews

**1.00 Purpose of This Report**

1.01 The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on a number of initiatives and projects within the Inner West Leeds Area Delivery Plan.

**2.00 Community Centres**

**2:01 New Wortley Community Centre**

2:02 New Wortley Community Centre continues to provide services and facilities to local people, and the good work it does has recently been acknowledged in the in-house magazine issued by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Here over thirty volunteers from DWP assisted with a large gardening project to rejuvenate the small copse close to the centre. Volunteers cleared the garden area, constructed a path, built bird nesting boxes and created some willow weaving structures to enhance the

area. A member of their communications team stated that *'the team at New Wortley Community Centre were great and their enthusiasm was a real inspiration'*.

- 2.03 Alongside this and with an eye to the future the centre has joined with a consortium of other inner west community centres (Fairfield, Wyther Community House, Moorside, and the Heights) to make a collective bid for funding to place the centres on a more sustainable footing. It is proposed that a lead organisation will manage all the centres and undertake the recruitment, caretaking, financial management and co-ordination of services. The intention being to enhance the financial sustainability of these community centres and enable key services and initiatives around community development work, health and jobs and skills to continue to be provided in the neighbourhoods where they are most needed.
- 2.04 A business case is being prepared which will detail the responsibilities of the lead organisation, the model of delivery and the cost of maintaining and running these centres for the benefit of the communities they serve. This will form the basis of a funding bid to be made before the end of 2008.
- 2.05 In the intervening time it is envisaged community centres may require some financial support until this approach is secured.

### **2.06 Strawberry Lane Centre**

- 2:07 Armley Helping Hands who are based at the centre are taking the lead on a proposed 'Celebrating Diversity' event to be held at the centre and adjoining land in February 2009.
- 2.08 The event will aim to invite all local community, voluntary and faith groups to celebrate diversity and enable local people to come together to enjoy food, music, arts and crafts and storytelling etc. Leeds Voice and the Healthy Living Network Leeds are also leading on the preparation of this event, which seeks to improve community capacity and community engagement.
- 2.09 Dawn Newsome, of Armley Helping Hands has also recently been awarded the 'Leeds Citizen Award' for her work in Armley Helping Hands.

### **2:10 Moorside Community Centre**

- 2.11 Moorside Tenants and Residents Association (Moorside TARA) continue to work hard on making the community centre a successful local facility. They have recently written a business plan, and their Lease together with Heads of Terms will be issued shortly.

### **3:00 Neighbourhood Management**

#### **3:01 Fairfields Intensive Neighbourhood Management**

- 3.02 Fairfields Intensive Neighbourhood Management is referred to in another report on this agenda, informing Members about the successes of 2007/08 and funding allocation proposals for 2009/10.

#### **3:03 New Wortley Local Area Management Project group (LAMP).**

- 3.04 The New Wortley LAMP meets every ten weeks to discuss issues and problems facing the community. The meeting is well attended by partners who are all

enthusiastic about making a difference. At the moment the group are analysing the results of a questionnaire, which asked local people about the impact of the Operation Champion that took place in July and whether the initiative has had a longer term impact on improving the neighbourhood. The results will be available for the next Area Committee meeting.

- 3.05 The Primary Care Trust are also exploring the possibility of delivering a health initiative in the neighbourhood building upon the successful 'Boys Club' held last year.

#### **4:00 Regeneration**

##### **4:01 Bramley Shopping Centre**

Tescos has recently opened in the Bramley shopping centre. Since Tescos opened there has been a reported increase in footfall compared to previous months. There has also been no reported reduction in sales from local businesses and traders.

- 4.02 It has also been reported by the Town Centre Manager that the proposals for building new units at the front and the rear of the centre have been put on hold, due to two major retailers, who had previously been interested, being unable to secure funding to establish their businesses.

##### **Bramley Capital Scheme**

- 4:02 Due to the success of the Bramley pump, the Area Management Team are making enquires as to the prospects of developing a scheme to create an identifiable area in Bramley that will provide information to the public to promote the historical value of Bramley and denote the historic changes over the years.

#### **5.0 Conservation Area Review Update**

- 5.01 A total budget of £12,000 was secured from the Inner West Area Committee to undertake the conservation area reviews of Bramley Hough Lane and Bramley Town Street in the financial year commencing April 2008. During this period a total of 18 conservation areas were to be reviewed throughout the year. From the budget secured, three community conservation officers were employed. Of these Kate Newell is to review the Bramley conservation areas.

- 5.02 **Timetabling** – As the two conservation areas are among eighteen being reviewed, deciding where to fit them into the timetable was an important decision. At present the Bramley conservation areas are timetabled to begin in November 2008, with a view to them going forward to Planning Board in March 2009.

- 6.0 **Consultation of local groups** – Local groups will be contacted when and where applicable, such as the local civic and community groups to discuss with them whether they would like an input into the documents. With the assistance of the local groups and internal consultees, proposed changes to the conservation area boundaries will be drafted. The resultant draft appraisal document once completed will then be made available for a minimum of a four week public consultation period. There will be a display at a local public place, such as the Library, and all those people directly affected by any boundary changes will be directly leafleted.

- 7.0 The consequent outcomes being to help inform future developments within the conservation area, resulting in developments that are sympathetic and in keeping with the special character of the area.

7.01 Each individual community conservation officer will take a lead on the appraisals which they are undertaking. Therefore any correspondence for Bramley should be directed towards Kate Newell.

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

8.01 The updates in this report concern actions in the Area Delivery Plan for Inner West which is administered through West and North West Leeds Area Management team and contributes to the Leeds Strategic Plan 2008 – 2011

## **9.00 Legal and Resource Implications**

9:01 The Area Delivery Plan is administered through West Leeds Area Management Team and forms part of the delivery of the Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-11. The financial resource implications for the Conservation Area Reviews will be made from the budget which was previously agreed with the Inner West Area Committee (£6,000 each for the Bramley Hough Lane and Bramley Town Street conservation areas).

## **10.00 Recommendations**

10:01 That members note progress on and confirm their continued support for the projects outlined in the report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None





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

**Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008**

**Subject: Leeds Colleges Merger - Consultation**

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p>All</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>
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**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.



## Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

### Inner West Area Committee

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 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 available for the financial year 2008-2009, and an update on commitments already made. 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 2008-09 for Inner West is:

<b>Capital Allocation 2008-2009</b>	£ 72,512
<b>Revenue Allocation 2008-2009</b>	£ 150,440.00

2.2 Currently the amount of Revenue Well-Being fund available for 2008/09 is £21,469.94 and Capital Well Being is £92,400.

### 3.0 New applications for Well being funding.

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

<b>LARGE GRANTS</b>					
<b>Project Title</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>Capital or Revenue</b>	<b>Appendix</b>
Sports Pitch adjacent to Moorside Community Centre.		£20,000		Capital	1
Inner West Community Sports Programme	£6,000			Revenue	2
Community Development worker for New Wortley Community Centre	7,196.00	22,019.76		Revenue	3
Town Centre Manager for Armley		20,000		Revenue	4
Sikh Temple Refurbishment	£10,000			Capital	5

3.2 The above grants total: £13,196 Revenue for 2008-09, £42,019.76 Revenue for 2009-20, £10,000 Capital for 2008-09 and £20,000 Capital for 2009 -10.

3.3.

<b>SMALL GRANTS</b>	
<b>ORANISATION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Bulb Bonanza	250.00
Bardens Bin Yards Gates	500.00
Inside Justice	250.00
<b>Total of Small Grants</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>SKIPS</b>	
Bardens EAT Clean-up	330.00
<b>Total of Skips</b>	<b>£330.00</b>

3.4 The Small Grant budget approved for 2008-09 was £10,000, and there is £5,443,36 remaining. With regards to skips, of the £2,500 approved there is £1,120 remaining.

3.5 A third quarter update on New Wortley Community Centre is attached after the relevant Appendix.

### 4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

4.1 Well Being projects support the actions contained in the Inner West Area Delivery Plan. Ward members have been consulted on the 2008-09 plan and on the projects commissioned to deliver improvements to the area. The Area Delivery Plan contributes to the priorities of the Departmental, Council and Corporate Plans by aiming to create better neighbourhoods and confident communities.

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

- 5.1 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.

## **6.0 Conclusions**

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

## **7.0 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 grants, small grants and skips.

## **APPENDICES**

- 1 - Sports Pitch at Moorside Community Centre
- 2 - Inner West Community Sports Programme
- 3 - Community Development Worker, New Wortley Community Centre, plus 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter update.
- 4 - Town Centre Manager, Armley
- 5 - Sikh Temple refurbishment

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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**Area Committee Well-Being Fund - Project Proposal**  
**Inner West Area Committee**

**Appendix 1**

**Project Name:**

To provide a small all weather sports pitch adjacent to Moorside Community Centre, serving the Moorside and Ganner's neighbourhood.

**Lead Organisation:**

Inner West Area Management in partnership with Strategic Landlord, Leeds City Council, Green Leeds, Groundwork Trust, the Moorside Tenants and Residents Association and the former Learning and Leisure Department Leeds City Council.

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

The project will aim to draft a joint funding bid with the above partners to deliver a small all weather sports pitch adjacent to the Moorside Community Centre which will provide recreational and sporting opportunities for the young people in this neighbourhood. The facility will aim to enhance the services provided at Moorside Community Centre. A feasibility study will be undertaken over the next 3 months by Groundwork Trust.

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

The Moorside and Ganners neighbourhood in the Bramley and Stanningely ward is one of the more deprived communities in the area. Recent statistics show that deprivation in the area has worsened by 819 places across the whole of the indices with a specific decline in the Health and Disability domain.

The nearest local parks for children are situated at Bramley Falls Wood and Bramley Park which are at some distance from the neighbourhood and accessed via major roads. With the revival of the Moorside Community Centre, through the efforts of a new management committee, there is a wish to provide a sports facility at the centre for use by local children and their parents/guardians. This will compliment the services already provided at the centre. Permission for the scheme will need to be granted by Strategic Landlord who are aware of the scheme and also Parks and Countryside who will maintain the site following completion.

A feasibility study will be undertaken by Groundwork Leeds over the next 3-4 months. This will provide a potential design with costs and a timescale for delivery. This will form the basis of a funding bid to partners and consultation with the local community.

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

**Key Outcomes.**

- A new recreational facility for the neighbourhood.
- Improved health and fitness of local children provided in a local and safe site.
- Improved awareness and uptake of services and facilities at Moorside Community Centre.
- Improved community engagement with local people.

**Identify which geographic areas will benefit:**

Moorside and Ganner's neighbourhood in Bramley and Stanningley Ward.

**Project Cost . Please indicate;**

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

Based on a previous scheme delivered in the New Wortley neighbourhood the scheme is likely to cost within the region of £90,000

Inner West Area Well Being Fund - £20,000  
West North West Homes Area Panel Funds – £25,000  
Green Leeds/BIFFA – £30,000  
Groundwork Trust - £10,000

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

In principal approval of £20,000 Capital is sought from Inner West Area Committee.

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

Parks and Countryside Division  
City Development  
Leeds City Council

**Approved**  
Date

**Not Approved**  
Date

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**Inner West Area Committee**

**Appendix 2**

**Project Name:** West Leeds Sports Development Programme (Inner West)

**Lead Organisation:** Community Sport, Sport & Active Recreation – Leeds City Council

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

The Leeds City Council Community Sports Officer for West Leeds, part of the City's Sports Development Unit, will put together a development plan of sporting activities, in partnership with Extended Schools Officers, Priesthorpe School Sports Partnership, Leeds Federated Housing, the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Leisure Centres – Armley/Bramley, and the west Leeds Youth Services provision.

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

Whilst the detail of the programme remains flexible to fit in with the particular needs of the community, we are broadly looking at working in three areas:

1) Sustainable community based sports opportunities linked to School facilities, Leisure Centres and Community Venues. Setting up of Community clubs, with an emphasis on Inclusion, participation, coach education, volunteer opportunities. Sports that have currently been identified by key partners are: Netball (Years 5,6 and 7 and also women's Netball), Basketball (all ages), Junior Football (13 – 17 in conjunction with the Youth Services and Police, particularly targeting hot spot areas, and Young adults who have been identified through partner organisations.) Dance, Multi Sports opportunities.

2) Working closely with Leisure Centres & Extended Schools/Services clusters to build on the holiday programmes which are currently running in the holidays, and to use both as venues for Holiday sports camps, targeting the 20% who aren't taking part in 5 hours of Sport/PE and also children and young people from hot spots across the West, making available opportunities at an affordable cost.

3) We will also develop coaching/training opportunities for 15/16+, Parents and Volunteers from the community, creating potential employment opportunities for adults in particular Single parents, 45+, BME and people with a disability, this would also be linked in part to London 2012. Giving the community ownership of the clubs/groups we set up.

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

**Short term**

Accessible opportunities to people in the West of Leeds who don't have the confidence or the opportunities to take part in regular sporting activities within their community, whether that be in school or out of school and from ages 8 to 98....

**Long term**

Provide sustainable opportunities for people in the West to access and engage in sport – participation, administration, volunteering or coaching, on a regular basis, with no pressure to develop.

Develop opportunities for those at participation level and not elite level.

Identify and direct those who wish to progress in sport at a higher level once we have engaged them in taking part.

Support the projects until the community feel confident to take on the running and development of above projects.

**The Development plan may last more than 1 year, this would be to provide support with individual projects until they are sustainable in their own right.**

**Project Cost. Please indicate**

**How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)**

Inner Area Committee	£6000
Priesthorpe School Sports Partnership	£1500
Leeds Federated Housing	£2000
Sports Match Funding (Subject to above funding)	£2000
Neighbourhood Policing Team	£500
Community Sports Officer	£125
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 12,125</b>

Inner Area Committee £6,000

**Partners will provide in-kind contributions such as:**

Development Officer time – 7.5 hours pw @ 12ph 47 weeks.

Reduced venue hire rates, payroll support, marketing and publicity support, volunteer time from partners named above.

**Identify which geographic areas will benefit:**

We aim to provide opportunities for all residents of West Leeds but we will be particularly targeting our activities at key areas within Inner West Leeds, Armley, Bramley, Stanningley, and key areas of the inner West Area delivery plan as directed by inner west Area Management, RADS Testing info and Identified residents through our key partners.

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

£6,000 - Revenue

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

Community Sport - Leeds City Council

Andrew Scanlon  
Community Sports Officer (West Leeds)  
Indoor Cricket Centre  
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**Approved**

Date

**Not Approved**

Date

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**Area Committee Well Being Fund – Project Proposal**  
**Inner West Area Committee**

**Appendix 3**

**Project Name:** Community Development Worker/Centre Manager for New Wortley Community Centre. January-December 2009

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

**Project Summary:**

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

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

**Community Development Worker/ Centre Manager**

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

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

Over the past year NWCC has been successful in continuing to operate without the support of large scale grant funding with the exception of the Centre manager's salary which has been funded by Inner West Area Committee. The Community Café is thriving and supports the salaries of the Chef and 2 kitchen assistants plus also contributing to the main utility costs of the centre. Through increased use of the centre by paying customers and services and the continued success of the café the centre is slowly moving towards sustainability.

**Current activities delivered include:**

Residents meetings, ward member surgeries, West Leeds Gateway Regeneration consultation meetings, Job shop, Volunteer Project, Gardening project. Base for Operation Champion in July 2008. New Opportunity days delivered by Learning Partnerships.

**Future Activities**

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

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

To recruit, support and develop training for volunteers.

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

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

New Wortley Community Centre has recently formed part of the Community Centre Consortium for Inner West Leeds (other centres include Wyther Community House, Fairfield, Moorside Community Centre and the Heights, which is seeking funding via a Tudor Trust application to be made later in 2008.

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

Total Cost of project is £ £29,215.76. Match funding of q£23,000 is provided by the Community Café which pays for the salaries of the Chef and 2 kitchen assistants.

Request from Inner West Area Committee £ 29,215.76.

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

Inner Area Committee - Armley

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

Mr Bryan Bloom  
Chair of New Wortley Community Association, 40 Tong Road, Leeds LS12  
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Report from Charmaine Howell  
Community Development and Centre Manager  
For New Wortley Community Centre

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July—September)

July has been a busy month with the West Leeds festival at the start with the centre contributing to the brief of decorating some pants and myself and Gary doing our bit on festival radio, we were interviewed for over an hour and got some really good plugs in for New Wortley Community Centre and our Centre Café. We had the table top sale the day before the festival so it was a busy weekend.

The BSL course finish this quarter and we had some good feed back from this, it was only a taster but we are trying to get some more courses through Joseph Priestley College.

St Johns ran a First Aid course for young people 16-25 this is part of are work with the Sita Trust and young volunteers.

We had a two day event called New Opportunities this was aimed at single parents who wish to return to work or further education. It gave advice on benefits and child care as well as job and training opportunities.

We had a Champion event based at the community centre and this give the Police, Fire Service, Neighbourhood Wardens, EATT, Estate Caretakers, CAST, Enforcement and Housing team the chance to mix with the local residents and to give advice and reassurance that they are here to help with problems and anti social behaviour.

We have had a number of bookings from child minders and the early year's service over the summer; this is because we are involved with the new Castleton Children's Centre and work closely with the local primary school.

The New Wortley Funday was a fantastic success and the weather was very good to us this year. Hook a Duck, Hook a Bottle, face painting were just some of the fun things to do as well as the chocolate fountain that had kids and adults going back for more, raffles, Tombola and cakes from the café all added to the fun and helped put some funds back into the centre.

The After School Club started back in September and planning for the rest of the year was a priority. We have started planning for Halloween and Christmas with things being made to sell at the Christmas Fayre. Numbers have increased with 23 children on are list.

New Wortley Community Association is in a joint consortium with five other organizations to put in a bid for future funding to sustain the future of Community Centres and partnerships so we can be here to help residents and service users anyway we can especially in the present credit crunch.

The last quarter as been a busy one working with the local PCSO, Neighbourhood Wardens and Enforcement agencies to combat prostitution, street drinking and begging in the area. We are working hard to help these people to get help and the right advice so they can turn their lives around and have a fresh start in life.

A good success story is the coming together of resident from the Gilpins to air their differences and they have now formed a small Gilpins Residents group and will be able to help each other clean up the streets and report anti social behaviour and drug dealing, this is a great achievement and we will support them anyway we can.

The Community café is very busy and we are already taking bookings for Christmas lunch. Buffet orders are now coming in after the summer and it looks like we will have Buffet bookings right up until Christmas.

Thank you for your support.

**Charmaine Howell**

**Community Development / Centre Manager  
New Wortley Community Centre**



**Area Committee Well-Being Fund – Project Proposal**  
**Inner West Area Committee**

**Appendix 4**

**Project Name:** Town Centre Manager

**Lead Organisation:** West Leeds Area Management Team

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

The project will be delivered in partnership with Leeds Ahead who offer a business brokerage service across the City. Leeds Ahead would employ the post holder and they would be jointly managed by West Leeds Area Management Team & Leeds Ahead. The post would be advertised as a 3 year post, subject to funding being ratified in future years.

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

A key focus of the Area Management Team's work is to regenerate the town & district centres within West Leeds. Funding for significant improvements to Pudsey, Farsley and Armley town / district centre has been secured through the Town & District Centre Regeneration Scheme. These improvements aim to compliment existing investment from Metro and LCC departments.

It is proposed that to progress the regeneration of the Armley town / district centre a Town Centre Manager (TCM) is employed. One of the key recommendations of the Armley business event held in January 2008 was that a Town and District Centre manager would be of great assistance to supporting and encouraging businesses to start up and stay in Armley.

The TCM would be responsible for day to day management of the two town centres, marketing, publicity, events, drawing together investment from partner organisations and seeking external funding for further improvements. The aims of the TCM in Armley would be to enhance the attractiveness of the town centre, to increase the vibrancy and sustainability, and to help create a centre where increasing numbers go to shop, for entertainment and leisure. The TCM would be based within the West Leeds Area Management Team, but employed through Leeds Ahead and jointly managed by a West Leeds Area Management Team / Leeds Ahead steering group.

The following key issues are identified as priorities for action:

- The numbers of vacant properties for rental in and around the town centres
- The poor appearance of some town centre areas
- the poor retail offer
- the lack of a Sunday economy
- to develop an active business or town centre partnership

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

- increased vitality and viability of Armley town centre
- improved environmental quality
- increased business participation in town centre improvements

**Project Cost. Please indicate**

**How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)**

It is proposed that one full time post should be created, on a 3 year contract, with appointment at grade PO2. The cost of the post with on costs is £34,366 per annum. It is proposed that this should be supplemented with a budget to cover promotions and events, taking the total up to £40,000 per annum. Although it is the intention of the project for the TCM to raise finance that will fund the position in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year it is necessary for the post to be funded in the beginning as follows:

This will be split between Inner and Outer West as follows:

- 2008/9 – 6 months (October to 31<sup>st</sup> March) - £10,000 from each Area Committee – **this was approved at the committee meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008**
- 2009/10 – 12 months funding (April 09 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010) - £20,000 from each Area Committee

**Identify which geographic areas will benefit:**

Pudsey and Armley town centres and surrounding areas.

**Who will be in receipt of the funding:**

**Leeds Ahead.**

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

**Appendix 5**

**Project Name:**

**Refurbishment of Sikh Community Centre as a Sports and Cultural Centre for Armley West Leeds.**

**Lead Organisation: Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Temple Armley**

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

The refurbishment of the existing centre will be delivered by the Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Temple. They will commission the refurbishment of a single story building in which there will be a large hall, toilets and kitchen and from which activities will be delivered.

The intention is to develop the centre as a community resource complimenting the services and facilities already provided locally. Specifically the aim is to deliver a programme of sports activities and cultural events for all age groups especially young people and women from the Sikh community but also all members of the neighbourhood.

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

The prime aim of the project is to develop the community centre as a focal point for sporting and cultural activities for women, young people and children plus the wider community. This will contribute to community cohesion and improve inclusion of all faiths and cultures within the neighbourhood. The centre will deliver programmes of activities such as;

Cooking classes, music instruction, language and dance classes, sports programmes, health awareness sessions, cultural events, intergenerational days, knowing your community days. Etc.,

**Identify which geographic areas will benefit:**

**Armley, New Wortley, Lower Wortley**

**Project Cost . Please indicate;**

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

Total Cost of the project is : £175,000

Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Temple have pledged £20,000

Sikh Temple have applied for a loan of £100,000

An application to Green Leeds has been made for £45,000

**Inner West Area Committee - £10,000 is requested from the Well Being Capital Fund.**

The account is held in the name of ;  
Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Temple,  
62, Tong Road.  
Leeds.  
LS12 1 LZ

**Approved**  
Date

**Not Approved**  
Date

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

**Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008**

**Subject: Update on projects funded from Well-Being budget April 2007 – March 2008**

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

**Executive Summary**

This report seeks to update members on progress with projects commissioned for the financial year 2007-2008 and approved to receive Well Being Funding from the Inner West Area Committee. The report also describes how funding has been allocated across key priorities of community safety, Streetscene, young people and community engagement and consultation and across the wards of Armley, Bramley and Stanningley.

**1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

1.1 To update members on progress of the revenue and capital projects approved by the Area Committee from April 2007 to March 2008.

**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)

### **3.0 Main Issues**

- 3.1 Thirty-eight projects (compared to twenty-four projects in 2006-07) have been commissioned by the Inner West Area Management Team in response to key priorities outlined by Ward Members and in the Area Delivery Plan 2007/08. **Appendix 1** details these projects and describes progress and financial expenditure.
- 3.2 The thirty-eight projects focused on delivering improvements around the key priorities of community safety, consultation and engagement, young people, Streetscene and the environment. Of these ten have been specifically delivered in the Armley ward, eleven in the Bramley and Stanningley ward and seventeen serving both wards.
- 3.3 In terms of expenditure £76,980.00 has been spent on community safety projects, £69,304.83 on young people, £56,412.00 on Streetscene and the environment, and £76,980.00 on community engagement and consultation. However, some projects have a cross cutting theme, such as funding for neighbourhood wardens which has both a community safety aspect and a community consultation and engagement focus.
- 3.4 The majority of projects are revenue projects with ten being capital projects and twenty-eight revenue.

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

- 5.1 Well-Being projects supported the actions contained in the Inner West Area Delivery Plan 2007-08. Ward Members have been consulted on this plan and on the projects commissioned to deliver improvements to the area. The Area Delivery 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 Well-Being budget. Staff resources will be provided by the Area Management Team and partner agencies.

### **7.0 Conclusions**

- 7.1 Significant progress has been made in delivering the priorities of the Inner West Area Delivery Plan 2007/08 with the majority of funding allocated to deliver projects in key neighbourhoods within inner west.

### **8.0 Recommendations**

- 8.1 Members are requested to note the contents of this report and to make observations as necessary.

### **Background Papers**

None

Ward	Theme	Project Name	Lead Organisation	Date approved	Amount Approved 2007/08	Amount Approved 2008/09	Amount spent	Date paid	Progress to date
		<b>Community Engagement</b>							
B/S	CE	Surestart Bramley	Surestart	20/09/07	1,500.00		1,500.00	11/04/08	Report requested 06/10/08
				<b>Total</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>		
		<b>Community Safety</b>							
Arm	CS	Stanningly Rd Barrier	City Service Highways dept	29/03/07	2,000.00		2,000.00	14/09/07	Barrier in place. Safety for local residents and pedestrians improved.
B/S	CS	Motorbike signs Bramley	WYP/CS	29/03/07	2,080.00		2,080.00	19/11/07	Signs installed
Arm	CS	Nancroft Mt gates	Community safety	29/03/07	3,775.00		3,775.00	13/03/08	Nancroft alleygating in place. Safety improved for Nancroft residents
B/S	CS	Bellmount view railings	W L Area Management	20/09/07	1,263.13		1,075.00	01/02/08	Railings replaced to deter youths from gathering on wall and increasing safety and residents peace of mind
B/S	CS	Wellington Mt & Terrace alleygating	Community safety	06/12/07	2,000.00		2,000.00	13/03/08	Work completed.4 pedestrian size gates and matching fencing to 2 footpaths installed. The ginnel is now more secure and will improve safety for residents.
				<b>Total</b>	<b>11,118.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,930.00</b>		
		<b>Environment</b>							
B/S	EN	Bramley Pump & Trough	WLAM/ Bramley Historical Society	19/10/06	14,218.00		13,114.00	Various	Pump remade and replaced, railings restored.
Arm	EN	Cedar Bin yards	EHS (WEST)	29/03/07	9,500.00		9,500.00	03/03/08	Bin Yards completed and area improved
B/S	EN	Fairfield Groundwork Project	Groundwork	25/10/07	15,000.00		15,000.00	11/04/08	All proposed projects completed. Final report requested 06/10/08
				<b>Total</b>	<b>38,718.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>37,614.00</b>		
		<b>Young People</b>							
Arm	YP	Christchurch building	Christchurch Armley	08/02/07	10,000.00		10,000.00	08/02/08	With improvements -has allowed expansion in youth programme and work undertaken. Works completed - Drainage alteration, Toilet refitting and purchase of fittings.
				<b>Total</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>		

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Ward	Theme	Project Name	Lead Organisation	Date approved	Amount Approved 2007/08	Amount Approved 2008/09	Amount spent	Date paid	Progress to date
		<b>Community Engagement</b>							
		Community Engagement project							
B/S	CE	NWCC	Bramley Elderly Action	29/03/07	10,583.00		10,581.00	18/05/07, 07/09/07, 01/02/08	Community Development work complete. Evaluation received each quarter and on file
Arm	CE	Community Devt Worker	New Wortley Community Assn	25/10/07	7,196.00	21,588.00	28,784.00	Various	Charmaine Howell in post - reports received before every quarterly payment - on file.
All	CE	I love West Leeds 2008	Interplay	25/10/07	1,000.00	24,000.00	25,000.00	15/02/08, 16/05/08	Successful festival delivered focusing on activities around inner and outer west Leeds - report received Sept 2008
All	CE	Summer 2008 Bands in Parks	LCC Leeds International Concert Season	06/12/07		1,200.00	0.00		2 concerts in each ward performed in Summer 2008
All	CE	Local Futures (Access 2 Employment)	BARCA development trust	06/12/07		15,000.00	0.00		No documentation received - AMO to advise.
Arm	CE	Armley Helping Hands Transport	Armley Helping Hands	07/02/08	10,000.00		10,000.00	04/04/08	Update requested 06/10/08
All	CE	Consultation & Engagement	WLAM? Various	03/04/08		2,000.00	100.00	Various	Small budget used for consultation events and publicity for Area Committee etc.
All	CE	Marvellous Armley Tea Dance	Armley Tea Dance Company	03/04/08		3,500.00	0.00		Several Tea Dances have already taken place around West Leeds - payment pending on further documentation from group.
All	CE	Town Centre Manager	WNWLAMT	26/06/08		10,000.00	1,015.00	Various	Advert paid for in Yorkshire Post and Manager appointed on 07/10/08
		<b>Community Safety</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>28,779.00</b>	<b>77,288.00</b>	<b>75,480.00</b>		
		NW							
Arm	CS	Neighbourhood Warden	LCC - WLAM/CS	08/02/07	29,000.00		26,094.82	Various	Wardens employed and active in local neighbourhoods. Feedback from local communities is very positive.

All	CS	Community safety etc	Neighbourhood Wardens etc	29/03/07	2,000.00		1,036.80	Various	Small budget allocated to wardens to assist them in their work with communities. Personal alarms issued to vulnerable residents and reflective armbands to local children.etc.,
Arm	CS	DPPO Armley	WYP/LCC-CS	28/06/07	12,693.72		12,693.72	Various	Neighbourhood Policing Team assigned extra officers to police the order prior to Christmas and signage for the DPPO area was erected.
All	CS	Headcams	WYP	20/09/07	7,200.00		7,200.00	30/11/07	2 headams for each ward purchased - very good results reported. Police currently undertaking an evaluation on effectiveness fo these cameras - this will forwarded to Gill Hunter once completed.
All	CS	WL Domestic Violence Campaign	LIAP/Community Safety	25/10/07	5,000.00		5,000.00	21/03/08	6 sessions at Schools in West Leeds - 'Bad Mummy' theatre production shown to yr 6 pupils. Update requested 06/10/08
All	CS	Community Safety budget	Neighbourhood Wardens etc	03/04/08		1,000.00	0.00	Various	Small budget allocated to wardens to assist them in their work with communities. Personal alarms issued to vulnerable residents and reflective armbands to local children.etc.,
Arm	CS	Neighbourhood Warden	LCC - WLAM/CS	03/04/08		35,873.00	6,349.49	Paid quarterly	warden to be appointed to Wyther, Report by Gill Hunter to Oct 2008 Area Committee.
				<b>Total</b>	<b>55,893.72</b>	<b>36,873.00</b>	<b>58,374.83</b>		
<b>Environment</b>									
B/S	EN	Roundabout Sponsorship	LCC - Parks & Countryside	29/03/07	1,500.00		1,500.00	29/08/07	Roundabout planted up and improved a key area in inner west Leeds.
All	EN	Community Skips	BWS Skip Hire	28/06/07	3,000.00		2,418.00	Various	23 skips supplied to local community groups to aid clean up projects.
B/S	EN	Bramley Conservation area	LCC city development	06/12/07		12,000.00	12,000.00	02/05/08	Bramley conservation areas are timetabled to begin in November 2008, for them to be taken to Planning Board in March 2009.
B/S	EN	Roundabout Sponsorship	LCC - Parks & Countryside	07/02/08		1,500.00	1,500.00	20/06/08	Pre-planting work in progress.
All	EN	Community Skips	BWS Skip Hire	03/04/08		2,500.00	1,380.00	Various	11 skips supplied to local community groups to aid clean up projects.
				<b>Total</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>	<b>18,798.00</b>		
<b>Young People</b>									

All	YP	WL Holiday Sports programme	LCC- LLD et al	29/03/07	5,000.00		5,000.00	27/06/07	Extensive programme delivered from leisure centres and community venues with children from deprived communities encouraged to play sport. Report received.
Arm	YP	Town Street Tales	LCC - Youth Service	29/03/07	9,490.00		9,490.00	18/10/07	Project complete, local schoolchildren have created figures to be installed on Town Street Armley as part of the Town and District Centre improvements. These to be used at various events where possible.
B/S	YP	Back on Track	Barca YIP	28/06/07	1,600.00		1,600.00	15/02/08	1 session delivered. 5 out of 8 youths identified completed the course successfully. Further session to be delivered within next few weeks. Update requested 03/10/08
All	YP	HipHopes Edutainment	Invisible Circle Education	20/09/07	2,800.00		2,800.00	11/01/08	12 week programme of issue-based youthwork at New Wortley CC. Report received to go to Area Committee Oct 2008.
All	YP	WL Holiday Sports programme	LCC- LLD et al	06/12/07		5,000.00	5,000.00	03/07/08	This project is now being coordinated by Education Leads and is not complete until November 2008
All	YP	Mobile Youth Bus	LCC - YS & Barca	03/04/08		12,000.00	12,000.00	09/09/08	As this is an ongoing project - 6 monthly update requested 07/10/08
All		Consultation & Engagement	Lcc - WLAM	28/06/07	5,000.00		777.00	Various	Small budget used for consultation events and publicity for Area Committee etc.
			<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>23,890.00</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>	<b>36,667.00</b>		

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Inner West Wellbeing 07/08 - 08/09 to date

Expenditure Type	Theme	Total approved 07/08 and 08/09 to date	Total spent
<b>CAPITAL</b>	Community Engagement	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
	Community Safety	£11,118.13	£10,930.00
	Environment	£38,718.00	£37,614.00
	Young People	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
	<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>£61,336.13</b>	<b>£60,044.00</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	Community Engagement	£106,067.00	£75,480.00
	Community Safety	£92,766.72	£58,374.83
	Environment	£20,500.00	£18,798.00
	Young People	£40,890.00	£36,667.00
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>£260,223.72</b>	<b>£189,319.83</b>
<b>Combined</b>	<b>Community Engagement</b>	£107,567.00	£76,980.00
	<b>Community Safety</b>	£103,884.85	£69,304.83
	<b>Environment</b>	£59,218.00	£56,412.00
	<b>Young People</b>	£50,890.00	£46,667.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£321,559.85</b>	<b>£249,363.83</b>

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## Report of the West North West Leeds Area Manager

### Inner West Area Committee

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008

**Subject:** Intensive Neighbourhood Management, Safer Stronger Communities Funding– 12 Month Review

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**  
Bramley & Stanningley

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities   
Women   
Disabled people   
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

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## Executive Summary

This report gives an overview of the successes on the Fairfield estate through the partnership working approach and Safer Stronger Communities funding.

The emerging priority areas for 2008/09 that have arisen from the recent update of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) are:

- Education, Skills and training
- Income deprivation affecting older people
- Crime

Each of these priority areas have been addressed in 2007/08's work programme, but due to the changes in their IMD rankings a more focused approach to these areas is required to make significant improvements.

This report also sets out the proposed Safer Stronger Community Fund (SSCF) allocations for 2009/10.

The Inner West Area Committee Members are asked to note the contents of the report, to comment on any aspects of the report and to support the continuation of the funding of the scheme as outlined at previous Area Committee meetings.

## **1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to brief Members on the achievements of the Fairfield Community Partnership, the outputs from the associated partnership working, and show the proposed future actions to further improve the estate.

## **2.0 Background information**

2.1 The Fairfield estate has been the focus of the SSCF funding in West Leeds due to its ranking at the start of the 2006/07, which ranked it in the top 3% of deprived Super Output Areas (SOA) in England and Wales. It was rated as 417<sup>th</sup> out of about 32,482 localities, based on the 2004 Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). All initiatives have therefore been focused on lifting Fairfield estate out of these rankings. The ultimate goal being to take the Fairfield estate out of the bottom 10% incrementally over the next 10 years.

2.2 The main criteria for improving the estate based on the last IMD (2004) by The Office of the Deputy Prime minister were:

- Income Deprivation
- Educational attainment
- Crime

## **3.0 Revenue funding 2007-08**

The funds made available in 2007-08 (£74,359 Revenue and £103,000 Capital) has been invaluable and allowed a number of different schemes to be delivered.

- Income Deprivation – Job shop  
Job Links  
Basic confidence building courses  
IT training courses
- Educational attainment - Extended Schools provision  
Volunteer support through community gardener  
Support courses to build skills base
- Crime reduction - Police attendance at LAMP for feedback  
Extra PCSO patrols  
Close working with the neighbourhood warden
- Older people  
twice weekly lunch club  
Older gentlemans group

3.1 The revenue funding has allowed the centre to be open the vast majority of the time providing a range of activities to all. The Fairfield Community Centre has been able to involve a range of different agencies such as:

- Womens' Health Matters
- Play is sorted
- BARCA Leeds
- West North West Homes Leeds
- Surestart



- Bramley Children’s Centre
- Youth Inc
- ATL Enterprise
- Bramley Credit Union
- West Leeds Debt Forum

3.2 These partnership working practices have also opened doors and led to local people being involved in activities that have previously not been available to the area, such as Tai Chi, Salsa and jewellery making.

3.3 Appendix 1 provides more statistical information relating to Fairfields Intensive Neighbourhood Management Area, as part of the Year 2 update.

#### 4.0 Capital funding 2007-08

The capital allocation for 2007-08 was £103,000; this was to be used to make environmental improvements to the estate highlighted through the Fairfields Local Area Management Plan and Fairfields Tenants and Residents group. Due to successful partnership working, match funding was secured to deliver total capital works in the region of £140,250. This has had a significant impact to the visual appearance of some parts of the estate such as:

- Maggies End - Improvements were made to the entrance of the estate off Broad Lane. Works included installation of a hand rail to support the resurfaced path, reinstallation of a seat and general clearance and levelling.
- Stanningley Road Streetscape – Improvements completed to the junction of Stanningley road and Hough lane to utilise the space more effectively. Works have included new seating, planters and installation of new edgings.
- Henley Estate Binyards – Clearance and re-walling of a number of yards to improve the aesthetics of the streets
- Bramley railings – funding to support the delivery of the restoration of the grade 2 listed site on the far end of the SOA

<b>Cleaner Safer Greener - capital plus revenue*</b>	<b>Approval</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Fairfield Privet Recycling		16900	
Maggies End		21900	
West Leeds Bin Yards Phase 3		20700	
Stanningley Road Streetscape		12400	
Bramley Town Street Railings		6000	
Fairfield Bramley Street Benches		900	
Fairfield Police Headcams		3400	
Fairfield Volunteer Tools		4800	
Dreamscheme*		5,000	
School Env Development*		7500	
Campus*		3300	
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,000</b>	<b>102,800</b>	<b>-200</b>

\* includes revenue spend totalling £15,800.

## 5.0 Indices of Multi-Deprivation Rankings 2007

In November 2007 the updated IMD data was released with the Fairfield's estate going from being ranked 417<sup>th</sup> in England and Wales, to 1249<sup>th</sup>. This shows significant improvements, particularly in certain aspects of the estate. This move has meant a change in rankings from being in the bottom 3% to now residing in the bottom 5%. This does not however mean that all of the issues raised in the 2004 IMD data have been resolved, but there are marked improvements:

	2004	2007	Change
Multiple Deprivation	417	1249	+832
Income Deprivation	595	2131	+1536
Educational Attainment	258	259	+1
Crime	590	75	-515

5.1 The table above shows that even though significant improvements to the priority areas from the 2004 statistics have changed, there is still major attention required to impact on educational attainment and crime. A review of actions relating to education attainment and crime will be undertaken, in order to establish the rationale behind these rankings.

5.2 Based on the information above, the priorities for the estate would be as follows:

- Education, Skills and training (including educational attainment)
- Income deprivation affecting older people
- Crime

5.3 Partnership partners will continue to work towards making improvements in these areas, and enhance improvements made in previous years to the following domains; Barriers to Housing & Services, Living Environment and Income Deprivation Affecting Children.

## 6.0 Main Issues

### 6.1 Revenue funding 2009-10

The funding in 2008-09 is at a reduced level due to the changes in the budgets available from the Central Government for this scheme. These changes will affect all of the Intensive Neighbourhood Management areas across the city. This has obviously had an impact on the running of the project, but there are still five local people employed at the centre (the Community Coordinator, Administrative Officer, Community Gardener, Chef and Cleaner).

6.2 This local employment model has led to a more cohesive project and the involvement of some people from the community that may not have been involved in the past. The focus of the revenue funding for 2008-09 has been allocated to the local employment model and to sustain provision from the Fairfield's community centre, which is critical in the implementation of the exit strategy of SSCF funding.

### 6.3 2009-10 proposals

The reduced level of revenue funding will still allow staff to be employed and provision delivered from the centre, the main change being the emphasis on the staff to strive to be sustainable.

6.4 The available funding is proposed to be spent as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>2009/10</b>
Community Coordinator	30,298
Admin Assist	6,012
Garden assistant/ caretaker	11,983
Programmes (youth, education, health)	3,000
Gardener project costs (e.g. skips)	1,000
Rent/running costs	1,917
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,210</b>

6.5 These figures are in line with those of the last three years. The main reduction from the previous year is the omission of funding for the Neighbourhood Warden. Neighbourhood Wardens' posts across the city are currently going through a review in light of the loss of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF). The impact of not funding this post would mean that the neighbourhood warden who is currently in post would be reviewed in the same way as all of the other wardens in the city.

6.6 If approved the funding will contribute to allowing the centre to continue operating and deliver schemes targeted at the priorities raised earlier in this report:

#### **Education, Skills and training**

- Community gardener using skills to train volunteers on the estate in gardening
- Continuation of computer courses due to their success last year
- Volunteer run Jewellery class accessible to all
- Weekly Job shop to continue
- Continuation of the Tea time club which gives a structure to parent and childrens' learning

#### **Income deprivation affecting older people**

- Continue working with the West Leeds Debt forum on projects such as the Loan shark scheme they are working on at the moment
- Bramley Credit union still hold their weekly collection at the centre

#### **Crime**

- Promotion of Police using the Head Cams which were funded by the partnership last year.
- Support given to the Warden led joint surgery in the centre
- Police support given to the Dreamscheme project
- Youth groups are designed to give the young people skills, and keep them occupied on an evening

6.7 The centre as a whole is looking at an exit strategy to allow the continuation of provision on the estate after the completion of the funding.

- 6.8 Fairfields is now part of a consortium of other inner west community centres, (New Wortley, Wyther Community House, Moorside, and the Heights) who are making a collective bid for funding to place the centres on a more sustainable footing. It is proposed that a lead organisation will manage all the centres and undertake recruitment, caretaking, financial management and the co-ordination of services. The intention being to enhance the financial sustainability of these community centres and enable key services and initiatives, such as community development work, health and jobs and skills to continue to be provided in the neighbourhoods where they are most needed.
- 6.9 A business case is being prepared which will outline the responsibilities of the lead organisation, the model of delivery and the cost of maintaining and running these centres for the benefit of the communities they serve. This will form the basis of a funding bid to be made before the end of 2008.

## **7.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance**

The Fairfield community partnership is part of the Narrowing the Gap agenda.

## **8.0 Conclusions**

- 8.1 As with any estate, such as the Fairfields, improvements do take time, but the significant improvements made in the last two years, highlighted in this report, signifies that partnership working can have a worthwhile impact in regenerating local communities. The estate has made significant improvements in the SOA rankings, and to continue this trend work needs to be targeted at specific priority areas; such as crime and education. Although these domains have been targeted, and have been the subject of partnership work efforts over the last two years, more intensive work will need to be undertaken, based on the outcomes and knowledge and experience, in order to ensure improvements in the next review.

## **9.0 Recommendations**

- 9.1 The Inner West Area Committee Members are invited to:
- a) note the contents of the report and comment on any aspect of the matters raised, and
  - b) support the continuation of the scheme through the proposals outlined in this report into 2009-10 utilising the available funding for the estate through Safer Stronger Communities Funds.

## **Background Papers**

- Appendix 1 Intensive Neighbourhood Management Update (2008), Regeneration Services

## Fairfields Intensive Neighbourhood Management Area (INM) – Year 2 Update

### Worklessness and Low Income

- The number of Working Age Client Group (WACG) claimants in the area increased from 615 in 2005 to 630 in 2006, but has now fallen again to 610 in 2007.
- The following table compares the figures for the Fairfields INM area with those for the combined INM areas and the city as a whole.

	2005	2006	2007
Fairfields	22.8%	23.4%	21.9%
Combined INM areas	32.0%	32.7%	28.3%
Leeds Metropolitan District	14.2%	14.4%	13.0%

- Almost 22% of the working age population in the area are WACG claimants – well above the city average of 13%.
- The number of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimants in the area rose by 16% from 95 in 2005 to 110 in 2006, but has fallen again to 90 in 2007.
- The number of Incapacity Benefit claimants also increased slightly from 320 in 2005 to 335 in 2007, while the number of Lone Parents in receipt of Income Support fell slightly from 100 in 2005 to 95 in 2007.
- The number of households in receipt of Local Authority administered benefits stayed broadly the same over the three year period at around 715.

### Crime

- The number of reported crimes in the area fell by 38% from 940 in 2005/06 to 581 in 2006/07, compared to a decrease of 10.4% for the city as a whole.

	2005	2006	2007
Fairfields	223.28‰	198.81‰	138.00‰
Combined INM areas	218.3‰	224.6‰	197.07‰
Leeds MD	137.00‰	134.75‰	122.71‰

- At 138 crimes per thousand population the crime rate in the area is still higher than the city average (122.71‰).
- The numbers have fallen across all crime types from the figures recorded in 2005 (with the exception of drugs crime which has increased slightly although the numbers of crimes in this category are relatively small) .
- Rates for domestic burglary, criminal damage, drugs crime and violent crime all remain above the averages for the city.

### Educational Attainment

- The number of pupils living in the area achieving 5 or more GCSEs has risen slightly over the three years from 2005 – 2007, but as a proportion of all children entered the area is still significantly behind the city average (39.3% compared to 56%).
- At Key Stage 2 the numbers of children in the area achieving level 4 in Maths and Science has increased from the 2005 levels, but the number achieving this level in

English has fallen slightly, when expressed as a rate of all entrants in the area the figures are still below the city averages.

## Liveability

- In 2005 the District Local Environmental Quality Survey (DLEQS) showed that 39% of streets in the SOA that covers the Fairfields estate itself had unacceptable levels of litter and detritus compared to a city figure of 20%, by 2006 the figure in this SOA had dropped dramatically to just 9% and this level has been maintained in 2007, and remains below the city average of 13% for the same year.

## Housing

- The following table compares the figures for the Fairfields INM area with those for the combined INM areas and the city as a whole.

	2005	2006	2007	%age inc / dec
Fairfields	£97,167	£106,600	£115,400	+18.8
Combined INM areas	£91,615	£97,144	£106,384	+16.7
Leeds MD	£155,200	£164,700	£177,100	+14.1



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**Report of West Leeds Gateway Board**

**Report to Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 23 October 2008**

**Subject: West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Programme**

<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>	
<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**

This report outlines progress on key project activity relating to the West Leeds Gateway (WLG) regeneration programme. The report also provides an update on the proposed new governance arrangements that will be presented to the West Leeds Gateway Board at a meeting to be held on Thursday 9 October 2008.

## **Purpose Of This Report**

The purpose of this report is to update the Inner West Area Committee on the progress that has been made on key project activity relating to the regeneration of the West Leeds Gateway (WLG). The report also provides an opportunity for Members to note the proposed new governance arrangements for the West Leeds Gateway Board intent on creating a robust structure capable of taking forward this ambitious regeneration programme.

## **Background Information**

The WLG is one of the city's key regeneration initiatives aimed at narrowing the gap between the most disadvantaged people and communities in West Leeds and the rest of the city. The Council's case for focusing on West Leeds lies not only in the area's high levels of deprivation but also in the realistic opportunities for sustainable intervention by the Council and other agencies which will ensure that West Leeds is well positioned to take advantage of anticipated future economic growth in Leeds and across West Yorkshire.

Key objectives of the WLG are:

- To improve the built environment through high quality, sustainable, design initiatives whilst preserving and where appropriate, enhancing the area's heritage and reinforcing its distinct identity i.e. Armley Mills
- To improve the vitality and viability of Armley Town Centre i.e. Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) and the Town & District Centre (TDC) scheme.
- To establish a comprehensive redevelopment plan for the key 'gateway' sites leading to West Leeds and the Town Centre to create an inviting and prominent local landmark that achieves 'a sense of arrival to the area' i.e. Branch Road, Mistress Lane.
- To improve the quality of the existing housing stock and maximise opportunities for the provision of new and affordable housing across a variety of tenure types e.g. New Wortley.
- To improve and maintain the safety, quality and usability of greenspace and enhance the green corridors of waterways for the enjoyment and improved well being of the local community and to enhance the richness of habitats for wildlife.
- To improve connectivity into and out of the area for residents and visitors taking full advantage of the area's proximity to the two major cities of both Leeds and Bradford.
- To provide and maintain an improved variety of employment and skills development opportunities.

## **Main Issues**

The information below outlines progress made in relation to key project activities;

### **1. Area Action Plan/Delivery Plan**

Following public consultation during Feb-April 2008, Officers continue to work on developing an Area Action Plan (AAP) to guide the development of the WLG over the next 15–20 years. A strategic delivery plan is also being worked up setting out how the objectives for the WLG will be achieved and the long term benefits for the local community.



## 2. Gateway Sites

### 2.1 2 Branch Road

The owner of 2 Branch Road (former Mike's Carpets) has been in recent discussions with the Council about the future of this site. The Council's position has been clearly set out and further meetings are planned in order to try and reach an amicable way forward. Agreement was also reached for an independent re-evaluation of the site and an asbestos survey to be undertaken.

### 2.2 Mistress Lane

Following Local Plans Panel consideration in June, revised designs are being drawn up by Advent, the preferred developer, for further consultation with Ward Members and the Area Forum in November. The intention is to resubmit revised proposals to Local Plans Panel in December.

### 2.3 Living World

The planning brief prepared for Branch Road also includes some potential future options for the Living World site. However, as parts of the site remains occupied, the focus of our work on the Gateways will be on Branch Road and Mistress Lane, which are deemed more deliverable in the short term.

## 3. New Wortley

### 3.1 T-Blocks

West North West Homes are continuing with their options appraisal of the T-blocks on the estate. A full report is expected by November which will determine the future of 5/6 of the T-blocks and up to 6 houses.

### 3.2 Holdforth Place

Holdforth Place (former Children's Home) is the cleared site in the middle of the New Wortley estate, currently owned by HM Treasury. An agreement was reached with Yorkshire Housing two years ago to buy and redevelop the site. However, the deal did not happen resulting in the Treasury notifying us in July of their intention to consider disposing of the land by auction.

In order to ensure future development of this site, in keeping with the WLGB's aspirations, approval was given by the Chief Housing Officer in September, to fund the acquisition of Holdforth Place for £65k including legal fees. It is anticipated that this deal will be completed by end of December.

### 3.3 Former Liberal Club

Due to the current economic climate, redevelopment of the site demolished in 2005, cannot be considered in the short term.

### 3.4 Centrica

Centrica, the National Grid (gas) site, are keen to discuss future plans with the Council about future options for this site. However, we were notified in October that National Grid's position remains unchanged in that any future development of the site is still very much a long term aspiration. As such we are unable to progress discussions further at this time.

### 4. Armley Mills

Various pieces of work have been undertaken to assess options for the delivery of a sustainable development scheme at Armley Mills which will provide an enhanced cultural facility incorporating an improved Museum which complies with the Council's vision for the Museum and at the same time, exploits the potential of the whole Mill complex including Dunkirk Hill and Cardigan Fields, Waterways and surrounding areas. The need to build stronger links to the community of Armley is integral to this work.

Armley Mills has not been in receipt of funding from the Designated Collections Fund and is not in a position to go for major Heritage Lottery Funding in the foreseeable future. This has resulted in a need for the Council to look at alternative sources of financial support especially from the private sector given the current economic climate. Informal meetings are currently being held with a number of companies that specialise in investing in Heritage buildings, to see if their experience might be applicable to Armley Mills. These meetings are without prejudice.

Museums & Galleries, Libraries, Arts and Heritage are currently undertaking an audit of the artifacts in the Museum which will identify space requirements to assist in updating its approach and broaden its appeal.

Officers in Regeneration Service, Renaissance Unit and Museums & Galleries, Libraries, Arts and Heritage will continue working together to provide a solution which will deliver a comprehensive scheme for the whole site.

Once all the various strands of work are complete, a report outlining the vision for the area will be presented to the WLGB. Further work to develop a framework for the area will also be subject to consultation with Members, the public and the Inner West Area Committee.

### 5. Armley Town Centre

The Armley Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) Officer post has been advertised and it is expected that an appointment will be made by early November. A THI website has been designed along with application forms and guidance notes ready for launch.

The Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for Armley has been published and a local consultative group set up to oversee its implementation and management. It is anticipated that the agreed CMP will be considered at the 23 October Planning Board. Once approved, this should trigger the Heritage Lottery Fund's permission to begin expenditure.

A request for funding and design freeze is to be presented to Executive Board on 8 October 2008 for the joint T&DC/THI works to the forecourts. The scheme is expected to be on site in January 2009.

## 6. Governance

The Inner West Area Committee is the client for the work on the West Leeds Gateway, together with the Outer Area Committee in relation to those parts of the Regeneration Area within Farnley and Wortley ward. As part of the on-going restructure of the Regeneration Service, responsibility for the delivery of the (physical aspects of the) WLG regeneration programme moved from the Area Management team to the new Regeneration City Office team in July this year. Throughout the summer, senior officers within the Council, the Chair and other members of the WLGB including Cllr Andrew Carter, Executive Member have reviewed the current governance arrangements to create a structure capable of moving this ambitious programme on to the next phase.

Each Ward within the WLG will be represented by a Member as part of the proposed new Programme Board. The Inner West Area Committee continues to be represented on the Board by its Chair, Cllr Janet Harper.

The services aspect of the West Leeds Gateway, including worklessness, culture, community safety, economic development, health, leisure, recreation and voluntary/community and faith sector involvement will be led by Area Management and co-ordinated through a new Stakeholder Advisory Board chaired by Cllr Harper.

A copy of the revised structure of the WLGB is attached at appendix 1.

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

The regeneration of the West Leeds Gateway will contribute to several of the strategic outcomes set out in the Council's Leeds Strategic Plan 2008 – 2011 in particular; Culture – enhanced cultural opportunities through encouraging investment and development of high quality facilities e.g. Armley Mills; Enterprise and the Economy – increased international competitiveness through marketing and investment in high quality infrastructure and physical assets e.g. Gateway sites and Thriving Places – improved quality of life through mixed neighbourhoods offering good housing options and better access to services and activities e.g. New Wortley.

### Member Consultation

As part of the review of the governance arrangements, individual meetings were held with Cllr Andrew Carter, Executive Member and member of the WLGB, Cllr Janet Harper, Chair of Inner West Area Committee and current Vice Chair of the WLGB and Cllr David Blackburn, member of the WLGB.

### **Legal and Resource Implications**

The WLG strategic delivery plan which is currently being developed, in line with the AAP, will also set out the level of investment needed to deliver the WLG programme and the anticipated sources including strategies for leveraging in of private sector funding.

## **Conclusions**

During this year, significant work has taken place among Officers and partners to progress the West Leeds Gateway regeneration programme. The Officers, guided by the WLGB, continue to move on key priorities identified by the WLGB including Armley Mills, 2 Branch Road and Mistress Lane which form part of the Gateways Scheme and the Armley Town Centre.

In addition, the Council will continue to keep a 'watching brief' on other sites/proposals identified for intervention in the medium to long term such as Living World and sites in New Wortley.

A review of the current governance arrangements has taken place to create a structure capable of moving forward this ambitious programme. The new arrangements will be presented to the WLGB at its meeting on Thursday 9 October 2008.

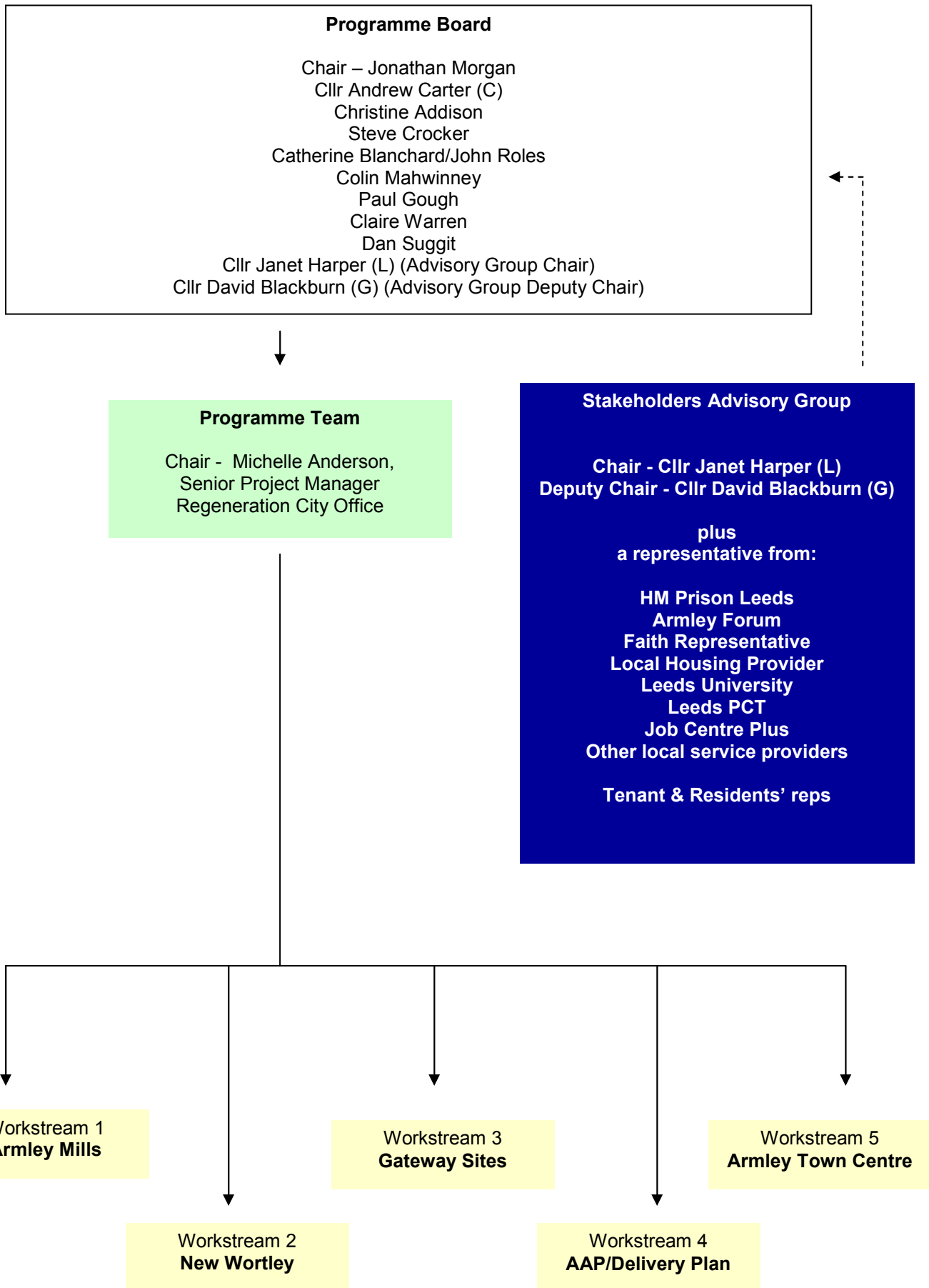
## **Recommendations**

The Inner Area Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

## **Background Papers**

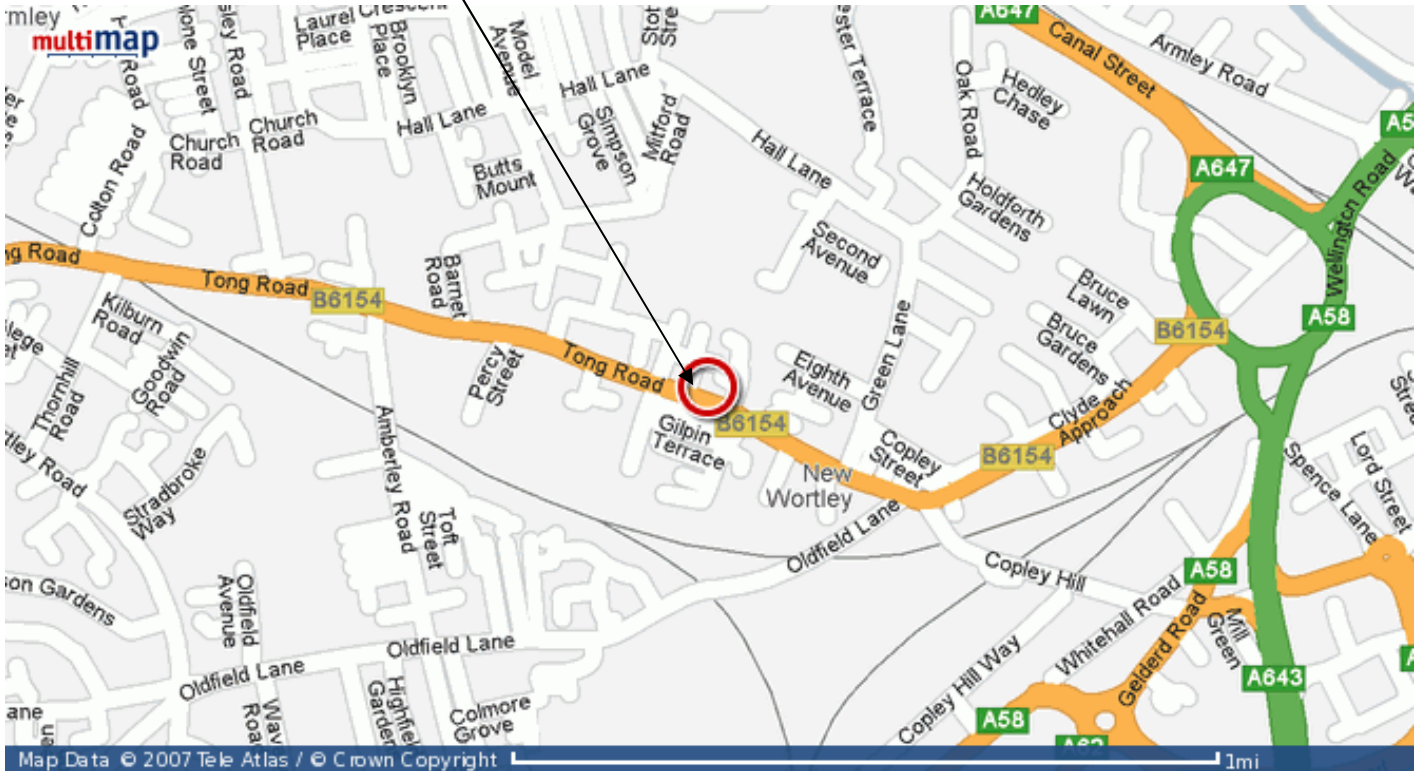
Appendix 1 WLGB revised structure diagram.

**Appendix 1 – Proposed New WLGB Structure**



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