



WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

**Meeting to be held at the Strawberry Lane Community Centre, Leeds LS12 1SF
on Tuesday, 5th April, 2011 at 5.30 pm
(Map attached)**

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

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5			<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To declare any personal / prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 12 of the Members Code of Conduct.</p>	
6			<p>OPEN FORUM / COMMUNITY FORUMS</p> <p>In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p>	
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Agenda Item 7

WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor J Harper in the Chair
Councillors D Atkinson, T Hanley, A Lowe,
J McKenna and N Taggart

63 Late Items/Supplementary Information

Reference was made to two late appendices in respect of Agenda Item 14 (Minute No. 74 refers) – Children’s Services – Performance Report – which had been inadvertently left off the agenda when it was published. These were circulated round the meeting.

64 Declaration of Interests

Councillor D Atkinson made a declaration of personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 17 (Minute No. 73 refers) – Future Options for Long Term Residential Care and Day Care for Older People – as she was currently in receipt of home care services.

65 Open Forum

The Committee considered representations from a local resident, Mr Jeffrey Houseman, relating to the condition of, and the amount of annual expenditure on, Rodley Park, compared to other Council parks in West Leeds.

Mr Houseman was informed by Members of current discussions taking place with the Council’s Parks and Countryside Division, relating to Bramley and Stanningley Ward, which would address his concerns. Reference was also made to recent improvements in respect of the footpaths in Rodley Park. Reference was also made to the free bulbs scheme operated by Groundwork Leeds each September.

It was agreed that the Area Management Officer should arrange another meeting between Councillor Hanley and the relevant Council officers and that Mr Houseman should be invited to attend.

Mr Houseman was thanked for raising the issue.

66 Minutes - 15th December 2010

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

67 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Wednesday, 6th April, 2011

- a) NW Divisional Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report (Minute No. 61 refers)

Councillor Atkinson made reference to the new police computer programme which allowed the public to check on incidences of crime in specific streets, and raised her concerns regarding burglary rates in the Ganners and an assault in Eric Street, Bramley.

Inspector Bownass undertook to liaise separately, outside the meeting, with Councillor Atkinson regarding these matters.

Inspector Bownass also undertook to ensure that the maps referred to at the last meeting (Minute No. 55) were distributed to all the relevant residents – apparently, to date, some residents had not received the information, but others had.

- b) Friday Night Project, Armley Lazer Centre (Minute No. 57 refers)

Further to Minute No. 57, 15th December 2010, the Chair reported that she had since visited the Friday Night Centre, and congratulated everyone involved in this brilliant initiative.

68 Community Forum Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Armley Community Forum meeting held on 18th January 2011, and the Bramley and Stanningley Community Forum meeting held on 27th January 2011, be received and noted.

(NB: Councillor N Taggart joined the meeting at 5.25 pm, at the conclusion of this item.)

69 Wellbeing Budget 2010/11 - Update Report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report updating the Committee regarding its revenue and capital wellbeing budget balances for 2010/11 and containing details of several new applications for funding in 2011/12.

The current revised capital balance of £3,199 was noted, and Members indicated that there were one or two pressing issues in Bramley and Stanningley Ward, in addition to the proposals for possible new litter bins in Armley and Bramley. It was agreed that the final allocation of this balance should be dealt with by the Director via a delegated decision, in consultation with a Sub Group, comprising the Chair and a Member from Bramley and Stanningley Ward.

Jane Earnshaw, Director, I Love West Leeds Festival, attended the meeting, outlined various costed options for the event in 2011 and reported on other sponsorship and funding streams being pursued, including the Arts Council.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the report be noted, including the Committee's revenue and capital wellbeing budget balances;
- b) That the following in principle decisions be taken in respect of the applications for funding in 2011/12 listed below, subject to final confirmation of the Committee's wellbeing budget for 2011/12 :-
 - i) 'I Love West Leeds' Festival 2011 - £25,000 – Approved.
 - ii) Holiday Sports Provision - £4,000 – Approved.
 - iii) West Yorkshire Police – Covert crime reduction initiative - £6,063 (2011/12 only) – Approved.
 - iv) Armley Sports Project - £1,656 – Approved.
 - v) Additional litter bins - £2,800 maximum (£350 per bin) – referred to Sub Group (see (c) below);
- c) That in respect of the above applications, the final allocation of the 2010/11 capital balance of £3,199 and also the £25,000 approved in principle at the last meeting in respect of the post of Town Centre Manager, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods be authorised to implement the decisions, using his concurrent delegated powers, once the Committee's final budget for 2011/12 is confirmed, in consultation with a Members' Sub Group comprising the Chair and a Bramley and Stanningley Ward Member.

70 Area Manager's Report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report updating the Committee on progress in respect of the implementation of the Committee's Area Delivery Plan 2008-11.

The Chair introduced Jane Maxwell, the newly appointed Area Leader for West and North West Leeds.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

71 Forward Plan of Area Committee Business - 5th April 2011

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

72 Community Safety - Update Report

Inspector Mark Bownass and Gill Hunter, Divisional Community Safety Co-ordinator, updated the Committee on community safety issues in the Committee's area and responded to Members' queries and comments.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted, and the Police and officers be congratulated in respect of their efforts, which is evidenced in the report.

73 Future Options for Long Term Residential Care and Day Care for Older People

The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care (Strategic Commissioning) submitted a report outlining a current review and extensive public consultation exercise in respect of long term residential care and day care services for older people across the City.

Anna Clifford and Kim Maslyn, Adult Social Services, attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments. In brief summary, the main points of discussion were:-

- The extent of the problems facing the Council was acknowledged. The elderly population was increasing, the costs of caring for them was getting more expensive, local authorities were under tremendous financial pressure, the Council's current stock of accommodation needed extensive investment just to bring it up to a modest standard, the services available in the private sector had increased dramatically and often costs were lower and standards of accommodation higher in the private sector. This was a big issue the Council was facing, but it was regarded that it was going about it in a reasonable and responsible way via the process outlined by the officers.
- Council staff involved in the planning and provision of services for the elderly in Leeds were praised for their dedication.
- The current and possible future needs of the BME population in Leeds and in the Committee's area needed to be taken into account in the process, including consultation with local communities via contact with churches mosques, gurdwaras, etc. If the officers contacted Touchstone, it would also be able to assist.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted, and an update report be submitted to the next meeting in April.

74 Children's Services - Performance Report

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report updating the Committee on performance levels in a variety of areas, including recent statutory inspections of the adoption service, the youth offending service and five children's centres, various education performance indicators, the latest NEET (Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training), and the top priorities contained in the Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) 2011-15.

Amanda Jackson, Locality Enabler, Children's Services attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments. In brief summary, Members made the following points:-

- Appendix 1a – Key Stage 4 attainment levels for BME pupils – Members requested that consideration be given in future reports to providing separate information in the 'White Gypsy, Roma and Travellers of Irish Heritage' category, as these were distinct groups with their own cultures and issues. Members requested more gender-based information, as often there were distinct differences in performance levels, e.g. black Caribbean boys and girls. Members also requested information relating to pupils in receipt of free school meals and possible links to under-attainment in this group.

The Committee agreed to defer more detailed consideration of the report to the next meeting, to enable the area's Secondary School Improvement Adviser to be present.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above comments, the report be received and noted, and placed on the agenda again for the next meeting.

75 Delegation of Environmental Services

Further to Minute No. 47, 20th October 2010, and Minute No. 54(e), 15th December 2010, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report updating the Committee regarding progress on implementing the proposed delegation of elements of Streetscene Services to Area Committees, including work being done on draft Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and plans for further Member workshops in March (31st March in respect of the West Inner Area Committee). Dayle Lynch, Environment and Neighbourhoods Department, attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Members requested the provision of accurate, up to date maps at the next briefing, showing the extent and frequency of the mechanical and hand street sweeping rounds in the Committee's area. They also requested that the briefing be re-arranged from 31st March to another date, to avoid a clash with the meeting of the Plans Panel (West).

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

(NB: Councillor T Hanley left the meeting at 6.57 pm at the conclusion of this item.)

76 Transition of Health Improvement Function to Local Government

Tim Taylor, Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager, presented a briefing paper informing the Committee of the proposals contained in the Government's White Paper 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' for

greater involvement of local authorities in public health matters. He indicated that he was happy to respond separately, outside the meeting, to any queries or requests for further information from Members.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

77 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

The Committee's final meeting in the current municipal year was on Tuesday, 5th April 2011, at 5.30 pm, Strawberry Lane Community Centre. At that meeting, the Committee would be asked to agree the dates, times and possible venues for its meetings in 2011/12.

The meeting concluded at 7.03 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE
INNER WEST AREA PANEL MEETING
held on
Monday 7th February 2011
5.30 pm, at Westfield Chambers**

Attendees:

Area Panel Members:

Andrew Liptrot (Temp Chair)	AL
John Aubery	JA
Hugh Morgan Pugh	HMP
Corinne Brown	CB
John Willshaw	JW

Officers:

Akbar Khan – Area Performance Manager Bramley/Armley	AK
Cllr Janet Harper	CllrH
Nesreen Lawson – Head of Property Investment	NL
Marie-Pierre Dupont – Neighbourhood Planner	MPD
Michael Vickers – Investment Planning & Delivery Manager	MV
Evelyn Gaughan – Customer Involvement Support Officer	EG
Margaret Houchen – Minutes	MH

Guest Speakers:

Kevin Sharp – Chair, of Outer West Area Panel	KS
Ted Wilson – Chair, of Inner North West Area Panel	TW

1.0 Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Harry Shields, Dave Lawrence, Lee Wright, Rebecca Mell, Stephen Towler and Cllr Neil Taggart.

1.2 A warm welcome was extended to everyone at the meeting by AL. Introductions were given, and AL advised the meeting that both KS and TW are present, to put their concerns and views forward at the meeting, over the future funding of bids. This, he added, is an additional item to the agenda for the meeting.

2.0 Area Panels: Future Funding of Bids

2.1 TW introduced both himself and his colleague, KS. Recently, he advised, they held a meeting with both Peter Catterick, Governance Manager, and Greg Jessop, Head of Finance and Corporate Services, to seek clarification of the overall position of the Area Panels, given the reduction in future funding of bids. TW reported that a further meeting of the Chairs of the Area Panels, has been arranged for the 22nd February 2011, and will be held at Queenswood Heights.

2.1.1 TW advised the meeting that any bids agreed at tonight's meeting will have to be committed to, in relation to funding. Furthermore, tonight's meeting, may also be the last chance to accept bids, until April 2011. He added that a surplus of £36,000.00

Action

should then be available in the budget, which both he and KS are proposing should be shared across the four Area Panels, for small environmental work. To this end, TW said that he and KS are seeking approval of their suggestion from tonight's Panel, and all the other Area Panels.

- 2.1.2 MPD reported that any bids not assigned or to a contractor, or ordered by the end of March 2011, will need to be paid for on next year's budget, as the money cannot be carried forward. She advised, therefore, for the Area Panel not to agree to any work that cannot be committed to a contractor within the next six weeks. That is, work that does not requires planning permission, as a minimum of eight weeks will be required where planning permission is required.
- 2.1.3 For the benefit of the meeting, NL explained the whole process, and of the need to look at any potentially large issues that may arise out of each bid. AL asked of the timescales for planning permission. CllrH replied that it should be dealt with within a six week timescale, providing there are no objections. She added, however, that it is not possible to bypass the system.
- 2.1.4 TW suggested that perhaps the appeals process needs speeding up, and of having a clear appeals structure. He asked again if it would be possible to have the money committed to environmental work, rather than lose it. NL advised that it will need to go to Governance for a decision, so she will seek advice from Peter Catterick and will request that he feeds back directly to AL.
- 2.1.5 AL asked the Area Panel if they agreed with KS and TW's proposal in principle and for any money under spent to be shared out and allocated between the four Area Panels.

NL

The Panel were in agreement.

2.0 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 20th December 2010

- 2.1 The minutes were accepted as true record of the meeting.

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Caretaking and Cleaning (3.2.2 of minutes): AK confirmed that his area of Bramley and Armley, is now fully staffed with caretakers.

4.0 Customer Involvement

4.1 Update

A summary of the report was provided by EG. In relation to paragraph 2.3, She advised that a meeting is to take place on Thursday, 10th February 2011. Feedback will be provided in the report for the next Panel meeting. EG advised that paragraph 5.2 should read that, twelve of the fourteen Tenants and Residents Association (TRAs) in the Inner West Area have successfully met the recognition criteria, and not eleven. She confirmed that letters have been sent out as of today, to the twelve successful TRAs, with copy letters to the councillors.

AL asked if the Panel members had any questions relating to the report.

There were no further questions.

The Panel noted the contents of the report.

4.2 Tenant Inspection

A summary of the report was provided by EG.

- 4.2.1 AL requested clarification on, "Lovell's have an average score of 4.6", (referred to in paragraph 4.2 of the report), and for this to be added to the minutes.
- 4.2.2 Addendum to the minutes: The score of 4.6 refers to Lovell's obtaining this inspection score out of a potential score of 5.
- 4.2.3 As a note of interest, NL informed the Panel that Morrison are the new contractors for WNWhL, for 2011, and she added that they are keen to involve customers.
- 4.2.4 NL asked for more of a background explanation to the report. EG apologised and said she was unable to provide more information, as it is not her area of work. She is presenting the report on behalf of Stephen Towler.
- 4.2.5 For the benefit of the panel, EG asked JW if he could clarify the range of scoring used for the new forms for estate inspections, referred to in paragraph 7.00 of report. JW advised that the range is 1 to 10.

The Panel noted the contents of the report.

4.3 Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) Report

MPD provided a summary of the report and updated the Panel on the progress of the Community Partnership Agreement.

- 4.3.1 Having noted in the report that Groundwork have arranged an initial meeting with the Wyther Girls Group, CllrH felt the involvement and of wanting to tidy up their estate, was a positive move. She thought that perhaps young people might also wish to become more active in this. CllrH mentioned that she is involved with the Wyther's Friday Night Club.

AL asked the Panel if they had any questions.

There were no questions arising from the report.

The Panel noted the contents of the report.

4.4 Local Performance Framework

AK provided a summary of the report, which covered November and December 2010. He also apologised to the Panel for the print size of the report being so small.

- 4.4.1 Having recently been advised that the other Area Panels are provided with the summary sheets, and not the full reports, AK asked the Panel if they would be in agreement of receiving the same, along with his suggestion of requesting that additional keys or codes be added to the sheets.

The Panel were in agreement.

- 4.4.2 AL suggested that full reports be provided, only if there is evidence of serious failings in specific areas.

AK

This was agreed to by AK.

- 4.4.3 JW enquired of the 25 abandoned properties in Armley. AK informed him that after further investigations, the figure was actually lower.
- 4.4.4 An update of the Contact Centre's performance will be provided at the next Panel Meeting.
- 4.4.5 In terms of overall performance, AL enquired of the position for the Inner West Area Panel. AK informed the Panel that Bramley and Armley, along with Wortley, are the top three performers.

The Panel noted the contents of the report.

5.0 Revenue and Capital Expenditure

5.1 Decency Update and Capital Investment 2010/11

MV provided a brief summary of the report. He reported that everything is progressing well, and by the end of the year, they are hoping to achieve the year end targets.

AL asked the Panel if they had any questions regarding the report.

There were no questions from the Panel.

The Panel noted the contents and the updates of the report.

5.2 Capital Programme 2011/12

MV provided a summary of the report, and updated the Panel members of the proposed Capital Programme for 2011/12, which was approved by the Board of WNWhL, on the 15th December 2010. Currently, they are awaiting clarification of funding, from Leeds City Council.

- 5.2.1 At a Board Meeting of the 15th December 2010, the recommendation was approved for the target of non decent homes to be increased from 2% to 4%. This, MV added will obviously impact on some customers.

MV asked if the Panel had any questions.

- 5.2.2 AL enquired if the budget of £300k referred to in the report, is the total budget for the Area Panels. NL confirmed that this is a portion of the Capital budget, which will be split between all the Area Panels. As the current year's funding has not been from the Capital budget, but from SCA, an allocation of the funding for the Area Panels for 2011/12 had to be identified from the Capital budget.
- 5.2.3 AL mentioned the current government's promise of putting more money into decency, and wondered if WNWhL will receive further funding. He was advised that a bid has been placed by WNWhL for sheltered housing.

The Panel noted the contents of the report.

5.3 Area Panel Budget Update

An update on the Area Panel Budget was provided by MPD, and she added that

everything is on track for this year's budget.

- 5.3.1 MPD spoke of the bid AP44-2009, not detailed in her report, for the fencing to Landseer View, at a cost of £6,500.00. The original bid submitted was for 1 metre high fencing. However, the bid has since changed to that of 1.5 metres, and as such, requires planning permission.

The Panel agreed to MPD's recommendation of approving the 1.5 metre high fence, and of deferring the bid until next year.

MPD to write to the group concerned, and will give apologies and an explanation of the situation.

MPD

NL made the recommendation of placing deferred bids in a separate pot.

The Panel agreed to this recommendation.

AL requested that tenants be provided with guidance on the bidding process, given that the system has now changed.

The Panel noted the contents of the report.

5.4 Area Panel Bids

- 5.4.1 AP120-2010: For clearance of a rockery and the landscaping of an old garage site

Estimated cost: £6,450.00.

AL enquired of the possibility of delivering this bid on time and before the end of this financial year. The Panel was advised that it would be possible.

The Panel thought the bid a very good idea, and approved the bid.

Only one bid was brought to the attention of the Panel Meeting, and AK enquired of the reasons why. MPD informed the Panel that only one bid had been submitted for the Inner West Area Panel, and that there are no bids outstanding. In addition, she is waiting for information on the balance position of the current budget.

6.0 Election of Chair

AL Informed the Panel that details and voting forms will be sent out by the Governance Team to everyone, in time for the elections to be held in April 2011.

7.0 Any Other Business

There was no other business to report on.

8.0 Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

- 8.1 Monday 11th April 2011, at 5.30 pm, The Board Room, Westfield Chambers.

- 8.2 The Panel to be advised of the schedule of meetings for the year as follows: 13th June, 8th August, 10th October and 12th December 2011 (all to be held at the same time and same venue).





Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 5th April 2011

Subject: Inner West Area Committee Well-Being Fund Update

Electoral Wards Affected:
Armley
Bramley & Stanningley

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity
Community Cohesion
Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

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

Executive Summary

This report provides details of the amount of well-being capital and revenue funding available for the financial year 2011-12, 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 Well-Being Revenue Budget 2011/12

2.1 The Well-Being budget available for projects in 2011/12 has been calculated as follows:

Revenue Allocation 11/12	£136,710
Revenue carry forward from 10/11	£0
Total Revenue Budget	£136,710

2.2 The revenue allocation incorporates a reduction in funding of 12% on last years allocation which has been applied across all Area Committees. There was no carry forward available from 2011/11.

3.0 Well-Being Capital Funding 2011/12

3.1 There has been no new Well-Being capital allocation for 2011/12.

Capital Allocation 2011/12 £0
Capital carry forward from 2010/11 £0

3.2 At the February Area Committee a capital application was received for the installation of new litter bins in the Wythers, Bramley Falls Wood and Station Road Armley with the remaining capital allocation of £3,199. A recommendation was made for Members to further discuss the allocation of the remaining capital funding, following a request for funding for Rodley Park under the Open Forum item. A site visit has since been carried out by Parks and Countryside and the resident concerned and resulted in a proposal for £1,000 funding for a new flower bed. The cost of purchase and installation of the litter bins is £2,890 therefore an additional £691 funding from the revenue funding would need allocating to this project.

4.0 Applications Previously Approved for 2011-12

4.1

Project Title	Organisation	2011-12
Summer Bands in Parks 2011	Town Centre Manager (Leeds Ahead)	£1,200
Town Centre Manager	Leeds Ahead	£25,000
I Love West Leeds Festival	I Love West Leeds	£25,000
Holiday Sports Provision	Leeds City Council Sports Development	£4,000
Covert Crime Reduction	West Yorkshire Police	£5,000
Armley Sports Project	Youth Service	£1,656
Total		£61,856
Balance Remaining for 2011/12		£74,854

4.2 Members should note that £6,000 was originally approved for covert crime reduction but West North West Homes has subsequently agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the project. The Area Committee contribution is therefore reduced to £5,000.

5.0 New applications for Well-Being Funding 2011/12

5.1 The following applications have been submitted for funding in 2011/12:

Project Title	2011-12	Appendix
Community Centres Business Development Manager	Two options: £60,000 Or £50,000	1
Armley Community Fun Day	£1,500	2
Small Grants	£7,000	3
Skips	£1,000	3
Lazer Centre & Friday Night project	£3,000	4
Additional funding for litter bins	£691	n/a
Total	£73,191 or £63,191	

5.2 If the Area Committee supports all applications presented for their consideration at their April meeting, there would be a remaining balance of £1,663 (if Option 1: £60,000 is approved for the Community Centres project) or £11,663 (if Option 2: £50,000 is approved).

6.0 Small Grants and Skips

6.1 There have been two skip requests since the February Area Committee leaving £134.35 remaining in the skips budget.

6.2 It is proposed that £7,000 is allocated for small grants in 2011/12 and £1,000 for a skips budget.

7.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

7.1 Well-Being projects support the actions contained in the Inner West Area Delivery Plan. Ward Members have been consulted on the Inner West Area Delivery Plan for 2008-11 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.

8.0 Legal and Resource Implications.

8.1 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.

9.0 Conclusions

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

10.0 Recommendations

10.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) note the financial status of the Well-Being Budget, capital and revenue;
- b) comment upon and approve the allocation of funding as set out in 3.2;
- c) comment on and approve where appropriate the projects detailed at 5.1.

Background Papers

- No background papers

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Appendix 1

Project Name: Community Asset Management

Lead Organisation: Inner West Community Centres Consortium (CCC) / BARCA Leeds

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

The project will be delivered in conjunction with Area Management and in close co-operation with the PCT who will be funding a series of programmes aimed at developing better health outcomes. The CCC who will be responsible for delivery of the project includes New Wortley Community Association, New Wortley Residents Action Group, New Wortley Residents Association, Fairfield Community Partnership, West North West Homes Leeds. Other partners who will contribute to the project include Bramley Elderly Action, Barnardos, Children's Centres, Extended Services and Healthy Living Network.

The CCC is based on a partnership model to drive forward sustainability whilst the interests of the individual community centre management committees are represented. The CCC aims to work in partnership to respond to the localism agenda.

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

The CCC seeks to build on last year's work with New Wortley and Fairfield Community Enterprises, seeking to develop a sustainable approach to asset management, increasing community usage of facilities and maximising income across both sites. It is suggested that the model could be extended to other centres in West and North West Leeds, although no specific plans have been developed to date.

The aims of the project for 2011/12 will be to develop sustainable community businesses, maximise income generation through room hire and meeting space, develop and improve the quality of the building infrastructure, develop shared functions including cleaning, key holding, repairs, administration and other back room functions.

Area Committee funding would facilitate employment of a Business Development Manager and Administrator and limited resources to cover basic utility costs of the centres. It is recognised however, that this would be the final year that funding would be requested for the utility costs at the two community centres, although staffing costs may be requested for a further year. The business models would be updated to ensure that the community centres are able to meet their liabilities in the future.

As one of the key partners in the project, the PCT will be funding a series of programmes aimed at developing better health outcomes including work with food and physical activity, improving levels of immunisation, smoking cessation and drink awareness.

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

- Improved management of community assets in West Leeds
- Increasing business income
- Increased usage of community centres
- Developing staff training at the centres
- A net increase in self generated income
- Improved transparency and compliance with statutory obligations and financial records
- Creating an improved environment for delivery of services

Project Cost. Please indicate How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)

Option 1: The project will cost a total of £60,000 (revenue), broken down as follows:

Business Facility Manager salary (full time until 31 st March 2012)	£34,501
Adminstration salary (?? Hours)	£8,539
Management Charge @ 8.7%	£5,220
Training	£300
New Wortley Community centre	£5,000
Fairfields Community Centre	£4,500
Travel costs	£1,000
Telephony charges	£500
Activities / other costs	£440
Total budget	£60,000

Option 2: A second option is shown below, with changes highlighted in grey:

Business Facility Manager salary (full time until 31 st March 2012)	£25,900
Adminstration salary (?? Hours)	£8,540
Management Charge @ 8.7%	£5,220
Training	£300
New Wortley Community centre	£4.300
Fairfields Community Centre	£3,800
Travel costs	£1,000
Telephony charges	£500
Activities / other costs	£440
Total budget	£50,000

BARCA anticipate that the total income generated from the community centres in 2012/13 will exceed the value of the Well-being grant.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

Armley Ward
Bramley and Stanningley Ward

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

The Area Committee is asked to support the application for £60,000 (revenue).

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Appendix 2

Project Name: Armley Fun Day

Lead Organisation: Armley Community Fun Day Committee

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project): The project will be delivered by the project manager working with key partners and delivery organisations in the area. The delivery will depend upon funding available and the size of the festival in 2011.

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

- To hold the annual community fun day on Armley Moor bringing together local people with local groups , organisations and agencies.

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

- Approximately 3500/4000 people expected to attend the event.
- This funding will cover the cost of insurance, entertainment and the PA system that is required on the day.

Project Cost. Please indicate How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)

Full Festival Total Cost - £2,700

Red Nose Community Cash - £1,000

Leeds University Community Fund - £300 (tbc)

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

Armley Ward

Bramley and Stanningley Ward

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

£1,500

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Appendix 3

Project Name: Small Grants & Skips

Lead Organisation: West Area Management Team

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project): This is to continue the local fund for small grants and skips for local community organisations.

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

- To provide small grants of up to £500 to community organisations through an approved application process;
- To provide skips to local community groups and organisations through an approved application process.

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

- Continuation of small grant and skip funds.

Project Cost. Please indicate How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)

Small Grants - £7,000

Skips - £1,000

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

Armley Ward

Bramley and Stanningley Ward

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

£8,000

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Appendix 4

Project Name: Lazer Centre Project

Lead Organisation: Leeds Youth Service

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

- The aim of the project is to improve the facilities at the Armley Lazer centre to enable it to be a centre of excellence for all young people in West Leeds. The project will be delivered by Leeds Youth Service.

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

- purchase high ropes (£500) and low ropes (£1,000) which will improve facilities on site and encourage a wider range of clientele to visit the centre.
- The purchase of a new traverse wall for inside the centre (£500).
- £1,000 towards the staffing costs of the Friday night Project and to purchase resources for the project.

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

- Purchase of new ropes
- New traverse wall
- Continuation of the Friday Night Project
- Improved facilities at the Lazer Centre

Project Cost. Please indicate How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)

£3,000

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

Armley Ward
Bramley and Stanningley Ward

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

£3,000

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Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

To: Inner West Area Committee

Date: 5th April 2011

Subject: Area Leader's report

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

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform members of progress against Leeds Strategic Plan and the Inner West Area Delivery Plan.

1.0 Purpose of This Report

1.1 This report informs Members of the progress against Leeds Strategic Plan and the Inner West Area Delivery Plan.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Area Delivery Plan is the delivery of the Leeds Strategic Plan in the Inner West area. This report identifies progress against the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan.

3.0 Main Issues

Culture

- 3.1 I Love West Leeds is running The Fun Family Film Club on the last Sunday of every month from March until August at the 26-seat cinema at Armley Mills. Tickets cost £3 and up to two children can enjoy a free film with each adult ticket.
- 3.2 The I Love West Leeds Festival Shop on Armley Town Street has now closed. Over 1000 people visited the shop to look at the displays and get involved in the workshops and activities. Over 50 artists were involved in developing the shop.
- 3.3 The Regeneration Service are working with City Development and the Museums Service to consider ways of revitalising Armley Mills. Work is continuing to prepare and seek support for a development prospectus for the site which will identify opportunities for new investment to support and sustain the delivery of a reinvigorated museum. Once prepared and the approach is agreed with the Museum Service, further consultation will take place prior to approval being sought to invite investor interest. Two smaller-scale investment projects are currently being progressed to improve the sustainability credentials of the complex. The 'Re:fit' project will see small scale investments in measures which will reduce the energy demands of the existing buildings, while work is also ongoing to explore the opportunities for the installation of hydropower generation equipment in the form of an Archimedes screw located at the weir.
- 3.4 The Townscape Heritage Programme has a £10,000 budget for raising heritage awareness amongst property owners and the local community. The proposal is to hold a series of seminars to highlight the use of appropriate traditional materials and techniques for preserving historic buildings. The seminars will also explain the long term damage that the use of inappropriate repairs will cause to historic buildings. It is expected that the seminars will commence in May 2011.
- 3.5 There is also a proposal to hold a heritage crafts fair on Armley Moor as part of the popular Armley Fun Day event. This will provide an opportunity for the local community to find out more about the techniques used by crafts people working on historic buildings.

Enterprise and Economy

- 3.6 Jobcentre Plus are currently in discussions with partners regarding the establishment of 'Work Clubs' in West Leeds. The Partnership Manager at Jobcentreplus gave a presentation at the March Armley forum and it is expected that a similar presentation will be given at the next Bramley and Stanningley forum. It is hoped that promoting Work Clubs in this way will encourage more to be established and unemployment reduced.

Town Centre Manager update

- 3.7 The Armley Business Forum in February saw increased attendance compared with previous meetings. Councillor Harper and Inspector Bownass also attended to support the forum and traders started to develop some positive ideas to promote the sustainability of Town Street. The forum will continue to meet monthly.

- 3.8 The TCM has now developed a calendar of events for the year ahead. These include several Teddy Bear's Picnics and Easter Event which Armley Common Rights Trust are assisting with. In addition, the Armley Summer Celebration, Armley Fun Day and Armley Christmas Lights Switch On have been confirmed. The TCM intends to build on the success of these events last year and improve them where appropriate, based on lessons learnt from last year.
- 3.9 There are an increasing number of empty units in Armley on Town Street and Branch Road. The TCM is actively working with the letting agents to try and promote the vacant units and establish sensible rental expectations. The TCM is also working with the retailers to make sure they are preparing to take advantage of the potential benefits of a new supermarket. The TCM also continues to work with the Leeds Chamber to offer business training and advice, although take-up has been low to date.

Transport

- 3.10 On Armley Town Street traffic calming measures are being introduced to address accidents on #1 Length for Concern. The traffic island is to be reconstructed as a permanent feature on Sunday 13th March. It has been successful at reducing speeds but is too large for buses to negotiate and therefore will be re-built to an appropriate size.
- 3.11 Traffic calming works to Hill Top Road and Green Hill Road, including new footway works outside the Travellers public house, new zebra crossing and two new traffic islands (funded from Mushroom Farm development section 278 funding) are now being undertaken and should be completed by the end of March. The proposed parking restrictions to improve road safety on Hall Lane and two pedestrian refuge islands on Canal Road to aid crossing movements between the Aviaries and Armley town centre have been put on hold due to a lack of funding.
- 3.12 A point closure scheme in response to residents' concerns about anti-social driving on Truro Street and Aviary Street has recently deferred by the Chief Highways Officer. A decision is now expected on 22nd March.
- 3.13 On Tong Road, a new Pelican crossing near to the Sikh temple is to be commissioned, whilst on Broad Lane in Bramley, a new Zebra crossing near Hollybush Primary School has now been completed.
- 3.14 A scheme is also proposed for the provision of two pedestrian refuges on Leeds & Bradford Road to aid crossing movements between Ganners Hill and Bramley Fall Park. The scheme has now been issued to the contractor and will commence in March or April 2011.

Environment

- 3.15 Further to the report submitted to the last Area Committee; the following provides a brief update on the progress towards achieving the delegation of environmental services from June/July 2011.
- 3.16 Work is progressing on the development of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for each Area Committee, with a generic template being agreed by Area Chairs on 11th February. A first draft of the Inner West Area Committee SLA will be shared with

Members at a workshop scheduled to take place on 29th March, 2-5pm, to which all Inner West Members will have received an invitation on 31st January. To inform the detail of the SLAs, service resources have been allocated across the City on a wedge basis, detail of which will be available at the March workshops, if not already shared with Members. Members will have further opportunity to input and comment on their SLA prior to the final version being presented for approval at the June/July Area Committee.

- 3.17 Appointment of the three Locality Manager posts, who will manage service delivery to meet the requirements of their respective area's SLAs, is due to take place in March. Area Chairs will be involved in part of the recruitment process for the posts, with the final decision on appointments however, remaining with senior officers. As soon as the appointments are formalised Members will be informed of who their Locality Manager is.
- 3.18 At their last meeting, Area Chairs discussed the potential roles of Deputy Area Chair, Environmental Champion and Environment Sub-group. Presently, some Area Committees have one or more of these roles, whilst others have none. It was agreed that whilst the roles will remain informal, i.e. have no decision making authority, they will be a valuable mechanism for dealing with the SLA and service delivery matters in a timely manner between formal Area Committee meetings. With regard to the function that a sub-group could undertake this would be especially relevant prior to and during the initial stages of the delegation. Once the delegation is in place and effective then local arrangements can be made as to how to deal with operational issues and the SLA, agreed as a wedge and/or between the Area Committees and their Locality Manager. In some cases the sub-group may be a time limited 'task and finish group', in other areas the sub-group may fulfill a more ongoing role of overseeing the SLA outside of formal Area Committee business.
- 3.19 The TCM will be developing a Keep Armley Tidy campaign during 2011, in conjunction with Christchurch primary school. A brief has been developed and the Family Support Worker is working with the children and teachers to design a poster, the closing date for entries being April 20th. The winning entry will then be displayed around Armley to coincide with a poster being displayed on the billboard near Branch Road in May.
- 3.20 Concerns have been expressed by visitors and traders regarding litter on Armley Town Street. Streetscene Services have agreed to deploy the street cleaning machine on a Sunday to deal with this issue. However further attention is required to improve the appearance of Town Street. Action Days are to be carried out jointly with the Police, dog warden patrols and the Environmental Action Team on Town Street, particularly to tackle dog fouling which has become a major problem in the area. The Police have confirmed that they have additional funding in place for extra resources to be put into Armley Town Street.
- 3.21 Through the Wythers Improvement Group, a litter project has been established with Raynville and Christ the King Primary schools to begin before Easter. Children from years 4 and 5 who live on the top Wyther area or bottom Wyther / Raynville area will be involved in a litter pick in the areas around the school to highlight the problem in the area. They will then be involved in a 'design a poster' competition and the winning entries will be printed onto stickers to be placed on wheelie bins in the local area. This work will complement the Area Committees funding of additional litter bins on the estate.

- 3.22 The Green Leeds funding for the Armley Moor project has been confirmed and Section 106 greenspace monies are expected to be agreed over the coming weeks. This provides a funding package which will allow the creation of new footpaths across the moor, new street furniture and railing along Town Street and a green gym. The Council will, for the next 10 years, undertake grass cutting of the moor.

Health & Wellbeing

- 3.23 The Armley Credit Union, which has been supported this year by the Area Committee, continues to grow. Final figures for quarter 4 (January – March 2011) were not available at the time of preparing this report.
- 3.24 Teenage conception rates in Inner West area are amongst the highest in Leeds. A draft Locality Action Plan has been devised to consult with young people and is now being re-formatted into a style suitable for young people and will be widely circulated. It has been suggested that the consultations should be linked with the young peoples' access to contraception events for which funding is available. There may be opportunities for young people to lead on these events and to be creative in terms of design and delivery. Consultation is to commence in April and be completed by the end of September. A West specific website <http://sites.google.com/site/leedswestnet/> has been set up for the community to use as an information exchange to promote services and events. The draft action plan will be available via this website to be used in consultation.
- 3.25 Both Armley and Bramley clusters have identified teenage pregnancy and obesity as their priority areas of work. Schools and partner agencies will be supported through the teenage pregnancy group to ensure that these priorities are translated into appropriate outcomes. Whitecote, Raynville and Hollybush schools within the Bramley cluster are to benefit from delivery of an eight week 'Girls Talk' transitions programme over the summer term, funded by the Bramley cluster and delivered by Getaway Girls.
- 3.26 The Specialist Inclusive Learning Centres (SILCs) are also likely to identify teenage pregnancy as a priority. However, there are some concerns about children accessing schools based activity funded sessions. Looked After Children / children attending SILCs often go to school away from where they live. This causes problems in identifying the relevant cluster to approach in terms of funding and how to claim. For example, the children at St. Catherine's Drive children's home attend five different schools across Leeds. They want to access after school services in Bramley as a group but the cluster will only consider funding for the child that attends Leeds West Academy. This has resulted in alternative funding being sought which is time consuming and does not address the key issue. Access to flexible transport is also a barrier as current transport contracts are for drop off and collection at fixed times, therefore not enabling children to stay on after school. This issue has been raised at a recent commissioning event.
- 3.27 A 'mystery shopper' exercise will take place, modelled on one that took place in East Leeds last year. Young people will be trained to mystery shop sexual health services in West Leeds such as pharmacies, 3-in-1 sites (pregnancy testing, C-card and Chlamydia testing) contraceptive and sexual health clinics. This will be co-ordinated by the West Yorkshire Youth Association and paid for by the PCT through Access to Contraception funding.

- 3.28 The PCT, supported by the Area Management Team and Health Improvement Officer, delivered an event entitled 'New Wortley New You' on 22nd February. The event offered debt advice, healthy eating advice and mid-life health checks at New Wortley Health Centre. It attracted a wide range of people and organisations giving out information on health and well-being and financial inclusion. The community association, in conjunction with Groundwork have been successful in applying for £40,000 funding to make improvements to the area outside the community centre. Further consultation will be carried out on this project over the coming months. It took place during half term to encourage families to attend. In addition, families were encouraged to sign up to the Change4life movement. The event was well attended with positive feedback from individuals and professionals.
- 3.29 The Health Improvement Officer and Armley Cluster Extended Services have been promoting use of the new St Bartholomews Community Kitchen through a launch event on 9th February 2011. Six family support workers from the Armley cluster of schools have expressed interest in training which will hopefully start by the end of April. The training will enable them to run community cooking groups with parents and carers, including consistent healthy eating messages, food safety and practical support including recipes and resources.
- 3.30 A Youth Café and arts and crafts activities have been established at the Lazer Centre to compliment the motorbikes and outdoor activities. Young people regularly volunteer and are positively engaged. The Youth Service are working on improving relationships with local young people to get them involved with running of the centre and are working towards establishing a young peoples' committee.
- 3.31 A second co-hort of young women have taken part in a Baby Reality course which has enabled them to discuss the nature of relationships and what they want from a healthy relationship. This has increased confidence and decreased aggression that some of the young women show to each other. These young women are also planning awareness raising activities for other young people in the use of contraception as part of the West Leeds teenage conception strategy.

Learning

- 3.32 The West Leeds Coaching Scholarship scheme has been operating positively in Inner West. One unemployed young man from Armley has no affiliation to a club but has ambition to work or volunteer in sport. He has attended first aid training and started his football level 1 training and child protection training in late March. Another young man from Bramley is attached to Ebenezer Table Tennis Club and has attended a senior level 3 coaching course. He is now qualified and is coaching for his club.
- 3.33 Youth Services have developed a good relationship with the Armley cluster of schools. Packages of activities have been produced and distributed to all head teachers via the Cluster Co-ordinator, resulting in a very busy half term with two primary schools using the Lazer Centre.
- 3.34 Currently the Youth Service runs eight sessions in Bramley - these are stable although new young people attend each week The Bramley enhanced generic Youth Club is the corner stone of the work, attracting up to 40 young people each Tuesday

evening. This provision is open to all aged 13 to 17. The session is constructive in its own right and also serves to enable consultation with young people and signpost them into other Youth Service sessions or to other providers. Other entry points are via referrals through other agencies and occasional outreach work.

- 3.35 Workers engage with a range of young people from those who have been victims of bullying to challenging young people and those who find themselves NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training). A key aspect is the involvement of seven volunteers who bring many skills and greatly enhance the work

Thriving Communities

- 3.36 A detailed community safety update report is presented elsewhere on this agenda.
- 3.37 Members should note that planning permission has now been granted for the Area Committee funded CCTV camera on Broadlea Hill. It is anticipated that the system will be installed and operational by the end of April.
- 3.38 The Alert Box scheme on Armley Town Street is continuing to prove successful. The Alertbox company has asked the TCM whether the Armley system could be showcased to other towns who may be interested. It is hoped that this will raise the profile of Armley.
- 3.39 Speeding is currently an issue on Armley Town Street with several complaints being received. Traffic Management are considering accident figures and potential traffic calming solutions, although there is currently no funding available for such a scheme.
- 3.40 A review of services dealing with anti-social behaviour has now been completed. A new three team approach will mean that case officers deal with issues from reporting to resolution and will team up with ALMO neighbourhood management officers. Leeds' new approach is being scrutinized by central government as a possible model to roll out nationwide.

West Leeds Gateway (WLG) Programme

- 3.41 The WLG regeneration programme has been reviewed in light of the priorities of the coalition government and limited scope for public sector funding contributions. For the next five years, the focus will be on projects which can create and sustain economic growth and job creation and there will be a greater emphasis on working in partnership with the private sector.
- 3.42 A trial is to take place on 4th and 5th May in relation to the 2 Branch Road prosecution case brought forward by the Council in relation to the owners failure to comply with the Section 215 untidy land notice, advertising discontinuance notice and elements of the Listed Building notice served in 2008. The owner has expressed an interest in progressing a THI grant scheme and further information is to be provided over the coming months. However, the property owner will be required to complete all outstanding enforcement works prior to a grant offer being made.
- 3.43 Work is ongoing with the community to review the priorities identified within the New Wortley Community Garden. Meanwhile, the community are in the process of seeking the additional insurance cover required to operate the community garden and

Holdsforth Place. It is anticipated that work will recommence on the garden in early April and the community are arranging a community planting day.

- 3.44 A piece of work is to be undertaken to explore the issues currently facing businesses within the 'Canalside' employment area, identified within the West Leeds Gateway Supplementary Planning Document. This area extends along Armley Road from Armley town centre to Armley gyratory and future aspirations for the area. This will involve working with the Council's partners and businesses located in the area to prepare a strategy to sustain and develop the area to ensure it grows and continues to be the focus for employment for local people and being able to attract new and inward investment. While there are a large number of businesses operating in this area, little is currently known about their activity, scale, rate of employment and future aspirations. There are also a number of vacant sites and derelict buildings. The eastern fringe of this area is located close to the city centre, but connectivity is poor. This will be considered as part of the strategy.

Harmonious Communities

- 3.45 An 'Inspiring Leaders' course was designed in 2007 by Lead Change, based at the University of Manchester, to offer a bespoke training course that helps people leading and managing in the voluntary and community sector. Inspiring Leaders is designed to help participants enhance their leadership and management skills enabling them to be more effective in their roles and have a measurable impact on their organisations and the community.
- 3.46 Participants can apply for a free place on the programme (as this is funded by NHS Leeds through Leeds Community Health Development Network as part of their commitment to invest in local community development) if they volunteer or work in the voluntary and community sector for the benefit of communities in Inner West or Inner North West. The content is practical and participants will be encouraged to actively participate, debate, problem-solve and reflect. Organisations from Inner West such as Christchurch Armley Youth Project, Fairfield Community Partnership, Healthy Living Network Leeds and New Wortley Community Association have signed up to the course which will run on Wednesdays for five weeks from 23rd March to 20th April and culminating in a graduation ceremony in May. The Area Management Team has assisted with nominating organisations and individuals who could benefit from this course.
- 3.47 The football group at Armley Leisure Centre on a Tuesday night has been well supported and Area Committee funding has enabled the project to continue for another year. Two Leeds United coaches for the next 20 weeks instructing and coaching the young people. At least 40 young people of various ages have been attending from a variety of different neighbourhoods.
- 3.48 The girls group from the Wythers estate have completed their self defence training and have received accreditation locally and nationally.
- 3.49 The adventure group at the Lazer Centre is going well and is attracting new young people that the Youth Service have not previously worked with. The group is planning to go out on expedition this year. The Swallow Hill youth club continues to attract reasonable numbers of young people. The young people have taken part in cooking competitions, sports events and have been on several trips. The group have also achieved accreditation.

- 3.50 The New Wortley Youth Club is now working well with support from PCSOs and local volunteers. A core group of attendees has now been established and they are regularly taking part in positive activities.
- 3.51 A regular group from the Sikh temple are currently taking part in an accredited 12 week motorbike programme. They will eventually achieve OCN unit in maintenance and a local Leeds Youth Award.
- 3.52 The Local Area Management Plan is achieving progress on the Fairfields estate, particularly around ideas to develop social enterprise from the centre and achieve financial stability, as well as encouraging community engagement. Partners have contributed to initiatives to promote financial inclusion and are working together to plan events particularly in the school holidays, in conjunction with Aramark. A royal wedding party is to take place at the centre on 29th April. A regular newsletter is produced and widely distributed, detailing forthcoming events.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 4.1 The Area Delivery Plan for Inner West is administered through the West North West Leeds Area Management Team.
- 4.2 Well-Being projects develop from Inner West's Leeds Area Delivery Plan and through consultation with Area Committee members. The plan helps to fulfill the Council's Corporate Plan objectives by aiming to create better neighbourhoods and confident communities.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions, funding is supplied via Well Being budgets and the Community Centres Budget.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 The functions and roles of the Area Committee aim to:
- Improve the quality and value for money of Council service delivery
 - Improve the quality of democracy and find new ways to facilitate citizen participation in local government through the development of links between Ward Members and their communities.
 - To co-ordinate policy and service delivery between the local service providers.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Inner West Area Committee is asked to
- note the contents of the report and comment on any aspect of the matters raised
 - suggest items for inclusion on future Area Manager's reports

Background Papers

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Forward Plan

Inner West Area Committee 22nd June 2011

1. Community Forum minutes
2. ALMO Area Panel minutes: 11th April meeting
3. Well-being budget report
4. Area Leader's report
5. Environmental Services Delegation – Service Level Agreement
6. Community Safety update
7. Youth Service update
8. Residential & Day Care report
9. forward plan for September 2011

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Report of the West Leeds Area Manager

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 5th April 2011

Subject: Community Safety Issues, Inner West Leeds

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Armley Bramley and Stanningley</p> <p>Ward Members consulted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Ethnic minorities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Women <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disabled people <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
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Executive Summary

This report provides the opportunity for Inspector Mark Bownass to provide the Inner West Area Committee with information on crime trends, partnership initiatives and future joint projects between Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police in West.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

This report introduces Inspector Mark Bownass from West Yorkshire Police who will give an update on Crime and Community Safety Issues in Inner West Leeds since the previous Area Committee on 16th February 2011.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is responsible for delivering actions to reduce crime and disorder in the West Wedge. It is made up of representatives from key statutory agencies.

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

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 **Acquisitive Crime**

Operation Absinthe

Commences 8th March and will continue through to the end of the month. Police will be targeting burglars in the early hours of the morning. We will also see support from the mounted section and operational support officers during the afternoons to combat the afternoon/early evening offences.

3.2 **Target Hardening**

Safer Leeds has contributed £55,000 for crime reduction initiatives/target hardening to assist in reducing burglary in Inner West.

Aviaries

Visited Properties	127
Target Hardened	111
Not Required	4
Not In	12

Little Scotland-

Visited Properties	110
Target Hardened	83
Not Required	7
Not In	13
Don't Know Yet	7

Cedars

Area, currently visiting 60 + properties.

The police have some funding for compi- trace which is a device fitted to laptops that can tracks stolen laptops. The Police did some enforcement work before Christmas which was specifically geared toward laptop theft – Computrace will be put into the laptops identified in the EVA and Target hardening.

3.3 **Operation Alligator – On going**

Operation Alligator is a team of 8 officers put together to deal with the rise in vehicle crime. Since its introduction it has seen the reduction in car crime across the division. The team have had success with the capture car in Bramley, which resulted in 5 arrests.

3.4 **Metal Theft - Nothing else to add**

The theft of metal is on the increase and actions are been taken by West Yorkshire Police to educate people about some of the risk associated with metal theft through the media, public meetings and as well as operations aimed at disruption of nominal's through stop and searches of vehicle carriers. A number of metal theft dealers have also been visited within the West Leeds area by the police and Environmental Enforcement Officers to check their records, and to make sure that all scrap metal transactions are translucent and made aware of the consequences if they are not.

3.5 **Stolen Goods Market**

The North West Division have been conducting covert operations to tackle the stolen goods market and in particular the disposal of stolen jewellery. A number of cash converters/second hand jewellery premises have been targeted within the North West Division. The operations are in the earlier stages but are already are yielding some positive results.

3.5 **Operation Champion Action Day**

Wythers

A reassurance action day was organised for 18th February 2011 on the Wythers. The aim of the day was to provide information and crime prevention advice, deal with environmental issues, visit victims of hate crime and note any vulnerability issues and complaints. The agencies that participated were: West Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Police team, West North West Homes, Community Safety, Environmental Enforcement Team and the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit.

The action day included Smiley Sid operated on Cockshott Lane and Raynville Road. Hate/Race Crime .BME residents visited and made aware of reporting procedures should they be victims of this crime type.

The police In company with CASAC conducted , house to house visits carried out offering free target hardening/home security checks to most burgled streets.(5 streets in total visited). 150 CASAC leaflets were posted.

Five children from Swallow Hill attended for litter pick.

The police conducted 70 face to face visits given out crime prevention advice.

Over 60 properties identified and cases opened for action on waste in gardens, hedges, duty of care inspections, graffiti, and dog fouling and fly tips issues.

Overall, on the areas where we worked with probation and the gardens which we have taken action on there has been a dramatic improvement. The removal of the graffiti and the litter picking of the streets have left the area looking much cleaner and greener.

West Yorkshire Arson Task Force Officer targeted houses on Raynville Rise with arson leaflets and fire related advice.

Overall the partner agencies felt that the event had been time well spent and feedback from the majority of people who we made contact with was very positive

Armley Town Street - Operation Admiralty.

There will be additional resources deployed on Armley Town Street with planned multi-agency action days with partners. This will consist of environmental actions, increased police patrols focusing on peak periods to provide reassurance to the public and local businesses and to reinforce the Designated Public Places Order on Town Street.

Operation Acrobatic

Operation Acrobatic is an intelligence led multi agency based initiative that aims to reduce the levels of sexual activity in the woodland / picnic area of Canal Road, Leeds Liverpool canal and the Armley Mills museum and the associated anti social behaviour.

Complaints have been received from local residents and local businesses about numerous males in the area having been seen performing sexual acts upon other males, masturbating and also loitering for the purposes of prostitution.

The museum is used by schools on a daily basis with children between the ages of 8 to 16 that could witness the above as the museum faces onto the area.

Future Work

- Initiatives to tackling the stolen goods market
- Tackling the increase in metal thefts
- Reducing Burglary
- Tackling Anti-social Behaviour Hot Stops

4.0 Background Information

4.1 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is responsible for delivering actions to reduce crime and disorder in the West Wedge. It is made up of representatives from key statutory agencies.

5.0 Main Issues

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

6.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

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

6.2 The citywide community safety partnership, Safer Leeds, has identified a number of key priority themes for 2008 – 2011 these are:

- Creating safer environments by tackling crime;
- Improving lives by reducing the harm caused by substance misuse;
- Supporting victims and reducing the risk of victimisation;
- Reducing offending and managing offending behaviour;
- Improving community confidence and public satisfaction;

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

7.0 Legal And Resource Implications

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

8.0 Conclusions

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

9.0 Recommendations

9.1 Members are asked to note the update from West Yorkshire Police

Background Papers

None



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Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Report to Inner West Area Committee

Date: 5th April 2011

Subject: Dog Control Orders – Phase Two

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">✓</div> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
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Executive Summary
 This report provides information to area committees with regards to the Council's proposals to introduce further Dog Control Orders in the City. Dog Control Orders have been considered in two phases. Phase One orders came into force on 1st February 2011.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 To seek feedback on the proposals to introduce further Dog Control Orders across the City under Phase 2 of the Dog Control Order Project and inform committees of the consultation process with regards to these proposals.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 During 2008/2009, the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) conducted a review on the Enforcement of Dog Fouling and issued a Statement in February 2009 setting out its conclusions and recommendations. One of the recommendations stipulated exploring the use of Dog Control Orders in the City.

2.2 Dog Control Orders are available under Section 55(1) of the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005, which states:-

“A primary or secondary authority may in accordance with this Chapter make an order providing for an offence or offences relating to the control of dogs in respect of any land in its area to which this Chapter applies.”

- 2.3 On 3 November 2010, Executive Board considered proposals for Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. The Board approved three Orders which will:-
- limit the number of dogs that one person may walk
 - exclude dogs from a list of prescribed areas
 - require dogs to be placed on a lead whenever the owner is requested to do so by an authorised officer
- 2.4 Failure to comply with these Order is an offence and a person can be prosecuted or be given the opportunity to pay a fixed penalty as an alternative to prosecution. The orders came into force on 1st February 2011.
- 2.5 Executive Board also approved that phase two of the project is begun, which will look at further options for Dog Control Orders in the City. The Project Board steering the Dog Control Orders will, under Phase 2, be consulting upon two additional controls which are:-
- Areas where dogs may be required to be kept on a lead all times. These areas could include roadside pavements (which is envisaged to apply city wide) and cemeteries. Other areas could be considered for such an order, however a Dog Control Order is already in existence which allows officers to direct an individual to place a dog upon a lead if it is causing a nuisance.
 - Further areas of land where dogs may be excluded from. Under Phase 1 of the project, such areas included children’s play areas. Under Phase 2, these areas could be extended to include Sports Pitches and School Grounds & Playing Fields
- 2.6 The Council will look at applying any such controls to land within its control which will include consultation with Education Leeds and the ALMO’s. Dog Control Orders can be applied to any land to which the public have access, with or without payment. Other private land will not be considered unless requested by the landowner and the landowner funds any signage required.
- 2.7 The process for phase two Dog Control Orders will commence with consultation with Area Committees, after which interested parties such as Dog Walking Businesses, The Kennel Club and The Dogs Trust will be contacted. Officers will also be consulting with key landowners who may have an interest in Dog Control Orders. These include Education Leeds, ALMO’s, all the land owning LCC departments including Parks and Countryside, Town and Parish Councils, Universities, British Waterways and Community Groups.
- 2.8 The outcome of this consultation will shape proposals which will be put into a full public consultation exercise to be undertaken through summer 2011. Scrutiny Board (Environment & Neighbourhoods) have taken a close interest in the project. The outcome of the consultation will be shared with Scrutiny Board, who will also help steer the final proposals. The final proposals would be determined by Executive Board. It is proposed to introduce any orders agreed early 2012.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 The outcome of the consultation process will shape the proposals and determine a way forward with the second phase of the Orders. The proposals are likely to stimulate contrasting views, from both dog owners and none dog owners. The Council will assess and consider the responses through the Project Board, balancing any views with the overall project objective of promoting responsible dog ownership.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

4.1 The decision to implement any Orders would through Delegated Executive Function.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

5.1 Adopting new legislation has legal implications and the Section Head of Regulatory and Enforcement in the Council's Legal Services section is steering this aspect of the project.

5.2 There are resource and financial implications identified around signage for the Orders. Also, any orders agreed upon will be enforced by existing members of staff – no additional resources have been identified to enforce the orders.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The proposals for the Orders are part of a Responsible Dog Ownership scheme being promoted by the Council. The problems created by irresponsible dog ownership, such as dog fouling and stray dogs, can be tackled using Dog Control Orders.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Members are asked to note and consider the proposals for further Dog Control Orders.

7.2 Members are invited to offer any comments with regards to:-

- Potential consultees who are not listed above
- Landowners or managers who may be interested in Dog Control Orders on their land, particularly in the local area covered by this committee.
- Advise on any areas of land which they feel would benefit from Exclusion Orders
- Offers any observations which need to be incorporated into the public consultation
- Nominate their Area Champion to receive the formal consultation outcome on behalf of their Committee.

Background Papers

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) – Statement on the Enforcement of Dog Fouling. February 2009

Dog Control Orders Area Committee. 21st June 2010

Executive Board Dog Control Orders. 3rd November 2010.

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Report of the Director of Children’s Services

Report to Inner West Area Committee

Date: 5th April 2011

Subject: Children’s Services Performance Report

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Executive Summary

This report supports local elected member engagement with the work of children’s services by providing Area Committees with an update against key data relating to education for the academic year 2009-10; and November 2010 NEET and Not Known data. It also provides details of recent key inspections that have taken place across Children’s Services and provides an update on the development of the new Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP) 2011-2015.

This report aims to support elected member involvement with children’s services locally by helping to strengthen understanding of some key performance information at a local level. It builds on previous children’s services performance reports presented to Area Committees during 2010. The first of which covered similar themes to those in this report and the second of which covered themes primarily relating to Children and Young People’s Social Care and intervention work. This report provides comparative information for those issues that were reported in the equivalent report during 2010. We will continue to improve the local reporting to build local knowledge and ownership around the agenda. Increasingly, the reporting will be around the CYPP priorities.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is support local elected member engagement with the work of children's services by providing Area Committees with an update of key data relating to education for the academic year 2009-10; and November 2010 NEET and Not Known data. It also provides details of recent key inspections that have taken place across Children's Services and provides an update on the development of the new Children and Young People's Plan 2011-2015.
- 1.2 As we work to transform and improve children's services across Leeds we are keen to identify opportunities to involve members in taking this agenda forward. An important component of this is giving members the data about local issues that enables more targeted and informed responses to challenges and need. Within this content it is important that members get the opportunity to engage in the performance management process and in particular receive the latest information available for the issues outlined above at ward level (where possible). The report builds on previous performance reports and where appropriate provides comparative information for those issues that were reported in the corresponding report during 2010.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Children's services in Leeds are currently undergoing an important period of change and improvement. Throughout 2010 work at citywide and local level has focused on responding to the priorities set out in the Children's Services improvement Plan, which in turn was in part a response to a Government Improvement Notice. A new Director of Children's Services, Nigel Richardson, joined Leeds in September 2010 and has given further impetus to the improvement and transformation work across the service, which includes a focus on stronger locality working. Elected Members have an important role to play in supporting and contributing to this work, particularly at a local level. This requires a good understanding the local context to enable better targeting of priority areas, particularly in relation to the priorities and ambitions of the new Children and Young People's Plan, which is currently under development (and discussed below).
- 2.2 To support Councillors to undertake this work, a process has been established for Area Committees to receive two performance reports per year. One report for the February/March cycle that focuses on educational attainment, attendance, exclusions, Ofsted judgments and NEET. The second report is produced for the September/October cycle and focuses on Looked After Children (LAC) data, C&YPSC assessment data and CAF data.
- 2.3 Information on the new CYPP for 2011-15 is provided in this report. The new plan is built around delivering against five outcomes and 11 priorities. The new plan will provide a platform to further improve reporting to Area Committees and identify a wider range of valuable locality data to ensure Councillors have the information to more fully understand their neighbourhoods and improve outcomes for children, young people and their families.

2.0 Structure of the Report

- 2.1 The first part of the report provides a brief overview of the education and NEET and Not Known data that is being reported with further detail, including the disaggregated data at Area Committee or Ward level, provided in the appendices listed below:
- Appendix 1 - Ofsted inspection judgments; attainment; absence/ attendance and exclusions data
 - Appendix 1a - NI 108 – Key Stage 4 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups
 - Appendix 2 - NEET and Not Known data
- 2.2 The second part of the report provides information on key recent inspections that have taken place across Children's Services. It also provides an update on the new Children and Young People Plan for 2011-15 and its outcomes and priorities.

3.0 Education Data

3.1 The data relating to **education** included in Appendix 1 covers the following areas:

- **Ofsted Judgements Block A Performance Profile**
- **Attainment** – foundation; primary and secondary
 - **NI 72** - Early Years Foundation Stage to increase achievement for all children age five
 - **NI 76** - Reduction in number of schools where fewer than 55% of pupils achieve level 4 or above in both English and Maths at KS2
 - **NI 73** - Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2
 - **NI 75** - The number of pupils achieving 5 or more A*-C or equivalent including English and maths at KS4 as a percentage of the number of pupils at the end of KS4

* Please note 08/09 data is also provided for **NI 76** and **NI 75** as these indicators were included in the Jan 2009 -10 report that detailed education attainment results.

- **Absence / Attendance (local data)** – primary attendance and persistent absence; secondary attendance and persistent absence
- **Exclusions (local data)** – permanent and fixed term exclusions (number and rate per 1,000 including academies)

3.2 In addition to the above, an update has also been provided against some key performance indicators included within Improvement Notice which are as follows:

- **NI 78** – Reduction in number of schools where fewer than 30% of pupils achieve 5 or more A*- C grades at GCSE and equivalent including GCSEs in English and Maths
- **NI 79** - Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19
- **NI 102 A)** Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stage 2
- **NI 102 B)** Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stage 4

NI 108 – Key Stage 4 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups is also included in the Improvement Notice. Detailed information on this indicator can be found in Appendix 1a.

4.0 NEET Data

4.1 Data on November figures for NEET and Not Known can be found in Appendix 2. As well as the city wide positions, the data has been disaggregated to ward level.

4.2 Whilst the NEET and Not Known positions are improving, they are still a major challenge for the City which the public and private sector will need to collectively address to ensure young people have improved outcomes and are able to participate and contribute to the communities in which they live.

4.3 There has been improved comparative performance and a positive overall reduction in the annual NEET figures, from 9.6% in 2008-09 to 8.2% in 2009-10. Increasing the levels of young people in employment, education or training is one of the 11 priorities in the new Children and Young People's Plan. We are keen to find strategies that will build on the improvements of the last year, but also recognise that doing so will be particularly challenging given the current economic context. The Connexions Service has seen a reduction in staff numbers, meaning new approaches and partnerships will be needed for children's services as a whole if we are to sustain the recent improvements made on the NEET and particularly the Not Known level. It will also be important to monitor the impact on changing national policy, for example the removal of Education Maintenance Allowance, as this may also make the prioritisation of reducing NEETs

and not knowns more challenging. A targetted focus on 'turning the curve' around NEETs will begin shortly (discussed in the CYP Plan section below) and it is intended that this will help to find the best solutions to the issue within the changing context.

- 4.4 Other developments relating to the NEET agenda include the merger of The Children Leeds Learning Partnership, the 14-19 Strategy Group and the IYSS Board to form the 11-19 (25 for disabled young people) Learning and Support Partnership which met for the first time in September 2010. This Partnership will have clear ownership of the NEET Strategy on a permanent basis. The corporate NEET Improvement Board, which has driven significant improvements since November 2009, has passed all residual elements of the NEET Improvement Plan to this new partnership.

5.0 Update on Recent Inspections in Children's Services

- 5.1 Appendix 1 contains an update on the inspection reports published on the Ofsted website as at 31st December for **primary schools, secondary schools and sixth forms**. Other recent inspections that have taken place in Children's Services include the **Adoption Service** inspection.

- 5.2 The **Adoption Service** inspection report was published on Monday 11th January. The service has been graded as 'good' overall, with some outstanding features. This is considered a significant achievement for the service and for all the partner agencies who support them in delivering such high standard of provision in this very challenging field.

- 5.3 The scores for the different aspects of the inspection are as follows:

Overall grading:	Good
Be Healthy:	Not judged on these inspections
Stay safe:	Good
Enjoy and Achieve	Outstanding
Positive Contribution:	Good
Economic wellbeing:	Not judged on these inspections
Organisation:	Good

- 5.4 The positive comments in the report reflect improvements across the service and this is a very positive indicator for the service and the rest of Children's Services. This follows a positive inspection for the fostering earlier in 2010, when the service received a 'good' rating overall.

- 5.5 Leeds has 13 children's homes, including East Moor Secure Children's Home. All of Leeds' residential provision is judged by Ofsted as satisfactory or good, one home has benefited from a closely supervised management plan to achieve satisfactory and was inspected on 14th January 2010, achieving a verbal report of satisfactory, this judgement will be published within 2 weeks.

- 5.6 The **Youth Offending Service** received top marks in its recent inspection report. The findings published on 12th January stated the youth offending service in Leeds is performing very well.

- 5.7 Leeds scored well above the national average in all three areas inspected by HM Inspectorate of Probation – safeguarding, risk of harm to others, and reducing the likelihood of re-offending. The report is scored as a percentage of work that the inspectors judged to be of high quality in each category, and the level of improvement needed. The results were as follows:

Safeguarding – 84% (national average is 67%)
Risk of harm to others – 76% (national average is 62%)
Likelihood of re-offending – 83% (national average is 69%)

- 5.8 Inspectors agreed that the service only needed a minimum level of improvement for each category. This is the highest rating available to the inspectors, and equivalent to a grade of '**outstanding**'.

- 5.9 Since Ofsted commenced inspecting **Children's Centres** in September, 5 Children's Centres have been inspected.
- 5.10 **Seacroft Children's Centre** received the highest possible score in every category of the Ofsted report and obtained an '**Outstanding**' judgment. The inspectors highlighted the determination of all staff to secure outstanding outcomes for children and their families, as well as the centre's extremely flexible approach to the delivery of services that ensures the exceptional support provided is correctly targeted to the changing needs of the community, families and children.
- 5.11 The 4 other Children's Centres that have been inspected and the judgments they received are outlined below:

Harehills	Good
Little London	Good
Burley Park	Satisfactory
Richmond	Satisfactory

6.0 Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) 2011-15

- 6.1 Although the government has stated its intention that there will no longer be a statutory requirement to have a Children and Young People's Plan, Leeds' Children's Trust Board (CTB) has confirmed its commitment to having a single shared vision for children and young people across the city and a set of priorities to focus joint effort and activity.
- 6.2 The city wide planning framework for Leeds identifies the CTB as the owner of one of five City Priority Plans -The Children and Young People Plan. The other four City Priority Plans are: Safer Leeds; Health and Wellbeing; Sustainable Economy; and Regeneration and Development. Each plan will have a four year timescale commencing April 2011. It is anticipated that the final draft of the refreshed CYPP will be taken to the CTB on March 24th and the Children's Services Scrutiny Board on March 17th.
- 6.3 The new Children and Young People's Plan is built around a new vision for Leeds to become a child friendly city. The idea of a child friendly city builds on a project developed by Unicef that aims to help cities develop a system of good governance committed to fulfilling children's rights. There is more information on the website www.childfriendlycities.org. This city ambition can be used to engage a wide range of partners, public, private, voluntary and communities more generally in a collective effort to put the child at the heart, make the economic case for investing in the future, and evidence the voice and influence the child.
- 6.4 The five outcomes the CYPP will cover to make sure that children and young people:
- are safe from harm;
 - do well in learning and develop skills for life;
 - choose healthy lifestyles;
 - have fun growing up; and
 - are active citizens who feel they have voice and influence,

will be underpinned with a short, clear set of eleven priorities, including a cross-cutting focus on minimising the effects of poverty on children and families (see Appendix 3 for a breakdown of outcomes; priorities and the delivery lead). They will be delivered by creating a stronger sense of the shared values and behaviours that bind the children's workforce and these will in turn reflect the Council's new corporate values. To do this there will be an increased focus on working in partnership to develop the children's workforce together in a way that helps us realise our ambitions. An 'outcome based accountability' approach will be used to engage those who can make a difference to the priority areas.

- 6.5 Using this approach, in the short term there will be an immediate drive to re-assess current activity around three areas where children's services partners have identified the need to 'turn

the curve' as quickly as possible. Workshops to begin this effort by using outcomes based accountability are planned for late January. These will cover three key measures: the number of looked after children; the number of children and young people not in employment; education or training and the level of school attendance.

- 6.6 Outcomes based accountability is an approach that engages a broad cross section of partners and staff to work out how best to develop practical action plans that deliver against priorities and improve the baseline position (commonly known as the 'turning the curve' methodology) for key measures. It is proposed to use this approach at city and locality level.

7.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 7.1 The performance data and ongoing activities mentioned in this report will help inform future policy / strategy development as well as the redesign of Children's Services.

8.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 8.1 There are no legal and resource implications.

9.0 Conclusions

- 9.1 Not applicable as the report is information based.

10.0 Recommendations

- 10.1 Area Committees are requested to note the contents of this report, to inform their role in improving outcomes locally.

Background papers

Children's Services Performance Report to Area Committees: February/March 2010
Children's Services Performance Report to Area Committees: September/October 2010
Children's Services Performance Update Report: Executive Board, 15th December.

Area Committee Performance Reporting - February / March 2010-11 Cycle

Primary Schools - Block A Performance Profile setting judgement - Inspection reports published on Ofsted website as at 31st December 2010.											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
3 - Out. 13 - Gd. 7 - Sat. 0 - Inad.	3 - Out. 13 - Gd. 12 - Sat. 0 - Inad.	4 - Out. 6 - Gd. 6 - Sat. 0 - Inad.	7 - Out. 12 - Gd. 4 - Sat. 0 - Inad.	2 - Out. 11 - Gd. 6 - Sat. 0 - Inad.	7 - Out. 16 - Gd. 5 - Sat. 0 - Inad.	1 - Out. 6 - Gd. 8 - Sat. 0 - Inad.	2 - Out. 10 - Gd. 8 - Sat. 1 - Inad.	3 - Out. 8 - Gd. 10 - Sat. 1 - Inad.	4 - Out. 11 - Gd. 8 - Sat. 1 - Inad.	36 - Out. 106 - Gd. 74 - Sat. 3 - Inad.	N/A
Secondary Schools - Block A Performance Profile setting judgements - Inspection reports published on Ofsted website as at 31st December 2010											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
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Sixth forms (includes SILCs, therefore total can be more than number of secondaries) - Block A Performance Profile setting judgements - Inspection reports published on Ofsted website as at 31st December 2010											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
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Area Committee Performance Reporting - February / March 2010-11 Cycle

Foundation Stage Attainment											
Measure: NI 72 - Early Years Foundation Stage - percentage of children achieving a good level of development											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
34.2	54.4	55.1	68.0	55.1	66.9	45.4	57.4	38.8	57.4	53	56
Information about the PI											
<p>The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile is a statutory framework for children's learning and development and welfare from birth to the end of the academic year in which they turn 5. It covers six areas of learning: personal, social and emotional development; communication, language and literacy; problem-solving, reasoning and numeracy; knowledge and understanding of the world; physical development and creative development. To achieve a good level of development, children need to achieve 78 or more points and at least 6 points in each of the communication, language and literacy and personal, social and emotional development strands. Good performance is typified by an increase in percentage points.</p> <p>Comment on city wide performance</p> <p>Following a very encouraging 4 percentage points improvement in the percentage of pupils reaching a good level of development (GLD) in 2008-09, outcomes have again risen in 2009-10; this time by 2 percentage points. This continued improvement has been driven by the strong performance observed in the Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) and Communication, Language and Literacy Development (CLLD) strands; which are key to this indicator. National and statistical neighbour performance have improved by a greater amount than in Leeds and the percentage of children achieving a good level of development is now 3 percentage points lower than national and 4 percentage points below statistical neighbours.</p>											

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Primary Attainment											
Measure: NI 73 - Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2.											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
60.0	74.4	73.6	90.6	72.3	86.0	60.1	76.2	60.4	71.0	74	77
Information about the PI											
This indicator measures the number of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 as a percentage of the number of pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 with valid National Curriculum test results in both English and maths. Key Stage 2 is the stage of the National Curriculum between ages 8 and 11 years. This indicator relates to tests taken by pupils at the end of KS2. Local Authority-level results relate to pupils in maintained schools. Good performance is typified by an increase in percentage.											
Comment on city wide performance											
In 2009-10 some schools boycotted the test, therefore the figures are for those schools who did the tests. After three years of maintaining performance at 72%, the percentage of pupils achieving level 4 or above in English and maths increased by 2 percentage points, compared to a 1 percentage point increase nationally and in statistical neighbours. Attainment is now 1 percentage point above the national figure. Despite this improvement, the challenging target of 77% has not been achieved.											
51 51 Please note: 2009-10 data is provisional.											

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Measure: NI 76 - Reduction in number of primary schools where fewer than 55% of pupils achieve level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
7 (of 22 primary schools)	2 (of 28 primary schools)	4 (of 16 primary schools)	0 (of 23 primary schools)	4 (of 19 primary schools)	0 (of 25 primary schools)	3 (of 15 primary schools)	0 (of 20 primary schools)	4 (of 22 primary schools)	2 (of 23 primary schools)	26 (of 213 primary schools)	15 (of 213 primary schools)
2008-09 Academic Year											
5 (of 23 primary schools)	4 (of 28 primary schools)	4 (of 16 primary schools)	0 (of 18 primary schools)	4 (of 19 primary schools)	0 (of 25 primary schools)	5 (of 15 primary schools)	3 (of 20 primary schools)	8 (of 22 primary schools)	1 (of 23 primary schools)	34 schools (of 209 schools)	11 schools (of 209 schools)
Information about the PI											
This indicator relates to maintained mainstream schools with end of KS2 cohorts with more than 10 pupils where less than 55% are achieving Level 4 or above in both English and maths at the end of KS2. Pupils' attainment is assessed in relation to the National Curriculum and pupils are awarded levels on the National Curriculum scale to reflect their attainment. The data for 2010 is only for schools that undertook the tests at the end of Key Stage 2. Good performance is typified by a fall in the number.											
Comment on city wide performance 2009-10											
Due to some schools boycotting tests in the academic year 2009-10, the number of schools below floor target has been calculated using test data where available and teacher assessment where tests were not undertaken. Provisional data for 2009-10 indicates that the number of schools below the floor target of 55% of pupils achieving level 4 or above in English and maths, has fallen from 34 in 2009 to 26 in 2009- 10. This is the lowest ever number of schools below floor target in Leeds. Information from the new government indicates that the floor target for primary schools will change from 55% to 60% . If this proposed floor target was to be applied to the data for 2009-10, there would be 35 primary schools below the proposed new floor target of 60% .											

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Measure: NI 102 A Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stage 2 (Improvement Notice PI)											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
										26	22.8
<p>Information about the PI This indicator measures the percentage point gap between pupils eligible for free schools meals (FSM) achieving at least Level 4 in English and maths at Key Stage 2 and pupils ineligible for FSM achieving the same outcome. Good performance is typified by a decrease in percentage point gap.</p> <p>Comment on city wide performance Gaps between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at are not particularly meaningful at an AC level, therefore only the city wide position has been reported. The gap in the percentage point achieving level 4 or above in English and maths at Key Stage 2 between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers is 26 percentage points. There was an improvement in attainment of pupils eligible for free schools meals, but only at the same rate as the improvement for pupils not eligible for free school meals, therefore the gap is the same as in 2008-09. The gap in Leeds is 5 percentage points wider than the national gap.</p> <p>Please note: 2009-10 data is provisional.</p>											

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Secondary Attainment											
Measure: NI 75 Proportion of pupils in schools maintained by the authority achieving five or more GCSEs at grades A*-C or equivalent, including English and maths.											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
33.5	53.4	52.3	57.4	49.6	64.8	36.7	42.3	36.6	54.1	50.3	50.6
2008-09 Academic Year											
30.9	51.2	46.4	52.0	41.2	62.1	27.1	41.3	26.0	49.3	45.9	51.6
Information about the PI											
This indicator covers the number of pupils achieving 5 or more A*-C GCSEs or equivalent including English and maths at KS4 as a percentage of the number of pupils at the end of KS4. The school element relates to all maintained mainstream schools including Academies. Key Stage 4 (KS4) is the stage of the National Curriculum between the ages of 14 and 16 years. GCSE is the principal means of assessing pupil attainment at the end of compulsory secondary education. Grades A* to G are classified as passes, grades A* to C as good passes and grades U and X as fails. Good performance is typified by an increase in percentage points.											
Comment on city wide performance											
There has been strong improvement against the headline national measure of 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C including English and maths, with over half of young people in Leeds now reaching this level. At 50.3% this represents significant improvement, with a 4.4 percentage point improvement from the 2009 result of 45.9%. National results improved by 3.3 percentage points, therefore the gap to national attainment for this indicator has narrowed and performance in Leeds is now 2.8 percentage points lower than national. Despite the significant improvements achieved, the challenging target of 56.9%, set by schools has not been met.											
Please note:											
2009-10 data is provisional and data for South Leeds academy is not included as they did not provide permission for the authority to receive their pupil level Key Stage 4 results.											

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Measure: NI 78 Reduction in number of schools where fewer than 30% of pupils achieve 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE and equivalent including GCSEs in English and maths. (Improvement Notice PI)											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
1 (of 4 schools)	0 (of 5 schools)	0 (of 4 schools)	0 (of 3 schools)	0 (of 3 schools)	0 (of 6 schools)	1 of (2 schools)	0 (of 4 schools)	1 (of 2 schools)	0 (of 5 schools)	3 (of 38 schools)	1 school
Information about the PI											
The number of schools in the local authority where the number of pupils achieving 5 or more A*-C grades or equivalent including English and Maths at KS4 as a percentage of the number of pupils at the end of KS4 is less than 30%. Good performance is typified by a fall in number of schools.											
Comment on city wide performance											
There are three schools in Leeds below the current floor target of 30% or more pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C including English and maths (NI 78). This is compared to four in 2009 (in addition there were 3 schools that closed in 2009 that were below the floor target – South Leeds, West Leeds and Wortley). The three schools remaining below floor target are Primrose (25%), Swallow Hill (24%) and South Leeds Academy (29%). Even though these schools remain below the floor target, Primrose achieved significant improvements in 2010 compared to 2009, Swallow Hill performed better than the combined West Leeds and Wortley results in 2009 and South Leeds Academy performed better than South Leeds High School in 2009.											
The recent Education White paper states that the floor target will be raised from 30% achieving 5 or more A*-C including English and maths to 35%. If this floor target was to be applied to the data for 2009-10, there would be 8 schools below this level.											
Please note: 2010 data is provisional.											

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Measure: NI 102 B Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stage 4 (Improvement Notice PI)											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
										33	24.8
Information about the PI											
The percentage point gap between pupils eligible for FSM achieving 5A*-C grades at GCSE (and equivalent), including GCSE English and Maths, at KS4 and pupils ineligible for FSM achieving the same outcome. Good performance is typified by a decrease in percentage point gap.											
Comment on city wide performance											
Gaps between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at are not particularly meaningful at an AC level, therefore only the city wide position has been reported. 2010 data is provisional. There has historically been a wide gap in attainment in Leeds between pupils eligible for free school meals and those who are not, and the gaps in Leeds are wider than the national gaps. The gaps are wider in Leeds because performance of pupils not eligible for free school meals in Leeds is generally in line with national performance for this group, whereas attainment for pupils eligible for free school meals is below national attainment for this group. In 2010 the gap is 33 percentage points, compared to 35 percentage points in 2009. The provisional national gap for 2010 is 28 percentage points.											

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Measure: NI 108 Key Stage 4 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups (Improvement Notice PI)											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
See Appendix 1a for results											

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Absence / Attendance (local data)											
Attendance - Primary											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
92.8	94.9	94.7	95.5	94.1	95.8	94	94.6	93.1	94.9	94.4	
<p>Information about the PI This local indicator measures the percentage of possible sessions attended in primary schools in half terms 1-5.</p> <p>Comment on city wide performance Attendance in primary schools increased marginally in 2009/10 from 94.3% in 2008/09 to 94.4% in 2009/10. This increase is despite the impact of snow days during the severe weather last year, where schools that remained open would have had their attendance impacted on by children who could not get to school. National data is not yet available for half-terms 1-5, but comparative information for half-terms 1-4 indicates that attendance improved more in Leeds than nationally in 2009/10. In half-terms 1-4 attendance in Leeds was 0.4% lower in Leeds than nationally.</p>											

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Persistence Absence - Primary											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
3.6	1.3	1.4	0.9	2.4	0.6	2.2	1.4	3.4	1.5	1.9	
<p>Information about the PI The percentage of primary pupils that are persistent absentees in half-terms 1-5, where a persistent absentee is defined as a pupil missing 64 or more sessions of school (attendance below 80%).</p>											
<p>Comment on city wide performance The percentage of primary pupils that were persistent absentees fell from 2.3% in 2008/09 to 1.9% in 2009/10. This reverses a previous trend of rising persistent absence in primary schools in Leeds. National data is not yet available for half-terms 1-5, but comparative information for half-terms 1-4 indicates that persistent absence in Leeds was 0.7 percentage points higher than national levels of persistent absence for this time period.</p>											

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Attendance - Secondary											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
89.2	92.3	92.7	92.2	90.5	93.2	88.1	92	88	92.2	91.6	93.3
Information about the PI The percentage of possible sessions attended in secondary schools in half terms 1-5											
Comment on city wide performance For half-terms 1-5 attendance in secondary schools has increased marginally from 91.5% in 2008/09 to 91.6% in 2009/10. National data is not yet available for half-terms 1-5, but comparative information for half-terms 1-4 indicates that improvements in Leeds is less than the improvement achieved nationally and in statistical neighbours and therefore the gaps in performance to these comparators has widened. Attendance was 1.6 percentage points below national for half-terms 1-5.											

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Persistence Absence - Secondary											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
12	5.7	4.9	6.3	8.8	4	13.4	7	14.5	6.7	7.4	6.3
Information about the PI The percentage of secondary pupils that are persistent absentees in half-terms 1-5, where a persistent absentee is defined as a pupil missing 64 or more sessions of school (attendance below 80%)											

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Exclusions (local data) - Primary and Secondary											
Inner East	Outer East	Inner North East	Outer North East	Inner North West	Outer North West	Inner West	Outer West	Inner South	Outer South	City Wide Result	City Wide Target
2009-10 Academic Year											
Primary Exclusions - The rate of fixed term exclusion per 1000 pupils (numbers in brackets are number of exclusions).											
9.6 (74)	5.0 (40)	9.5 (54)	5.9 (28)	8.2 (33)	1.2 (8)	(3.9 (16)	3.8 (24)	5.7 (38)	(5.4 (42)	5.8 (357) all pupils 46.6	all pupils 45.0
Secondary Exclusions - The rate of fixed term exclusion per 1000 pupils (numbers in brackets are number of exclusions).											
210.5 (528) - excludes David Young Academy	18.0 (117)	71.5 (343)	73.0 (277)	68.0 (220)	92.8 (724)	145.0 (386)	152.1 (649)	21.9 (23) - excludes South Leeds academy	116.2 (855)	93.7 (4122) all pupils 46.6	all pupils 45.0
Information about the PI											
The target and the all pupils city-wide result include exclusions from SILCs, as well as primary and secondary schools.											
Comment on city wide performance											
The rate of fixed term exclusions has reduced marginally in 2009/10, with the rate of fixed term exclusion increasing slightly in secondary schools and falling slightly in primary schools. The number of exclusions from primary schools fell from 392 in 2008/09 to 357 in 2009/10.											

NI 108 - Key Stage 4 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups

Ethnic Origin	2010 cohort size	Percentage Point Difference	
		Academic Year 2008-09	Academic Year 2009-10
White British	6511	1.2	1.6
White Irish	27	7.4	23.8
White Gypsy, Roma and Traveller of Irish heritage	24	-39.7	-46.1
White - Any other white background	98	-7.3	-6.4
Mixed - Black Caribbean and White	145	-12.6	-13.7
Mixed - Asian and White	60	2.4	9.7
Mixed - Any other mixed background	89	-1.2	-7.6
Black African	188	-6.8	-7.2
Mixed - Black African and White	24	-14.7	-8.6
Black Caribbean	93	-18.9	-13.7
Black - Any other Black background	49	-27.2	-7.4
Asian - Indian	125	15.9	8.9
Asian - Pakistani	338	-10.7	-6.2
Asian - Bangladeshi	59	-17.1	-6.2
Asian - Any other Asian background	98	-5.5	-6.4
Chinese	32	6.7	9.1
Any other ethnic background	46	0	6.2

Information about the PI

This indicator measures the percentage point gap between pupils in each ethnic group and all pupils, in achieving 5 A*-C grades at GCSE (and equivalent), including GCSE English and maths. The rationale behind this measure is to narrow the gap in achievement between children in low attaining minority ethnic groups and their peers by improving the performance of these groups at Key Stage 4. Good performance is typified by a decrease in percentage point gap, equating to a reduction in the percentage point gap for the mean of each group.

Comment on performance

Disaggregating the data for this measure to an AC level would mean that the cohort sizes would be too small and the data would be meaningless. As such, only the city wide figure has been reported for each ethnic group. Attainment for all pupils improved by 5 percentage points for 5 A*-C including English and maths. Attainment improved for all ethnic groups except Indian, other white heritage, other Mixed heritage and Travellers of Irish heritage. As with 5 A*-C, several of the ethnic groups with historically lower levels of attainment increased by more than the Leeds average, including Bangladeshi (up 15 percentage points), Other Pakistani heritage (12 percentage points), Black Caribbean (10 percentage points), Other Black heritage (24 percentage points), and Mixed Black African and White (10 percentage points). White Eastern European pupils saw an increase of 22 percentage points, despite only small improvements in their 5 A*-C attainment, indicating that their success in English and maths has improved significantly.

The performance for Indian pupils is still above the Leeds average for 5 A*-C including English and maths, but is below national levels of attainment for Indian pupils. Attainment for Bangladeshi pupils is still below the Leeds average, but the gap has narrowed to 6 percentage points, and attainment is still below the national level.

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November 2010 Figures

All figures contained in this report come from the Connexions database. The cohort of young people to whom Connexions Leeds provides a service is:

- young people in education or training in Leeds
- young people in employment who are resident in Leeds
- young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) who are resident in Leeds
- young people in youth custody in Leeds (Eastmoor Secure Children's Home and HMPYOI Wetherby)

All the figures in this dataset are for young people age 16-18. This does not include young people age 16 in statutory education. Year 11 leavers are not included in the count until the September after they complete Year 11.

Headline figures for November 2010 are:-

Adjusted NEET: 8.4% (1900 young people)

Not Known: 5.3% (1225 young people)

The adjusted NEET figure takes account of the number of young people whose status is Not Known. A formula is applied to work out how many young people whose status is Not Known are likely to be NEET. This is added to the NEET figure to give the adjusted NEET figure.

Young people are classed as Not Known if they have not had contact with the Connexions service within a certain period, how regular the contact needs to be depends on whether the young person is NEET or EET. The Not Known figure, therefore, includes young people who may be in contact with other services but whose record has not been updated on the Connexions database.

The level of NEET this year is similar to last year, when a significant reduction was achieved, maintaining the level of NEET whilst reducing the level of Not Known has been an achievement over the last year. Work is required to bring the number of young people NEET down further.

The level of Not Known in Leeds has fallen in the past month (down from 11.9% in October) and is the lowest level for November that has ever been achieved in Leeds. Reductions in Not Known have brought figures in to line with statistical neighbours.

Ward Data

It should be noted that these figures will not include young people who are in education or training in Leeds and not resident in Leeds, those young people are included in the headline figures for the authority.

If a young person's address is unknown it is recorded as the Connexions Centre. This means the large number of young people in the city centre does not reflect the number of young people who actually live in the city centre.

Errors in the recording of postcode on the Connexions database mean there are a number of young people who can not be matched to a ward or a super output area. For this reason these figures should be viewed as indicative.

Ward	Ward Wedge	NEET		Not Known		Total number of young people
		Count	%	Count	%	
Burmantofts and Richmond	East	109	14.06%	50	6.45%	775
Crossgates and Whinmoor	East	61	8.18%	23	3.08%	746
Garforth and Swillington	East	20	2.90%	9	1.30%	690
Gipton and Harehills	East	119	11.06%	78	7.25%	1076
Killingbeck and Seacroft	East	115	11.76%	60	6.13%	978
Kippax and Methley	East	32	5.44%	18	3.06%	588
Temple Newsam	East	56	6.81%	37	4.50%	822
East Total		512	9.02%	275	4.85%	5675
Alwoodley	North East	21	3.61%	17	2.92%	582
Chapel Allerton	North East	79	9.91%	40	5.02%	797
Harewood	North East	11	3.34%	12	3.65%	329
Moortown	North East	21	3.28%	18	2.81%	641
Roundhay	North East	44	5.98%	20	2.72%	736
Wetherby	North East	9	2.96%	10	3.29%	304
NE Total		185	5.46%	117	3.45%	3389
Adel and Wharfedale	North West	15	2.98%	21	4.17%	503
Guiseley and Rawdon	North West	21	3.28%	19	2.97%	640
Headingley	North West	7	6.54%	4	3.74%	107
Horsforth	North West	13	2.08%	20	3.20%	625
Hyde Park and Woodhouse	North West	28	7.41%	19	5.03%	378
Kirkstall	North West	44	8.00%	38	6.91%	550
Otley and Yeadon	North West	29	4.25%	39	5.71%	683
Weetwood	North West	38	6.65%	24	4.20%	571
NW Total		195	4.81%	184	4.54%	4057
Ardsley and Robin Hood	South	37	6.01%	22	3.57%	616
Beeston and Holbeck	South	96	12.52%	49	6.39%	767
City and Hunslet	South	94	9.84%	196	20.52%	955
Middleton Park	South	116	12.16%	54	5.66%	954
Morley North	South	30	5.08%	26	4.40%	591
Morley South	South	51	8.70%	28	4.78%	586
Rothwell	South	35	6.41%	25	4.58%	546
South Total		459	9.15%	400	7.98%	5015
Armley	West	104	12.79%	48	5.90%	813
Bramley and Stanningley	West	89	11.73%	60	7.91%	759
Calverley and Farsley	West	23	4.03%	23	4.03%	571
Farnley and Wortley	West	73	8.35%	50	5.72%	874
Pudsey	West	29	4.73%	36	5.87%	613
West Total		318	8.76%	217	5.98%	3630

Draft Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for 2011-2015

Five outcomes for Children and young people in Leeds:	We will major on 11 priorities to deliver these outcomes:	LCC Delivery Lead (CTB partner sponsors to be confirmed)
Are safe from harm	1.help children to live in safe and supportive families 2.ensure that the most vulnerable are protected	1. Jackie Wilson 2. Jackie Wilson
Do well in learning and have the skills for life	3.support children to be ready for learning 4.improve behaviour, attendance and achievement 5.increase the levels of young people in employment, education or training 6.improve support where there are additional health needs	3. Sally Threlfall 4. Dirk Gilleard 5. Dirk Gilleard 6. Sally Threlfall
Choose healthy lifestyles	7.encourage activity and healthy eating 8.promote sexual health	7. Dirk Gilleard 8. Sarah Sinclair
Have fun growing up	9.provide play, leisure, culture and sporting opportunities	9. Sally Threlfall
Are active citizens who feel they have voice and influence	10.reduce youth crime and anti-social behaviour 11.increase participation, voice and influence	10. Jim Hopkinson 11. Sally Threlfall

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- To continue to alternate between suitable venues within the two Wards or to seek some other venues.

3.0 Meeting Dates

- 3.1 The following provisional dates have been agreed in consultation with the Area Leader. They follow roughly the same pattern as previous years, i.e. Wednesday's in June, September, October, December, February and April :-

22nd June 2011, 7th September 2011, 19th October 2011, 14th December 2011, 15th February 2012 and 11th April 2012.

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

4.0 Meeting Days and Times

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

5.0 Meeting Venues

- 5.1 Currently the Committee alternates venues between the two Wards.
- 5.2 If the Committee were minded to request the officers to explore possible alternative venues, then the considerations Members and officers would have to taken into account are matters such as cost, accessibility – particularly for people with disabilities – and the facilities available at the venue, e.g. IT facilities for presentations etc.
- 5.3 From time to time, Members sometimes suggest moving meetings back to Civic Hall, Leeds. The meeting facilities might arguably be better in some instances, and the venue possibly more convenient for Members, and possibly also the public, as Leeds is the hub of the public transport system. However, Members are reminded of

the stated role of Area Committees, as set out in Paragraph 2.1 the Area Committee Procedure Rules :-

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

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

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

6.0 Recommendation

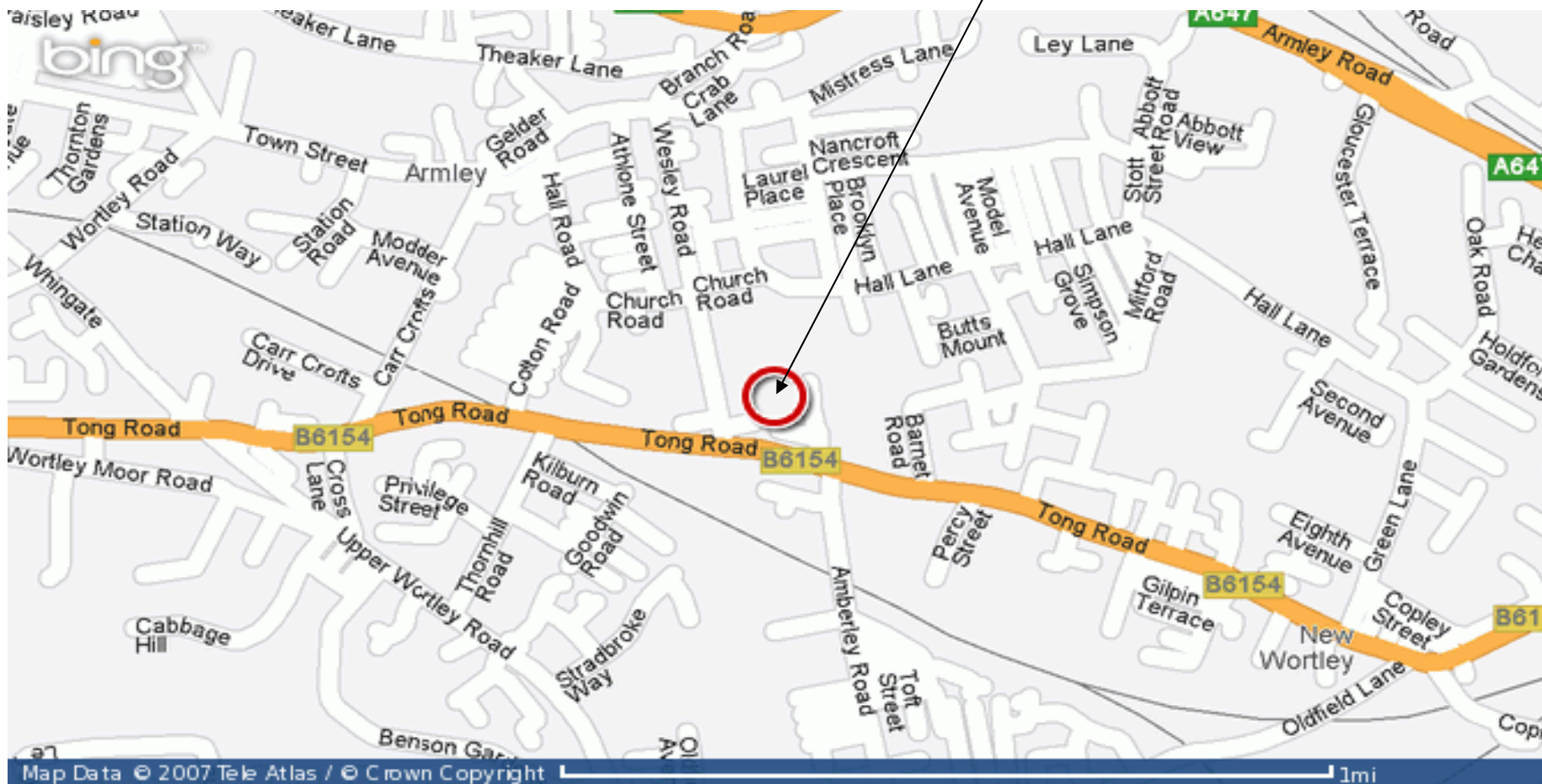
- 6.1 Members are requested to consider the options and to agree their meeting dates and times for 2011/12 in order that they may be included in the Council's official diary for 2011/12. Meeting venues can if necessary be agreed at a later date, or left for the officers to sort out, taking into account Members' views, although a clear indication of Members' wishes in this regard would be helpful.

Background papers

Area Committee Procedure Rules.

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