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NORTH EAST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held at the Reginald Centre, 263 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7 on
Monday, 15th October, 2012 at 4.00 pm

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

J Dowson	-	Chapel Allerton;
M Rafique	-	Chapel Allerton;
E Taylor	-	Chapel Allerton;
S Hamilton	-	Moortown;
R Charlwood	-	Moortown;
A Sobel	-	Moortown;
G Hussain (Chair)	-	Roundhay;
C Macniven	-	Roundhay;
B Urry	-	Roundhay;

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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:-</p> <p>No exempt items or information have been identified on the agenda</p>	

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5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p>	
6			<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p>	
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Agenda Item 7

NORTH EAST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor G Hussain in the Chair

Councillors R Charlwood, J Dowson,
S Hamilton, C Macniven, M Rafique,
E Taylor and B Urry

19 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the September meeting of North East (Inner) Area Committee.

20 Late Items

There were no formal late items of business to consider, however the Chair agreed to accept the following as supplementary information:-

- Community Right to Bid – Revised Report of the Acting Chief Asset Management Officer (Agenda Item 14) (Minute 32 refers)

The document was not available at the time of the agenda despatch, but subsequently made available to the public on the Council's website.

21 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

a) The following disclosable pecuniary interest was declared at the meeting:-

- Councillor S Hamilton in her capacity as a Group Member of the New Testament Church of God (A Future History Heritage project) (Agenda Item 9) (Minute 28 refers)

b) The following other significant interest was declared at the meeting:-

- Councillor J Dowson in her capacity as a Member on Groundwork Leeds (Agenda Item 9) (Minute 28 refers)

22 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies reported at the meeting.

23 Open Forum

In accordance with paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

On this occasion, there were no matters raised under this item by members of the public.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Monday, 15th October, 2012

24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and that this Committee formally ratifies the decisions taken at that meeting.

25 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service – Annual Report (Minute 7 refers)

Councillor B Urry referred to the above issue and enquired if Elmete School had been demolished following a recent fire.

Nicola Denson, East North East Area Officer responded and informed the meeting that, according to recent reports, the school was to be demolished.

- b) East North East Welfare Reform Project Team (Minute 11 refers)

The Chair referred to the above issue and enquired on the availability of a further progress report on Welfare Reform.

Nicola Denson, East North East Area Officer responded and informed Members that a report on this issue would be submitted to the next meeting in October 2012.

- c) Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies (Minute 12 refers)

Councillor R Charlwood referred to the above issue and informed the meeting that arising from recent discussions with Moortown ward Members, Councillor A Sobel had agreed to replace her on Moor Allerton Elderly Care.

Mr S Robinson, Governance Services responded and agreed to write to Moor Allerton Elderly Care advising them of this change in appointment.

The Chair referred to the two appointments made at the last meeting in relation to the East North East ALMO Area Panel and raised his concerns that both Councillors B Urry and A Sobel had not received agenda papers for recent Area Panel meetings.

Mr S Robinson, Governance Services responded and agreed to write to the Chief Executive of East North East Homes Leeds advising him of this omission.

- d) Inner North East Community Charter and Promises (Minute 14 refers)

Nicola Denson, East North East Area Officer referred to the above issue and circulated a printed copy of the Charter document for the information/retention of Members.

(Councillor S Hamilton joined the meeting at 4.10pm during discussions of the item relating to the East North East Welfare Reform Project Team)

26 Children's Services Update Report to Area Committees - Inner North East

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report on an update of the current issues facing the Directorate and children's partnership as well as the progress that was being made against local and national agendas.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents:-

- Autumn 2012 Children's Performance Update (Appendix 1 refers)
- Map of cluster to Area Committee (Appendix 2 refers)
- Cluster Overviews for the Area Committees (Appendix 3 refers)
- Children and Young People's Plan cluster performance – June 2012 (Appendix 4 refers)

The following officers were in attendance and responded to Members' comments and queries:-

- Nigel Richardson, Director of Children's Services
- Mary Armitage, Head of Service, Integrated Processes, Children's Services

The Director of Children's Services provided the meeting with a comprehensive overview of the relevant issues contained in the report and appendices.

In addition to this report, the Head of Service, Integrated Processes commented on the clusters and their development. She informed the meeting that the clusters were developing effective structures that were already supporting better working.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- To welcome the development of the Child Friendly Leeds action plan with cross-council input and involvement and clarification of how a person in the Moortown ward could get locally involved with a view to exchanging ideas on the action plan
(The Director of Children's Services responded and welcomed this opportunity. He confirmed that there was a need to build communications across the city and Ms S Rumbold, Partnership Development Business Support, Children's Services was leading on this.
Councillor J Dowson in her capacity as Deputy Executive Member for Children's Services commented on Attainment, Attendance, Achievement and the excellent work being undertaken in Health Centres where parents could learn good practices with their children. She also referred to the amount of work that had been done by the Parliament Youth Council and it was agreed that a copy of their report

be circulated to Members of the Committee for their information/retention)

- Clarification as to why the Inner North East level of NEET at 4.5% was quiet low and as a result could be seen as misleading
(The Director of Children's Services responded and provided a breakdown of the information. The Committee noted that numbers, names and addresses were behind the figures and that Members should not be complacent on the evidence provided)
- Clarification of how many Academies there were in Inner North Leeds; how many were pending and how many would be forced into becoming an academy
(The Director of Children's Services responded and informed the meeting that there were no academies in Inner North Leeds. However it was an ambition of the Government for all schools to become academies and Governing Bodies had the ultimate role of determining academy status. Discussions were ongoing in this area, but to date no school had been forced into becoming an academy. Although considerable pressure can be placed on schools and local authorities by the Secretary of State and DfE)
- Clarification if there were any Council Children's homes in the Inner North East area
(The Director of Children's Services responded and agreed to come back on this issue with a breakdown of the location of all children's homes)
- Clarification if there was missing data in relation to paragraph 3.6 around local Ofsted inspections
(The Director of Children's Services responded and confirmed that there was missing data in relation to this paragraph. He apologised for this omission)
- Clarification of the progress to date in relation to reducing the need for children to come into care
(The Director of Children's Services responded and reported on the process for investing in early health and the work being undertaken with families. He informed the meeting that Children's Services were starting to respond at a local level regarding referrals and also looking at the social capital of families and their needs with specific reference to Kinship Care)
- Clarification if adoption and fostering had increased
(The Director of Children's Services responded and confirmed that as a result of patterns changing, the numbers had increased)
- Clarification if less children were being sent out of Leeds
(The Director of Children's Services responded and confirmed that the numbers were reducing)
- Clarification as to why the fostering figure in paragraph 3.10 was high
(The Director of Children's Services responded and outlined the reasons behind the increase)
- Clarification of the school attendance data and whether this figure was as a result of Asian families taking them home during the Easter/summer months

(The Director of Children's Services responded and confirmed that Children's Services were trying to collate the information in a collective way. Although this issue was the responsibility of the school and school governors, school attendance was deemed as a very important issue which affected a child's education which was why it was one of the three obsessions)

- To applaud Leeds's position in relation to the GCSE fiasco and clarification of the progress made in relation to the Judicial Review *(The Director of Children's Services responded and informed the meeting that the House of Commons were considering this issue as at today's date. Elected Members were currently looking at the next steps and were taking appropriate legal advice. The Deputy Executive for Children's Services reported that Children's Services were working very hard with the schools and colleges as people could not wait for the outcome of the Judicial Review)*
- Clarification if an analysis had been undertaken in relation to A*, A, and B grades *(The Director of Children's Services responded and informed the meeting that the degradation of the grades was ongoing)*

In concluding discussions, the East North East Area Leader conveyed his thanks to Peter Storrie, the report author and his support team for producing an excellent report. He sought clarification from the Director of Children's Services as to why there was no information about the threshold changing in paragraph 3.3 of the report. He also referred to the important relationship the Area Committee had with the clusters and requested that a review should be undertaken of how the relationship works with Members.

The Director of Children's Services responded and welcomed this review and agreed to prepare a progress report on clusters for a future meeting.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted and welcomed.
- b) That this Committee welcomes the development of a fund to support member initiatives to promote foster care.
- c) That a progress report on clusters be submitted to a future meeting for consideration.
- d) That this Committee appreciates the work being undertaken to date on the GCSE issue.

27 Appointment of Area Committee Representation upon Leeds Initiative Area Based Partnership Groups/Corporate Carers' Group

A joint report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance) and the Chief Officer (Democratic and Central Services) was submitted on the Appointment of Area Committee Representation upon Leeds Initiative Area Based Partnership Groups/Corporate Carers' Group.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document entitled ' Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules' for the information/comment of the meeting.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That approval be given to the following appointments for the remainder of the municipal year:-

Health and Wellbeing Partnership – Councillor B Urry
Divisional Community Safety Partnership – Councillor E Taylor
Corporate Carers' Group – Councillor C Macniven

28 Wellbeing Fund Revenue Budget

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report providing Members with an update on the current position of the revenue Well being funding for the Area Committee and highlighting the applications made for consideration by the Area Committee.

Appended to the report was a copy of the following document for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- Inner North East Area Committee Well-Being Budget 2012-13 (Appendix 1 refers)

Nicola Denson, East North East Area Officer presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

Arising from discussions, the Committee noted that in relation to the Welfare Reform support application, the funding elements would be subject to an open tendering exercise.

RESOLVED -

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That approval be given to the Welfare Reform support application for £5,000 to be administered by the ENE Welfare Reform Project Team.
- c) That the English Language Course for Eastern Europeans application for £1,500 to be administered by the Polish Advice Bureau Yorkshire be refused and that the East North East Area Leader be requested to liaise directly with the group with a view to linking them into other education providers.
- d) That the application to fund £8,000 towards A Future History Heritage project to be administered by Dream Reality Media be refused.
- e) That the application to fund £1,512.91 towards Youth Forward Development Arts Project to be administered by Youth Forward be deferred to enable the application to be considered at the next meeting of the Well-being sub group.
- f) That the application to set aside £1,500 towards a litter education project to be administered by the Area Support team be deferred to enable the East North East Area Leader to finalise project details.

(Councillor S Hamilton having previously declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the 'A Future History Heritage' project item, left the room and took no part in the voting or discussion)

29 Inner North East Area Committee Priorities and Consultation

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report on an update on the Inner North East Area Committee priorities and summer consultation, including the Volunteer Thank you events that occurred during 2012.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document entitled 'Area Committee (Inner North East) Performance Plan – August 2012' (Appendix 1 refers) for the information/comment of the meeting.

Nicola Denson, East North East Area Officer presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- The need to build on the 'Volunteer Thank you' event and to hold next year's event at Meanwood Urban Valley Farm
- The need for Elected Members and interested parties to be given more notice in relation to the date of the 'Volunteer Thank you' event
- The need to change the month of the 'Volunteer Thank you' event to either May or June
- The need to involve Elected Members within the organisation of such events

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That this Committee notes and welcomes the update on Summer consultation, Volunteer Thank You event and Area Committee priorities.
- c) That approval be given to the proposed membership of the Area Committee sub groups focussing on the environment and wellbeing as follows:-
 - Environment sub group
Councillors G Hussain (Chair), M Rafique, and S Hamilton
 - Wellbeing sub group
Councillors J Dowson, R Charlwood and C Macniven
- d) That this Committee approves the proposed method of consultation for the Autumn round of consultation in accordance with the report now submitted and endorses the delivery of priorities and supports the mechanisms as outlined in the Community Charter.

and that the agreed substitute arrangements be implemented for Members as and when necessary.

- e) That the 2013 'Volunteer Thank you' event be held at Meanwood Urban Valley Farm in June 2013 and that Elected Members be involved within the organisation of the event.

30 Environmental Sub Group Minutes

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report on the Environmental Sub Group minutes held on 2nd August 2012.

Nicola Denson, East North East Area Officer presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That the Environmental Sub Group minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2012 be noted.

31 Priority Neighbourhood Update Report

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report updating the meeting on progress and action being undertaken by the Neighbourhood Manager in the priority neighbourhoods within the Inner North East Area.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- Chapeltown and Scott Hall Neighbourhood Improvement Plan 2012-13
- Meanwood Neighbourhood Improvement Plan 2012-13

Steve Lake, Neighbourhood Manager – Inner North East presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- Clarification of the Infant Mortality work that had been undertaken to date, with specific reference to Carr Manor High School
(The Neighbourhood Manager responded and agreed to supply more detail in relation to Carr Manor High School)
- Clarification of when the Neighbourhood Improvement Priorities within the NIP's for the next twelve months would be submitted to the Committee for approval
(The Neighbourhood Manager responded and confirmed that the priorities would be submitted to the January 2013 meeting)
- Clarification as to why there was not a Neighbourhood improvement Plan for Brackenwoods
(The East North East Area Leader responded and outlined the brief history around developing the various plans)

Arising from discussions, the East North East Area Manager informed the meeting that it was his intention to bring a report to the next meeting in October 2012 on the success of the Priority Neighbourhood initiative, together with proposals to extend this to other areas.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Monday, 15th October, 2012

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- The need to ensure that the Neighbourhood Manager's important role of looking at priority areas was not jeopardised by taking on additional areas
- The need to bring on board existing partners and for this element to be reflected in the report
- The need to recognise that the Neighbourhood Manager and other agencies had undertaken some excellent work in this area and that sustainability should be developed and improved
- The need for Members to be supplied with a copy of the duties and responsibilities for front line staff working in East North East Area Management
(*The East North East Area Leader agreed to supply this information*)

In concluding discussions, the East North East Area Leader re-affirmed that in moving forward, it was not his intention for officers to lose any work, but it was front-line staff in other agencies who needed to work better together and that the report in October would address such proposals and better investment.

RESOLVED –That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.

32 Community Right to Bid

The Acting Chief Asset Management Officer submitted a report on developments with Community Right to Bid and advised the Area Committee of the implementation date.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- Community Right to Bid Nomination Guidance (Appendix 1 refers)
- Community Right to Bid Nomination Form (Appendix 2 refers)

Rory Barke, East North East Area Leader presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That the Committee and the area support team supports the recommendation to encourage and help local community organisations to nominate assets in accordance with the report now submitted.
- c) That further progress reports be submitted to this meeting on this issue and that this new criteria be promoted as widely as possible within the public domain.

33 Area Chairs Forum Minutes

The Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) submitted a report on the Area Chairs Forum minutes held on 12th March 2012.

Appended to the report was a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2012 for the information/comment of the meeting.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That this Committee notes the contents of the Area Chairs Forum minutes held on 12th March 2012.

34 Chair's Closing Remarks

The Chair referred to recent discussions held between Councillor C Macniven and himself regarding continuing funding difficulties for children in Inner North East Area when participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Following a debate it was agreed to revisit this issue at the next meeting in October 2012 and to invite Jean Davey, Integrated Children's Services to report on the latest developments.

35 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Monday 15th October 2012 at 4.00pm at the Reginald Centre, 263 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7.

(The meeting concluded at 6.15pm)

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner North East Area Committee

Date: 15th October 2012

Subject: Wellbeing Fund Revenue Budget

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. This report provides members with an update on the current position of the wellbeing revenue budget for the Inner North East.
2. Applications made for funding are included in the report for members consideration.
3. The budget for 2012/13 has now been approved as £161,810, which is the same allocation as last year.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to note the contents of this report, and
5. Consider the following project proposals and approve the working group recommendations:
 - Agree not to approve funding of £1,190 to Youth Forward.
 - Agree not to approve funding of £3,500 to the Education Achievement Academy.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The report provides members with an update on the current position of the revenue Wellbeing funding for the Area Committee and sets out applications made for consideration by the Area Committee.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Each of the ten Area Committees receives an allocation of revenue funding. The amount of funding for each Area Committee is determined by a formula based on population and deprivation in each area which has been previously agreed by the Council's Executive Board.
- 2.2 It has been agreed that the revenue wellbeing budget for the Inner North East Area Committee for 2012/13, based on these calculation is £161,810. This is the same revenue budget that was allocated last year.
- 2.3 The Area Committee have nominated a representative from each ward to form a Well Being Member Working Group to consider applications made for funding and also receive feedback and evaluations regarding projects that have already been funded.
- 2.4 The Area Committee wellbeing fund is used to commission activity and projects to support the promises in the Community Charter. Applications are also accepted from organisations in the local area who can demonstrate that their project supports the Community Charter promises. These projects are monitored quarterly on progress, with a final evaluation taking place when the project is completed.
- 2.5 The current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing budget is provided at Appendix 1 for Members information.
- 2.6 Community organisations can apply for a small grant to support small scale projects in the community, these are approved by ward members.

3 Main Issues - New Applications for Consideration

3.1 Youth Forward - £1,512.91

- 3.1.1 This project aims to give young people from disadvantaged backgrounds living in the area the opportunity to take part in creative and artistic pursuits, for example drama and music making.
- 3.1.2 There will be two workshops run a week, with different participants to each. The group have been give free space at Park Lane college and all workshops will be run from there.
- 3.1.3 The workshops will be the hook to get young people involved but will focus around building keys skills, such as confidence and allowing young people to express their emotions.
- 3.1.4 The young people will also be signposted to relevant courses within the college and helped to find appropriate training and/or employment. This facility will still be

available even after the workshops have ended with the provision of a drop in facility.

- 3.1.5 The project has received East North East Homes Leeds funding of £1,420 to put on the production at the end of the course.
- 3.1.6 It is recommended by the Wellbeing working group that the application is not funded due to no clear sustainability plan put forward and the project does not take place in the area.

3.2 Chapeltown and Harehills basic literacy - £3,500

- 3.2.1 The Education Achievement Academy provides paid for college courses for people wanting to learn English and basic literacy. However they have identified a need for people who are in employment that also need to upskill in these areas.
- 3.2.2 Many people have learnt coping mechanisms and often had to leave school early due to pregnancy or criminal activity so never learnt basic skills when young. These people are now working but still have low literacy levels.
- 3.2.3 The project will be run as a social enterprise and with the funding will be able to offer places to 50 adults in the first year. It is hoped by learning these skills it will assist with them possibly attending college in the future and their own career development
- 3.2.4 Funding of £5,000 has already been secured from Leeds Christian Community Trust and Inner East Area Committee also has an application for £3,500 going to their next committee.
- 3.2.5 It is recommended by the Wellbeing working group that the application is not funded as similar courses are available via other providers.

3.3 Area Committee Apprenticeship post update

- 3.3.1 The Apprenticeship Training Agency (ATA) will be launched in Autumn 2012 as part of the City Deal that will, over the next three years, generate 2500 additional apprenticeships primarily with small to medium enterprises (SMEs), throughout the Leeds City Region. The Leeds ATA will effectively operate as a recruitment agency for smaller businesses in Leeds, matching their needs with young people who want to develop a career through an Apprenticeship. The ATA will be set up as a limited company jointly owned by Leeds City Council and Leeds City College. Leeds has already seen a significant growth in Apprenticeships in recent years. However, the scale and breadth of employers, particularly SMEs offering an Apprenticeship still remains one of the lowest in the region.
- 3.3.2 The ATA will target SMEs in growth sectors, including Finance and Business, Manufacturing and Engineering and Retail and Customer Services. Other sectors such as Hospitality and Catering and Construction that play an important role in driving Leeds' economy over the next decade, will also be considered. The ATA will not however, exclude other industries if there is a demand.

- 3.3.3 A robust communications and business engagement strategy has been developed to ensure that the opportunities presented by the Leeds ATA are publicised widely and effectively through Leeds. It is also suggested that a link should be added to the re-launched Leeds Pathways website which receives over three million hits a year from 110,000 unique users and therefore has a significant potential audience and the opportunity to easily signpost young people to positive opportunities.
- 3.3.4 As previously reported, the Inner East and Inner North East Area Committee have approved funding for an apprentice each for 12 months. The Outer North East Area Committee has now considered the proposals and decided it wishes to spend its Well-being fund on initiatives which benefit greater numbers of young people who are NEET. The apprenticeship proposals will now be progressed on the basis of two apprentices within ENE. Discussions are still ongoing with the Police with regard to each apprentice being based with them for 1/3 of their training. Discussions are also ongoing with Business in the Community's new Business Connector for Leeds for their advice on selection of a private sector partner to work with, who would have an apprentice based with them for 1/3 of the programme. It is hoped that a timetable for implementation will be presented to the next ALT and advice is sought from ALT in terms of publicity and recruitment to the scheme

3.4 2012/13 budget

- 3.4.1 The allocation of revenue wellbeing funding for 2012/13 is £161,810. This is the same amount of revenue funding as the Inner North East Area Committee received last year.
- 3.4.2 The Area Support Team have also done some work on projects which have come in under budget or are no longer going ahead. Below are the new figures for this financial year showing the amount of funding left in each of the area pots.

Funding / Spend Items	Chapel Allerton Ward Pot	Moortown Ward Pot	Roundhay Ward Pot	Area Wide	Total
Balance b/f from 2011-12	£8,308.97	£13,839.41	£23,597.70	£55,124.93	£100,871.01
Schemes Approved from 2011-12 budget to be spent in 2012-13	£5,959.53	£3,859.98	£9,800	£26,312.25	£45,931.76
Amount of b/f budget available for new schemes 2012-13	£2,349.44	£9,979.43	£13,797.70	£28,812.68	£54,939.25
New Allocation for 2012-13	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£131,810	£161,810
Total available for new schemes in 2012-13	£12,349.44	£19,979.43	£23,797.70	£160,622.68	£216,749.25
Total Projected Spend 2012-13	£9,745.80	£2,743.92	£5,197.44	£139,788.50	£157,475.66
Remaining Balance Unallocated	£2,603.64	£17,235.51	£18,600.26	£20,834.18	£59,273.59

3.4.3 Attached at Appendix 1 is a full breakdown of wellbeing funding for 2012/13 and amounts already allocated, including ward pot funding.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 The local community and VCFS groups are consulted and the well being fund grant process is shared with them via the community engagement strategy and events that are attended. In addition feedback is provided via the Community Charter. Consultation on the priorities within the Community Charter is undertaken on an annual basis and shapes the priorities which the Well Being Fund is used to deliver.

4.1.2 The Wellbeing Member Working Group considers the applications for funding and makes a recommendation for the Area Committee to consider.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 Well Being Funding is used to ensure that inequalities within the local area are addressed through local projects and schemes and equality impact assessments carried out where necessary.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The Wellbeing Fund projects seek to contribute to the City Priorities by improving the local area and addressing inequalities in the Inner North East.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 All relevant applications to the wellbeing fund are requested to get three quotes for the work to make sure it is good value for money.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The above groups have applied for funding to the Inner North East Area Committee and the Area Committee is asked to consider its budget and whether it would like to fund the applications.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and;

- Agree not to approve funding of £1,190 to Youth Forward.
- Agree not to approve funding of £3,500 to the Education Achievement Academy.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

Funding / Spend Items	Chapel Allerton Ward Pot	Moortown Ward Pot	Roundhay Ward Pot	Area Wide	Total
Balance b/f from 2011-12	8,308.97	13,839.41	23,597.70	55,124.93	100,871.01
Schemes Approved from 2011-12 budget to be spent in 2012-13	5,959.53	3,859.98	9,800.00	26,312.25	45,931.76
Amount of b/f budget available for new schemes 2012-13	2,349.44	9,979.43	13,797.70	28,812.68	54,939.25
New Allocation for 2012-13	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	131,810.00	161,810.00
Total available for new schemes in 2012-13	12,349.44	19,979.43	23,797.70	160,622.68	216,749.25

Schemes in Progress brought Forward

8 Litter Bins	3,200.00				
Bonfire Period 2010 - Income from Activities Fund	- 1,000.00				
Youth Capital Grant Funding Refund	- 1,040.47				
CA Lights switch on	2,500.00				
Coaching and Mentoring Course CYDC Each One Teach One	1,800.00				
Operation Steve Lake	500.00				
Grit Bin Refills (remaining balance)		437.48			
Stonegates Alleygating		3,422.50		3,422.50	
Grit Bin (Junction Oakwood Lane & Wetherby Rd)			400.00		
Grit Bin (Athington Rd / Montague Place)			400.00		
Village Caretaker			5,000.00		
Easterly Road Shops			1,500.00		
Fairy Woods			2,500.00		
Moortown Community Group (quarter 2)				3,365.00	
Skips				460.00	
Consultation & Community Engagement - petty cash recharge				34.75	
Small Grants				2,325.00	
Chapelton Football Youth Development Centre				3,250.00	
Sugarwell Hill Project				3,000.00	
Talbot Fold				1,220.00	
Oz Box				1,235.00	
Sambhav - Parivar Luncheon Club				3,000.00	
Isis Project Black Health Initiative				3,000.00	
New World Steel Orchestra				2,000.00	
Earmarked Schemes Brought Forward Sum	5,959.53	3,859.98	9,800.00	26,312.25	45,931.76

2012-13 New Schemes

Community Payback				7,500	
Community Payback Materials				500	
Neighbourhood Manager				35,000	
Festive Lights				15,290	
Community Engagement, Charter & Vol TQ				3,000	
Skips				2,000	
Small Grants				10,000	
Cluster booklet				1,000	
MUVF Environmental Summer Playscheme				4,000	
BTCV Wild in the Woods				1,200	
Youth Services Roundhay Ward Summer Activities				3,000	
Summer Holiday Sports Programme 2012				5,000	
Roundhay Park 2012 Family Summer Sports Event				1,730	
CLC Film School			4,000		
Meanwood Junior Playscheme				4,000	
Chapelton Junior Playscheme				3,000	
Dance, Art and back to front minis				3,975	
Dance, Art and back to front minis				1,998	
Chapel Allerton & Moortown Summer Holiday Programme				6,000	
ZEST Holiday Project				1,490	
Playscheme for Roundhay				1,500	
Body Image at CLC				1,152	
NACRO-Junior Youth Inclusion Project				3,968	
Leeds Reach Summer Holiday Programme				3,000	
Programming and Electronics NECLC				779	
CHAMP Boxing Project				4,529	
CHIP - Club Panda				4,000	
CCTV for Chapelton				7,500	
MUVF Fencing	1500				
Planting & Watering of Barrier Troughs at Chapel Allerton 2012 x 4	204.8				
Plaques for Planters 2012 x 6	111				
Chapelton Barrier Troughs 2012 x 4	680				
New Chapelton Light and switch on	1100				
Prince Philip Centre signage	1700				
Poetry Slam trophy	200				
Chapel Allerton Lights Switch On 2012	2500				
Chapelton bench and 2 planters	1750				
6/8 New Grit Bins (8 x £217.99)		1743.92			
Xmas lights Green Road and switch on (based on last year)		1000			
Grit Bin Between 12/14 Wellhouse Drive			182.44		
Nuisance Motorcycles and Trembler Alarms				2937.5	
Target Hardening - ENEHL				4500	
Area Committee Apprentice post				6240	
Cluster funding recharge				-15,000	
Welfare Reform project				5,000	
Oakwood Tree and Lights			1015		
Total Projected Spend 2012-13	9,745.80	2,743.92	5,197.44	139,788.50	157,475.66
Total Budget	12,349.44	19,979.43	23,797.70	160,622.68	216,749.25
Remaining Balance Unallocated	2,603.64	17,235.51	18,600.26	20,834.18	59,273.59

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Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner North East Area Committee

Date: 15th October 2012

Subject: Future Approaches to Priority Neighbourhoods

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. This report considers the progress made in relation to the priority neighbourhoods in the inner north east since the implementation of the new approaches in 2010.
2. Regular reports have been made to the Area Committee on progress on the neighbourhood improvement plans (NIP), demonstrating work undertaken and in roads into issues in neighbourhoods, a flavour of these are highlighted below.
3. A suggested future direction and focus of attention for the Neighbourhood Manager for inner north east is included and the report seeks Area Committee approval to extend the contract of the Neighbourhood Manager in the area for a further 2 years using Wellbeing funds from 2013/14 and 2014/15, subject to the availability of funds.

Recommendations

4. Note the content of this report and the achievements made in the priority neighbourhoods in inner north east.
5. Members are asked to consider the extension of the Neighbourhood Managers contract further two years from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2015, subject to availability of funds, with a report provided at the December Area Committee with cost implications for the Well Being Fund if supported.
6. Approve the priority neighbourhoods being proposed for Inner North East from 2013/14

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks to extend the funding for the Neighbourhood Manager role within the inner north east for a further two years from April 2013 when the current funding approval and contract expires.
- 1.2 Regular progress reports have been provided to the Area Committee as set out in the background papers, this report highlights some of the successes within the priority neighbourhoods since the Area Committee began funding the post in 2010.
- 1.3 To agree the future focus for the work of the Neighbourhood Manager.

2 Background information

- 2.1 A report was presented to the Area Committee in October 2009 setting out the vision for the future direction and focus for priority neighbourhoods and seeking funding of a Neighbourhood Manager for three years following the end of Safer, Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) funding.
- 2.2 The aspiration was to embed a jointly owned and coordinated neighbourhood management service in our most deprived neighbourhoods and for the Neighbourhood Manager to lead a new 'team' approach to the management of the neighbourhood.
- 2.3 A key objective of the Neighbourhood Manager role is to build on the 'Team Neighbourhood' approach in neighbourhoods and support the leadership roles of Councillors. The background papers show the journey, achievements and successes but more needs to be done to provide long term solutions within the priority neighbourhoods.
- 2.4 The current funding period ends on 31st March 2013 so it is now appropriate to consider future approaches, priority neighbourhoods and funding.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Significant progress has been made in Meanwood, Chapeltown and Stonegates estate since 2010 following the end of SSCF funding, regular reports have been provided to the Area Committee as set out in the background documents, but some of the key achievements are set out below.

Stonegates:

- 3.2 The Stonegates estate was not originally included as a priority neighbourhood; however it was identified by local members as a problem due to anti social behaviour (ASB) causing tension in the local community.
- 3.3 Work was undertaken by the neighbourhood manager to draw together agencies and provide a coordinated programme of action to tackle the issues. This work has resulted in an 80% reduction in ASB in the last year.

- 3.4 One of the major benefits is the Guidance and Support model that was developed as part of the work is the close relationships developed has enabled both enforcement and support agencies to work together delivering solutions in a restorative way (high challenge, high support). The improved integrated working has provided learning which can be replicated in other areas.
- 3.5 The model of working has been nominated for Partnership of the year award for West Yorkshire Police after the results have indicated a decrease in ASB of over 80% between summer 2011 and 2012 are compared. This is supported by surveys of residents and anecdotal information from frontline staff who report that the area is improved.

Meanwood

- 3.6 The setting up of the facility at Beckhill House (facilitated by the Neighbourhood Manager) has enabled a number of partnership initiatives to be delivered in the heart of the Beckhill estate. These have included the youth sessions and the Giz a Job project being delivered from the centre as well as drop in sessions for families; leading to successes across a range of services for children and families on the estate, particularly engagement with the hard to reach.
- 3.7 The Meanwood Community Leadership Team (CLT) is now set up and running although there is some work to be completed recruiting additional membership and embedding this with the Management Team (Beckhill Implementation Group or BIG). Given that the management team and preventative tasking are also in place the team neighbourhood model can now be considered fully operational within the Meanwood area.
- 3.8 Illegal loan sharks are a particular concern in this area so one major piece of work planned for the autumn is to work with Trading Standards to improve training for frontline staff and start a publicity campaign to inform residents of the issue and encourage reporting.
- 3.9 Environmental issues within Meanwood continue to improve although monitoring is required to ensure that fly tipping and vegetation cutting back is completed effectively. A meeting has been arranged between ENEHL and ENE Street scene Locality Team to ensure that there is no evidence of fly tipping being removed without processing. There have been a number of Fixed Penalties served and the issues have improved but additional work is still required to keep on top of it.
- 3.10 One of the major work areas in Meanwood has been around the employment and training sector. The Giz a Job project has proved successful with 7 residents being nominated into the project and over 50% finding employment following this. Work needs to continue to increase the number of referrals to the scheme.
- 3.11 The Crime and ASB impacts since May 2010 have been similarly positive with an overall reduction of crime of 43% and ASB of 63%. This is due in the main to the improvements in partnership working and an intelligence led approach to identification and punitive action of the individuals responsible and from improving the links between the various agencies to provide a greater range and effectiveness of interventions.

- 3.12 Neighbourhood Index has showed an overall improvement since the 2009 baseline (rising 2 places and scoring significantly higher) and in particular environmental improvement (with significant improvement in 2011 and now above the city average), Economic activity (which has risen steadily year on year) and school absenteeism (which saw a significant decrease in 2011). It is also envisaged that the community safety data will improve following a blip in 2011 given the information in 3.10.

Chapelton

- 3.13 Chapelton continues to be an area of concern in relation to community relations and the links to Harehills, with a need to greater links to address community cohesion. The Neighbourhood Manager has undertaken significant work in building relations with community leaders which proved invaluable in building bridges to take the work around the Chapelton and Harehills forum forward.
- 3.14 Work has commenced regarding tackling nuisance sites, the Sikh and former Hindu Mandir through the derelict properties group alongside the Jyoti which has been managed and construction is nearing completion.
- 3.15 The Neighbourhood Manager played a significant role in funding, siting and resolving the barriers to the installation of new CCTV cameras in key locations in the Chapelton area.
- 3.16 The priority work in the last six months has been around encouraging agencies to develop work around the employment and training agenda within Chapelton. There have been positives within this including; a full Service Level Agreement developed between UNITY Enterprise and CYDC relating to the Uhuru project, Unity are now funded to deliver sessions and receive referrals from ENEHL tenants in addition to their own (which means the two largest housing providers within Chapelton are now able to refer their tenants in the programme).
- 3.17 Environmentally there has been some success relating to the new Environmental Improvement Zones initiative being progressed through the ENE localities Team. There are three zones within the Chapelton and Scott Hall neighbourhood with evaluation on the initial zone (Savilles / Mexborough) expected shortly. The second area is the Granges / Hamiltons area with work expected to start on this in October 2012 and will form part of the strategy around bonfire night
- 3.18 Over the past two years partnership approaches have been applied to the prevention of ASB on Bonfire night and surrounding period, this has seen significant successes with a reduction in incidents and increase in positive engagement with young people.
- 3.19 The Team neighbourhood model is now almost complete with the major gap remaining around engagement with the community. There is a piece of work around the joint Chapelton and Harehills forum which is being developed at this time and offers an opportunity to provide this function. The remaining elements of the model are now in place and operating effectively.

- 3.20 The Neighbourhood Index in Chapeltown is not as positive as the Meanwood information and illustrates that Chapeltown has a greater range of issues and requires more sustained working before significant improvements become visible. Overall the Neighbourhood Index ranking has remained low and increases in 2011 are as much that other areas have deteriorated more than Chapeltown. There have been improvements however with Community Safety continuing to improve and economic activity showing signs of improvement in 2011. In addition, educational attainment (although well below the city average) improved significantly in 2011 and the major health issue within Chapeltown (Infant Mortality) has also shown a significant improvement over the last 3 years.

Suggested Future Management of Priority Neighbourhoods

- 3.21 It is suggested that for the coming two years that the focus of the priority neighbourhoods within inner north east are reviewed and a shift is made to work in the areas where most needed.
- 3.22 **Chapeltown** remains a key focus area of work and it is suggested that it remains to be so for the coming period, building on the work of the Neighbourhood Manager forging relationships, will support maintaining the momentum of the Chapeltown and Harehills forum and support community representatives to build community cohesion.
- 3.23 Work to address employment, income deprivation, and challenging derelict sites will continue to be a focus for the future and the Neighbourhood Manager will take this work forward considering future sustainability and facilitating the creation of sustainable communities.
- 3.24 It is suggested that given the progress made in the **Meanwood** and **Stonegates** estates that steps have been made to create a sustainable model that can now be maintained through the structures and processes that are in place so it is suggested that the Neighbourhood Manager maintains a watching brief to ensure that these are sustained and improved upon.
- 3.25 Focus will be maintained on the **Stonegates** and **Meanwood**, but due to improved partnership infrastructure that can keep things moving in a positive direction capacity for the Neighbourhood Manager to focus on other geographical areas within inner north east can be created. It is suggested that the **Brackenwoods** and **Queenshills** are included within the remit of the Neighbourhood Manager with consideration of programmes of intervention/support to maximise opportunities and tackle issues.
- 3.26 Whilst the Brackenwoods and Queenshills areas statistically do not show the same level of need as Meanwood and Chapeltown, the infrastructure in place to support the needs of these neighbourhoods and prevent them from slipping down the neighbourhood index ranking is not strong and would benefit from focussed attention.
- 3.27 One of the major elements of the Neighbourhood Manager role is to develop and improve the partnerships between agencies working at a local level and to improve the overall infrastructure to alter working practises and improve overall

performance. It is this infrastructure which has brought about improvements and it is recommended that the 'team' approach and infrastructure be considered for the above neighbourhoods in INE to bring similar improvements.

- 3.28 It is timely to consider the approaches and ensure that sustainable solutions are implemented within all of the priority neighbourhoods given the challenging economic times that we are in and there is an increasing need to us to do more for less. By building partnerships with front line staff and the residents through 'Team Neighbourhood' approach we have achieved significant improvements e.g. and 80% reduction in ASB on the Stonegates Estate and provided a foundation for further work.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Consultation is undertaken through the community leadership team and forum meetings enabling residents and Elected Members to influence the priorities and work of the Neighbourhood Manager.
- 4.1.2 Through the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans the work is monitored and progress reported.
- 4.1.3 The Chapel Allerton Community first panel has been set up and is working around the allocation of funding provided for Chapel Allerton by the Community Development Foundation (CDF). The group is made up of residents and business representatives from across the ward and has proved very successful in both developing the members on the panel and in spending the funding allocation.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.4 Equality and Diversity are monitored through the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans and in identifying inequalities and looking to resolve these, this information forms a crucial part of all work in priority neighbourhoods.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The work in the priority neighbourhoods links directly to the priorities set out in the vision for Leeds and the City Business Plan

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.2 This project looks to better integrate and streamline existing resources creating an integrated approach to issues with associated improvements in value for money.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.3 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Not applicable in this instance.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The approach being taken in both the Meanwood and Chapeltown priority neighbourhoods is working and progress is being made. In particular, the work in Meanwood is proving successful and popular with both residents and partners. It is suggested that if the Area Committee extend the funding for the Neighbourhood Manager for a further two years it will enable further work to be undertaken to replicate the model in additional neighbourhoods in the inner north east.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Note the content of this report and the achievements made in the priority neighbourhoods in inner north east.

6.2 Members are asked to consider the extension of the Neighbourhood Managers contract further two years from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2015, subject to availability of funds, with a report provided at the December Area Committee with cost implications for the Well Being Fund if supported.

6.3 Approve the priority neighbourhoods being proposed for Inner North East from 2013/14

7 Background documents¹

7.1 Priority Neighbourhoods – Building on the Intensive Neighbourhood Management Approach

7.2 Inner North East Area Committee Priority Neighbourhoods Update Reports:

- September 2012
- March 2012
- January 2012
- October 2011
- June 2011
- January 2011
- October 2010

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.

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Report of Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager (East North East Area)

Report to Inner North East Area Committee

Date: 15th October 2012

Subject: Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel-Allerton; Moortown; Roundhay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. Update of impact of national agenda and changes on local staffing.
2. Update/progress of work since last report.
3. Future Plans.

Recommendations

4. The Area Committee is asked to note the information in the attached report and provide suggestions for building on and further developing health improvement work in Inner North East Area.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on the impact of national changes on the local agenda, which is shaping the work of the East North East Health and Wellbeing partnership and provide a progress report on how key health issues are being addressed in the context of the Inner North East Leeds Area Committee.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Local partnership arrangements for health and wellbeing, which were established by Healthy Leeds in 2009, have now been enhanced by Area Leadership Teams, which strengthens service delivery at a more local level. A shadow Health and Wellbeing Board has been meeting since October 2011 and a review is currently assessing how the locality partnership structures can best help address its health agenda, via the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- 2.2 In preparation for the transfer of Public Health responsibility from the NHS to Leeds City Council in April 2013, the NHS Public Health Neighbourhoods team, existing Health and Wellbeing team and the Public Health Clinical Commissioning Group team are now being managed as a single resource. Lucy Jackson (Consultant in Public Health) heads up the East North East Locality Team with Liz Bailey (Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager), managing Louise Cresswell, Stephanie Jorysz (Health Improvement Specialists), Janet Smith (Health Improvement Officer) and Zaheda Noor (Health Improvement Practitioner). Two other members of the new team focus on the public health role of health care and are based within Leeds North Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 2.3 The future aim is to provide the area committee with a more comprehensive report of actions taking place within the Inner North East, due to these changes. This will include base line indicators for key outcome measures and trend data in line with the Joint Health and Well being strategy for Leeds. This report starts to highlight the benefit of this.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Ten Medium Super Output Areas make up this Area Committee with a distinct contrast between the affluent Medium Super Output Area's of Moortown Central (99th poorest) and Roundhay (83rd poorest), which have health status above that of Leeds as a whole, and the deprivation, with associated poor health and wellbeing indicators for Chapeltown (8th poorest). The main areas of concern for Chapeltown are diabetes prevalence and premature mortality rates for men from circulatory disease and for women from cancer. Meanwood Six Estates is (22nd poorest) and compared to the Leeds average, high rates of smoking, obesity and alcohol related hospital admissions tend to suggest that future health needs will be high.
- 3.2 The East North East Health and Wellbeing Partnership, which has recently appointed Councillor Bill Urry as its health champion to strengthen links between

the partnership and the Area Committee, is continuing to work to address the wider factors that impact on health and healthy lifestyles for example by:

- contributing towards reducing child poverty, including tackling substance use, domestic violence, mental ill health and alcohol addiction, benefiting from city wide thinking through the Child Poverty Strategic Outcomes Group, Families First, the Free School Meals Group and the Co-producing Health in Leeds group. A number of new actions, such as ensuring Young Carers, who are eligible for free school meals are systematically identified and enabled to take up their entitlement, that communication between agencies is improved and that the wider workforce is more supported by having access to safeguarding guidance through supervision, are being delivered through a locally developed multi agency action plan.
- The partnerships' priority around Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease has progressed and a number of new priorities have recently been identified:
 - Obesity.
 - Raising awareness of the risk factors and signs and symptoms of diabetes.
 - Reducing alcohol use, in communities with highest need as identified by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

4. Healthy lifestyles

4.0 Obesity

- 4.1 In Inner North East, the two Medium Super Output Areas, which have higher prevalence of obesity are Chapeltown and the Meanwood Six Estates. As a signal of future health problems due to obesity, diabetes prevalence is also slightly higher in Meanwood Six Estates (at 4.2-4.3) and Chapeltown considerably higher at 5.6 and 6.0 (this partly reflecting the ethnic origin of the community) against the Leeds average of 3.6-3.9. A number of work-streams, including increasing families' access to a free school meal during holiday periods are being considered, once the necessary resources can be identified.
- 4.2 The Harehills diabetes project, which is raising awareness of prevention, signs and symptoms and signposting to relevant services is reaching into Chapeltown, to complement the ongoing increasing physical activity approach,
- 4.3 Three volunteer health-walk leader courses have been delivered in 2012, a total of 36 volunteer leaders trained, 13 of those from the following in East North East area: Wykebeck Valley Pride, Parivar Lunch Club, Migrant Access Project, Touchstone BME Mental Health, Hamara ECHO Centre and 9 from the Ventures Citywide Learning Disability Service. Whilst it isn't possible to say how many inner North East residents attend these walks on a regular basis, they do increase capacity for free, lower intensity physical activity for the most sedentary groups in our communities.

- 4.4 Four Healthy Living training courses have been delivered. These provide frontline workers (employees and volunteers) with increased knowledge and skills in passing on consistent messages around physical activity, healthy eating and food hygiene. 14% of participants were from the East North East area and efforts to increase the proportion of participants from this area will be made.
- 4.5 A partnership project between Zest and Leeds credit union engaged 10 previously unengaged people in cooking and budgeting skills for 8 weeks.
- 4.6 Change4 Life is a national campaign to encourage people to take small steps to improve their health. Change4 Life branding and resources are used by partners within Meanwood.

5.0 Smoking

- 5.1 Smoking tobacco is a key risk factor for coronary heart disease, cancer, stroke and respiratory disease and work to reduce the number of smokers is ongoing. Smoking prevalence in most of the Medium Super Output Areas in Inner North East Area Committee is lower than, or similar to the Leeds average. This is true even of some of the most deprived Medium Super Output Areas e.g. Chapeltown, where age standardised rates mirror the Leeds average. The exception is the Meanwood Six Estates, where smoking prevalence (32.2 compared to 23.0) and age standardised rates are both higher than the Leeds figure.
- 5.2 The East North East Health and Wellbeing Partnership recognised and highlighted the importance of Leeds City Council employees modelling health promoting behaviour as leaders for local communities. The team is working with Leeds City Council Human Resources to update and strengthen the Smoke free Workplace Policy, which now encompasses a pro-active approach to protecting the health of smokers, as well as non smokers, many of whom not only work, but live in local communities. It also promotes non smoking as the 'norm' within the organisation, making our attempts to encourage local people to stop smoking, more credible.
- 5.3 The Meanwood Healthy Living Group is working to address health needs in Meanwood. Partners, including Zest Health for Life, NHS Airedale, Bradford and Leeds Public Health Neighbourhoods team; East North East Homes and Education Leeds delivered a programme of 'stop smoking' activities and promotion, which started in January 2012. The programme included a 'local champion' campaign called Meanwood quitter. This linked stopping smoking with financial savings made. Promotional information was distributed to over 500 people and 150 meaningful promotional interventions were made. This programme is increasing the profile of Leeds Stop Smoking Services, promoting smokefree homes to families and raising awareness of men to the benefits of stop smoking through men's social venues.
- 5.4 Whilst some health issues are geographically defined, others disproportionately affect certain sub groups. The use of Niche tobacco is prevalent in the South Asian community and the incidence of mouth cancer is significantly greater in South Asian women, who are the biggest users of niche tobacco in the UK. However the use of shisha, or water pipe smoking is also growing in

popularity, particularly amongst young people.

- 5.5 Work around this issue is developing in Harehills and Beeston and linkages with religious institutions/leaders and mechanisms such as community leadership teams and local health and wellbeing networks will be exploited to enable relevant messages to be transmitted effectively through affected communities across geographical boundaries.

6.0 Alcohol

- 6.1 Alcohol consumption is implicated in obesity, stroke and development of certain cancers. Alcohol related hospital admissions have been identified in a number of East North East communities, including Meanwood Six Estates and Chapeltown, where alcohol specific admissions are higher than the Leeds average and the attributable admissions slightly above the Leeds value.
- 6.2 Unfortunately, a bid submitted in Spring 2012, to Communities and Local Government which would have enabled this work to progress more quickly, was unsuccessful, but front line staff briefings, to enable staff to signpost and advise appropriately are now being arranged, in readiness for Alcohol Awareness Week in November. 20 people have so far applied to attend the first briefing.
- 6.3 Zest Health for Life have undertaken awareness raising events around safe drinking levels in Meanwood social venues that attract a high proportion of men e.g. working men's and cricket clubs.
- 6.4 Work is also underway, to support individuals who are high intensive users of healthcare services, to reduce the impact of their addiction.
- 6.5 The Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager and partners are starting to explore how digital technology, could assist dependent drinkers to adhere to treatment regimens, thus saving NHS and community safety resources and helping service users into recovery. This approach has been trialled very successfully by NHS Bolton with increased client engagement with alcohol services and increased retention on the aftercare programme from 42% to 75%. A group from Leeds is visiting the project, with a view to attempting replication in a high alcohol dependent neighbourhood.
- 6.6 Healthy lifestyles – Leeds North Clinical Commissioning Group has to put in place a scheme this year with all its practices to increase referrals to healthy lifestyle services. Each practice has an individual target based on need and evidence. The effect of this can be reported to a future area committee.

7.0 Premature mortality, early identification and effective management Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

- 7.1 Meanwood 6 Estates has higher prevalence and age standardised rates of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (2.3 against 1.8), which is linked to the higher smoking rates (32.2 compared to 23.0) than the Leeds average. However, the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease prevalence is still below that which,

according to modelling predictions, would be expected, considering the high prevalence of smoking.

- 7.2 The Seacroft pilot project around Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease identification and management, which was supported by £3,000 Inner East Wellbeing Funding, has resulted in a successful new peer support and exercise group, which currently serves 17 chronically ill people. Evaluation has shown improvements in physical activity, mental health, coping strategies and self reported wellbeing outcomes and the group is now operating independently. It has produced an 'inhaler technique' DVD and is now developing a healthwalk. Consideration of how this type of activity can support individuals with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in other high prevalence areas to self manage is now beginning.
- 7.3 The Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease early identification screening tool pilot, initiated by the Health and Wellbeing partnership and administered by the stop smoking service to identify patients with the condition much earlier has identified, in one practice, 28 patients over a 3 month period, who have symptoms indicative of the disease. Under diagnosis is a huge issue, both nationally and locally and up to now, patients have often been identified, only when lung function has been considerably compromised.
- 7.4 Learning from the pilot is now being incorporated into a systematic approach to increasing Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease early identification in areas of high deprivation within Leeds including Chapeltown in East North East. This work, which is funded by Public Health, will facilitate access to a managed pathway and provide better quality of life for patients, as well as reduce future expenditure for health services. The outcome of this can be reported to a future committee.

8.0 Cancer

- 8.1 The table below shows mortality from different types of cancer as a percentage of all cancer deaths in each area committee, ranked by the percentages for Leeds overall. The top 3 types of cancer are the same for each area committee and for Leeds overall. Therefore, early detection programmes in Lung, Breast and Colorectal cancer are deemed appropriate within any area committee and provide evidence to support health promotion programmes aimed at preventing the causes of these cancers.

Table 1 Types of cancer mortality as percentage of all cancer mortality 2005-2009 by area committee

	<i>OW</i>	<i>OS</i>	<i>ONW</i>	<i>ONE</i>	<i>OE</i>	<i>IW</i>	<i>IS</i>	<i>INW</i>	<i>INE</i>	<i>IE</i>	<i>Leeds</i>
Lung	29%	27%	23%	23%	28%	38%	39%	27%	20%	35%	29%
Breast	9%	10%	12%	11%	9%	6%	7%	10%	8%	6%	9%
Colorectal	6%	9%	8%	6%	9%	5%	9%	11%	9%	9%	8%
Oesophagus	4%	6%	4%	3%	6%	3%	4%	7%	5%	5%	5%
Prostate	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%	6%	3%	4%
Stomach	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%	6%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Skin	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Cervical	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>other</i>	42%	36%	41%	43%	37%	38%	33%	39%	46%	35%	39%
All	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

8.2 Leeds North Clinical Commissioning Group have conducted a practice peer review this year focussing on lung, ovarian and late presentation of all cancer. This will help to share effective ways of ensuring early identification. Learning from the NAEDI (focussing on the early identification of lung cancer) project in East and South Leeds is also taking place, Training for Leeds North practices on the bowel cancer screening programme was held in September.

9.0 Reducing Infant Mortality

9.1 Chapeltown is benefiting from delivery of a comprehensive action plan, in line with national actions to reduce the gap in infant mortality. Actions for 2012-13 include:

- 17 Moses baskets placed with families at risk of co-sleeping due to poverty/overcrowding.
- Comprehensive menu of training and actions in line with the Infant Mortality Scarf diagram to support a range of staff to take action around reducing infant mortality.
- Partners from NHS Airedale Bradford and Leeds and Archway are exploring e learning training around housing systems and processes for frontline staff who work with families.

10. Wider determinants of Health

10.1 Welfare reforms

10.1 1 The Area Leadership Team has chosen to focus on raising awareness of the potential impact of the Welfare Reforms Act and a time limited project team, including members of the East North East public health team and area management have put together a local level action plan. A series of briefings attracting 80 staff have been delivered for East North East frontline services.

10.2 'Wrap up Leeds'

10.2 1 'Wrap up Leeds' is a scheme to enable vulnerable households to access home insulation measures. In Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay, the following outcomes have been delivered:

Ward	Households with measures installed	<60mm loft Insulation	>=60mm loft Insulation	Cavity wall Insulation	Adult Social care Referral	Fire safety Check referral
Chapel Allerton	264	133	52	154	9	57

Moortown	226	125	39	103	7	39
Roundhay	135	75	26	69	8	40
Total	625	333	117	326	24	136

10.3 Unemployment and poverty

10.3 1 An initiative with Leeds City Council Jobs and Skills and Zest Health for Life engaged 6 people in an intensive 'Giz a Job' course. People who were long term unemployed all moved forward to either volunteer, apply for training or apply for jobs.

10.4 Social isolation

10.4 1 Social isolation in the elderly is an issue in Meanwood and a number of initiatives are addressing this problem:

- The Young at Heart Olympics, enabled older people to socialise, have fun and participate in a number of physical activities
- Zest has engaged older people, who have not previously been involved in community activities over the summer. 60 people attended day trips.
- Zest support older people to keep physically active; socially engaged and well by facilitating a number of groups. These include dance, volunteer led social groups and walking activities, all promoting mental health, social inclusion, independence, reducing falls, preventing coronary heart disease and helping to manage chronic disease such as diabetes and increase fitness.

10.4 2 The Integrated Health and Social Care programme (focusing on people with long term conditions) started in Meanwood with the next roll out site being Chapeltown from the middle of October. A more detailed report on this project is also being presented in a separate paper. One key strand of this work is ensuring people are at the centre of their care, but supported by effective and systematic self management.

10.4.3 The Health and Wellbeing Team have mapped the wider self care opportunities in the community and worked with the Leeds Directory to incorporate this into current systems as a resource for staff and patients. Leeds Directory will continue mapping for the further rollout of the IHSC localities, including Chapeltown. Neighbourhood networks in the area (for example Meanwood and Chapel Allerton neighbourhood network) have been central to this approach. Within each integrated team there will also be a fuel poverty champion. Referral for benefits advice, support with housing, independent living etc are part of the effective interventions being supported within these teams.

11. Corporate Considerations

11.1 The work of the health and wellbeing partnership and staff team embraces the White Paper published by the Department of Health "Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS" (2010), the Public Health White Paper, Healthy Lives, Healthy People 2010 and the move towards localism. There is more emphasis on delivering services around local needs, especially for those with the greatest health and wellbeing inequalities.

11.2 The Medium Super Output Areas profiles are enabling more effective targeting of resources and the new public health function in the council is being strengthened by the Elected Members, Public Health development programme. Consequently, we can be more confident that local communities will benefit from health becoming 'everyone's business'.

12. Consultation and Engagement

12.1 The work has developed on the basis of previous consultations and ongoing involvement of stakeholders, including Third sector organisations who work with community groups and active involvement from individuals themselves.

13. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

13.1 The main thrust of the work is aimed towards reducing health inequalities and as such, primary consideration has been to meet the particular needs of especially vulnerable or marginalised groups.

14. Council policies and City Priorities

14.1 The work is developing in line with the City Priority plan and the newly developed Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

15. Resources and value for money

15.1 This work has taken place with few additional resources and relies heavily on partnership approaches. £20,000 has recently been allocated from Public Health NHS Airedale, Bradford and Leeds to support locality working in the East North East (in addition to the £20K for welfare reform work) and funding is frequently sought from external sources, via opportunistic bids.

16. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

16.1 None.

17. Risk Management

17.1 None.

18. Conclusions

18.1 The Area Committee is asked to consider how elected members, partners and the wider community can build on the current work.

19. Recommendations

- 19.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the information in the attached report and provide suggestions for building on and further developing health improvement work in Inner North East Area.

20. Background documents

- 20.1 None.

Report of the Director of Children’s Services

Report to the Inner North East Area Committee

Date: 15th October 2012

Subject: Consultation on expansion of primary school provision for September 2014

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
Hyde Park & Woodhouse, Otley and Yeadon, Guiseley and Rawdon, Middleton Park		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. This report presents the Area Committee with an update on the work being undertaken across the city to ensure the authority meets its statutory duty to ensure sufficiency of school places in the context of an increasing birth rate. This includes formal consultation on four proposals, for which members comments are sought, and a more general update on issues directly affecting the inner north east area.

Recommendations

2. Members of the Area Committee are asked to consider the consultation information and comment on the proposals. Individual ward briefings will be arranged as required to discuss issues directly affecting members specific wards in more detail.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report is intended to ensure members are fully briefed on the proposals being brought forward in response to rising demand for reception places city wide and are able to comment on them, in particular those impacting on the inner north east area. It is also intended to provide a general update on place pressure issues in the inner north east.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The local authority has a legal duty to ensure there are enough school places to meet the needs of its children and families. We are now planning to create the extra places we believe will be needed from September 2014 onwards. At its meeting on 18 July 2012 Executive Board considered the report 'Primary Basic Need Programme - Permission to consult on proposals for expansion of primary provision in 2014', and approved consultation on the following proposals:
 - Expansion of Little London Primary School from 210 places to 630 places, by increasing the admission limit from 30 to 90
 - Expansion of Rufford Park Primary School from 210 places to 315 places, by increasing the admission limit from 30 to 45
 - Expansion of Tranmere Park Primary School from 315 places to 420 places, by increasing the admission limit from 45 to 60
 - Expansion of Sharp Lane Primary School from 420 places to 630 places, by increasing the admission limit from 60 to 90
- 2.2 Under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 these require a statutory process, and this consultation forms the first part of that process. Consultation documents are available for these proposals which outline the demographic need and background to the development of the proposals.
- 2.3 The consultation period runs from Monday 10 September 2012 to Friday 19 October 2012. Children's Services are holding meetings to gather the views of the community and enable them to debate the proposal and ask questions. The findings from the consultation will be presented to the Executive Board, who will decide whether to proceed to the next stage of the process.

3 Main issues

3.1 Consultation on proposals.

- 3.1.1 The details of the proposal are described in full within the consultation document. In addition, the following points should be noted:
- 3.1.2 Any new school buildings are subject to the normal planning permission process, allowing any interested parties to comment, and meaning building related non educational issues do receive proper consideration. The two processes are independent and the outcome of one does not presuppose the outcome of the other. Based on our experience to date we have started to progress consultation with planning colleagues much earlier, although we remain mindful of how much can be done whilst still at risk of the proposal not proceeding.

3.1.3 Long-term planning for the city is continuing with the help of other stakeholders which includes:

- working with the core strategy team on the impact of long term housing growth, and planning on individual planning applications to plan for the impact of new housing on both a strategic and detailed level;
- Working with city development to identify sites of potential use in pressure areas, and ensure a holistic approach to planning for the total infrastructure needs of the city;
- Working with existing providers and other stakeholders to find solutions to needs for places;
- Evaluating competing needs for primary, secondary, early years and inclusion provision to make best use of council assets;
- Consultation with members to develop proposals, and throughout the process, using area committee meeting and specific ward member briefings.

3.1.4 The opportunity to comment on the bids received for the new primary schools proposed for Florence Street in Harehills and Beeston Road, Beeston / Holbeck closed on 20 August. Ward member briefings were offered in August, and a final decision on who will run these schools will be made at Executive Board on 17 October 2012.

3.2 September 2012 admissions and other capacity planning issues

3.2.1 **Primary.** The inner north east is one of the most pressured areas in the city for primary provision. This year we achieved 84% first preferences for reception places city wide; despite some of the most intense pressure for places in the city the inner north east area was not far below with 79% first preferences achieved. Parents are advised that the best way to maximise their chances of securing a local place is to include their local school, but some 41% of all primary applications from people in this area failed to do so. Support and advice on how we can better encourage families to follow this advice would be welcomed.

3.2.2 **Secondary.** The smallest cohorts have now entered secondary, and pressure has not yet been felt for secondary places, and as a result only two children from the inner north east wards were placed more than two miles from their home. Parental choice plays a different role for secondary places, with families often choosing to access schools out of the area they live, and preferencing on very different criteria to those which they preferenced primary schools.

3.2.3 The Admissions team has been fully integrated to the Capacity Planning Team in recognition of the inter related nature of their work. Although the data above is reported by planning areas, it is intended to move this to ward based reporting over the coming year. As pressure begins to rise we would welcome members views on the data they would like officers to report on admissions data.

3.2.4 **New Housing.** New housing for the area is monitored, and officers welcome more detailed briefings on an individual ward basis on the best way to deal with particular developments in their area.

3.2.5 **Free Schools.** The Department for Education have approved four new free schools to open in 2013. These are the Khalsa Science Academy (Primary) in Chapeltown, The Free School Leeds (Primary) no fixed site, Leeds Jewish Free School (Secondary) at Brodetsky site, and The Leeds Retail and Financial Services Academy (14-19) at Leeds City College buildings in Hunslet. This is in addition to the Lighthouse Free School (Special School, Secondary) for children with autism, which opens in September 2012 in temporary accommodation on the City Of Leeds School / Derek Fatchett site.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Any proposal to create additional school places requires engagement with a wide variety of stakeholders, and is managed in accordance with the relevant legislation. This occurs before a proposal has been developed as well as during the consultation period. All members have had copies of all 4 consultation documents supplied via hard copy and electronic copy. Further copies are available on www.leeds.gov.uk.

4.1.2 Papers have been provided to all area committees city wide to ensure all indirect as well as direct impact on all wards is considered.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 This report does not have a particular impact on any of the following groups: Race, Disability, Gender, Age, Sexual Orientation, Pregnancy and Maternity, Religion or Belief.

4.2.2 For the proposals an Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening form has been completed, which determined that it is not necessary to carry out a formal impact assessment. We will however continue to consider how these proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The proposals are brought forward to meet the Council's statutory duty to secure sufficient school places.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 The projects will be funded from the education capital budget.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 The authority has a legal duty to ensure sufficiency of provision. Under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 the proposed expansions and new schools are prescribed changes, requiring a public consultation in the first instance.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 Should these proposals be approved, the delivery risks will be managed through a risk register by the project officer.
- 4.6.2 Should these proposals not be approved, alternative measures will need to be identified to ensure the council meets its statutory duties. This work is being developed in parallel with the proposal.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 These proposals are brought forward to meet the Council's statutory duty to ensure sufficiency of school places.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Area Committee is requested to:
- Note and consider the report
 - Consider any response they wish to make as a part of the formal consultations

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 Executive Board report of 18 July 2012: Primary Basic Need Programme – Permission to consult on proposals for expansion of primary provision in 2014.
- 7.2 Consultation documents: Proposal to expand Sharp Lane Primary School from September 2014; Proposal expand Tranmere Park Primary School from September 2014; Proposal expand Rufford Park Primary School from September 2014; Proposal expand Little London Primary School from September 2014.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

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Report of ENE Area Leader

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 15th October 2012

Subject: East North East Welfare Reform Project Team Update

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
Chapel Allerton		
Moortown		
Roundhay		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. Progress is being made by the East North East Welfare Reform Project Team to respond to the changes within the Welfare Reform Act and to mitigate the impact for residents within east north east Leeds.
2. This report provides members with an update on progress made since the last update in June 2012.
3. Information is included on the numbers engaging on the Get IT Together project assisting in digital access.
4. The report also highlights next steps to link together workstreams such as worklessness and digital access.

Recommendations

5. Members are asked to note the content of this report and comment on the work ongoing to mitigate the impact in the east north east.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This reports provides members with an update of the work undertaken in the East North East to support the work of the citywide welfare reform strategy.
- 1.2 The report sets out the actions developed focussing on the East North East ensuring that customers, service providers and stakeholders are prepared for, and are able to respond to, the issues and requirements arising from the welfare reform programme.

2 Background information

- 2.3 A report was presented to Area Committee in December 2011 which set out the details of the Government proposals for welfare reform and the likely impact on residents in Leeds. Reports have also been presented to the Executive Board in October 2011 and February 2012 outlining a city wide strategy in response to the proposed changes.
- 2.4 At the November 2011 meeting of the East North East Area Leadership Team a discussion was held around the impact for east north east and it was requested that the Area Leader establish a project team to focus on developing actions to mitigate the impact across the area. A report was presented to the Area Committee in March 2012 to highlight action taken within east north east in response to the request made at the area leadership team.
- 2.1 The report highlighted the main changes coming in to force along with the proposed dates of the changes.

3 Main issues

Staff briefing Sessions:

- 3.1 Briefing sessions were held on 13th September, with over 80 people attending. The sessions provided front line staff and supervisors with information on the welfare reform changes, work being done by ENEHL to prepare tenants for the changes, details of the work of the ENE project team, information on Credit Union bank accounts, access to IT and information on the Pinnacle People project supporting people in to work.
- 3.2 Feedback from the sessions was positive, with attendees feeling that the information was relevant and useful to them in their various roles and being better informed to advise and support customers.
- 3.3 Due to the overwhelming interest in the staff briefing sessions additional sessions are being scheduled and will be held in mid to late October, these sessions will

provide staff with an overview of the changes and how they can support clients to prepare and respond.

Communications:

- 3.4 Discussions have been held with colleagues from south east and west north west areas and the Chief Revenues and Benefits Officer to develop a coordinated approach across the three area teams. Through these discussions various workstreams have been identified and will be progressed. Further meetings will be held on a monthly basis to consider best practice and share ideas to support the agenda going forward. The work will include:
- Considering running employment seminars to look at engaging local employers and raising awareness of changes for part time workers along with opportunities.
 - Approaches to high interest lender and loan sharks
 - 3rd sector approaches
 - Food bank and social enterprise opportunities
- 3.5 Clearly there are crossovers to the worklessness agenda so we will ensure that this is linked and does not result in duplication.
- 3.6 Through the staff briefing sessions information on the support available in the area, including the Pinnacle People project and Get IT Together, has been provided. The impact on increased referrals will be monitored.
- 3.7 Information and support will be shared with as many front line staff as possible through the networks that have been identified from the staff briefings.
- 3.8 An information pack of relevant services and organisations in the area to help with signposting is being produced. This was identified as a need by some of the voluntary sector organisations in the area.
- 3.9 Targeted marketing of the Credit Union budget account (and the other budget bank accounts available) is being undertaken to better prepare residents for universal credit. Information on accounts to be provided as part of briefings for front line staff to share with clients. Some voluntary organisations (such as Archway and GIPSIL) are actively promoting the use of budget bank accounts and encouraging uptake.
- 3.10 There will be continuing promotion of the need for people to begin to use budget bank accounts. Discussions on loan sharks and debt management will identify what may be done on a local level linked to the development of citywide approaches.
- 3.11 Further promotion of the Pinnacle People and Get IT Together projects and increase referrals to support in preparation for digital by default and the universal credit changes in October 2013.

- 3.12 Funding has been secured through the PCT, Inner East and Inner North East Area Committees to commission a local third sector organisation to deliver additional support to engage and support tenants (predominantly in the private sector), this will include providing drop in advice for tenants with concerns and queries about the changes and engage with vulnerable and hard to reach tenants.

Data sharing:

- 3.13 A data sharing agreement has now been developed between ENEHL and Children's Services to support the sharing of information and support residents who are effected by the under occupancy changes.
- 3.14 Information is being shared between Children's Services and Benefits to cross reference those effected by changes and the Families First client list so that additional support and joint visits may be carried out where possible.

Digital Access:

- 3.15 Meetings to review the mapping information and approaches by Jobs & Skills are planned so that where gaps in IT availability are identified consideration may be given to remedies.
- 3.16 The Get IT Together scheme is progressing well in the area with strong links having been developed with Jobs & Skills and the local housing associations, work to promote the scheme through community groups in the area is ongoing as the project is still relatively new.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.17 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.17.1 The strategy sets out proposals for preparing customers for the welfare reform and understanding the impacts at a local level. Delivery of the proposed actions will involve consultation with Area Committees, ward members and tenants groups.
- 4.17.2 Through the communications strategy for east north east residents will be provided with information through a variety of means at the most appropriate (and earliest) opportunity.

4.18 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.18.1 The strategy is aimed at identifying and supporting vulnerable groups and targeting help and support to ensure all groups can access Universal Credit and manage their personal responsibilities. Where policies are reviewed and revised, equality impact assessments may be required to ensure that the equality implications of any revisions are properly considered.

- 4.18.2 The communications plan for east north east will ensure that marginalised groups and language needs are met with advice and support. This will be met through links with groups and representatives in the local area.

4.19 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.19.1 The strategy is aimed at supporting the Council's Priorities and will provide data and information relevant to the Priority Boards activities.
- 4.19.2 The ENE action Plan aims to deliver priorities highlighted with the Area Committee Business Plans.

4.20 Resources and value for money

- 4.20.1 City wide the delivery of the strategy will need to be supported by financial investment. The strategy will need to be supported by a programme manager and it is intended to meet this cost, and admin support costs, from within existing budgets. Elements of the strategy will carry cost implications. Where these cannot be met from existing budgets, it is intended to explore funding from DWP and DCLG under the new burdens arrangement.
- 4.20.2 Within the east north east wherever possible actions will be delivered through existing staffing resources and structures.

4.21 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.21.3 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

4.22 Risk Management

- 4.22.1 Welfare Reform is a corporate risk and the strategy is an important element in addressing the risks arising from the Welfare Reform programme

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Welfare Reform programme changes the type of support provided to customers and the way that the support is provided. There are implications for both service providers and customers and a great deal of preparation is required to meet the challenges arising from the reform.
- 5.2 The strategy sets out an approach to ensuring that the extent of the impacts of the reform is understood and for ensuring that the appropriate support is put in place to enable customers to make the transition to a reformed welfare system. The strategy also sets out to ensure that the financial implications for the council and partners are understood and that appropriate plans are put in place to deal with these.
- 5.3 The ENE Project Team will provide a partnership approach to delivering actions to mitigate the impact for residents in the east north east of the Welfare Reform programme.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to note the content of this report and comment on the work ongoing to mitigate the impact in the east north east.

7 Background documents

None

Report of The Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement)

Report to Inner North East Area Committee

Date: 15th October 2012

Subject: Area Chairs Forum Minutes

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report formally notifies members of the decision made by full council that Area Chairs Forum minutes should be considered by Area Committees as a regular agenda item at future Area Committee meetings.
2. The report also includes background information regarding the Area Chairs Forum meetings.

Recommendations

3. The Outer North East Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and to consider the minutes from the Area Chairs Forum meetings at this and future Area Committee Meetings.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to formally notify Members that the minutes of Area Chairs Forum meetings will be brought to Area Committee meetings as a regular agenda item, and to give a brief overview of the Area Chairs Forum meetings.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Area Chairs Forum meetings take place on a bi-monthly basis and are chaired by the Deputy Leader of Council and Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration.
- 2.2 Meetings are attended by the ten Chairs of the Area Committees, the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy & Improvement), the three Area Leaders and the Neighbourhood Services Co-ordinator in Leeds Initiative.
- 2.3 Agenda items focus on issues relating to services delegated to Area Committees, future delegations of services, locality working and any other issues that can be influenced by, or have an impact on, Area Committees.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Following recommendations by the General Purposes Committee, full council approved on 26th May 2011 that minutes of the Area Chairs Forum meetings should be considered by Area Committees, and that this should be a regular agenda item for Area Committee meetings.
- 3.2 Area Chairs Forum minutes will only be available to be considered by Area Committees once they have been agreed as an accurate record by the subsequent Area Chairs Forum meeting.
- 3.3 The scheduled Area Chairs Forum meeting dates for 2012/13 are:
- Friday 13th July 9:00 – 11:00
 - Tuesday 11th September 13:00 – 15:00
 - Friday 2nd November 13:00 – 15:00
 - Thursday 10th January 9:00 – 11:00
 - Thursday 7th March 10:00 – 12:00
- 3.4 Attempts will be made to include Area Chairs Forum minutes in papers issued prior to Area Committee meetings, however due to some tight deadlines between meetings, it may be necessary to table the minutes at certain Area Committee meetings.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 There has been no need to publicly consult on the inclusion of Area Chairs Forum Minutes on Area Committee Agendas, however the matter has been discussed by the General Purposes Committee.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues in relation to this report.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The inclusion of Area Chairs Forum minutes on Area Committee Agendas is a revision to the Area Committee Procedure Rules within the Constitution agreed by full council on 26th May 2011.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 Full Council has approved the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee to include the Area Chairs Forum minutes as a regular item at future Area Committee meetings.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Outer North East Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and to consider the minutes from the Area Chairs Forum meetings at this and future Area Committee Meetings.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 26th May 2011

7.2 Council Constitution

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

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**Area Chairs Forum
Friday 13th July 2012
Committee Room 3, Civic Hall**

Attendance:

Councillors: P. Gruen (Chair), G. Hyde, G. Hussain, G. Wilkinson, A. Gabriel, K. Bruce, J Akhtar, J. Jarosz

Officers: J. Rogers, K. Kudelnitzky, R. Barke, S. Mahmood

Minutes: S. Warbis

Attending for specific items: Steve Carey, Lelir Yeung, Cllr Blake, Cllr Dowson

Item	Description	Action
1.0	Apologies	
1.1	Cllr A McKenna, Cllr J McKenna, Cllr Wadsworth, Jane Maxwell, Beth Logan	
2.0	Minutes and Matters Arising	
2.1	The minutes of the previous Area Chairs Forum meeting on 12 th March 2012 were agreed as an accurate record.	
2.2	<u>6.13 of previous minutes – Apprenticeships</u> North East outer will be looking at the apprentice option at their meeting in September and if proceeding will be looking to take on someone living in their area. South Inner, while supporting the idea of apprentices have reservations over whether wellbeing money is the most appropriate way to fund posts. South Inner will be revisiting in September but looking at options for the following financial year. Outer West are doubtful they have funding for this year but will be looking at the options for 2012/13. East Inner are looking to directly support a NEET in their area and see this as part of a wider programme for apprentices involving the ALMO. It was clarified that in the option being proposed to Area Committees the apprentice post would be managed by officers in the Area Teams but would gain experience through placements with other partners such as the police. It was re-emphasised that Area Committee involvement in supporting apprentices would show their commitment to the council wide ambitions for apprentices.	
3.0	Area Chairs Forum Terms of Reference	
3.1	Draft terms of reference were brought to the meeting and were adopted by the forum.	
4.0	Update on Presupposing for Welfare Reforms	
4.1	Steve Carey, Chief Revenues and Benefits Officer, attended and brought a report to provide an update on the implementation of the Government's Welfare Reforms and the approach being taken in Leeds to address the issues caused by the reforms.	
4.2	The focus has been on preparing for the reforms at a local level and looking at what we can do as an authority to help those most vulnerable to the impact of the reforms. There has been targeting of advice to people who we know will be affected through mail shots and followed up by visits.	
4.3	The view has been taken to inform people of what the likely impact will be now, although the implications will not take effect for another 8 months in some cases. General information has been displayed in One Stop Centres, GP	

	surgeries, Libraries etc.	
4.4	Voluntary Sector organisations have been briefed on the impact of the reforms and work has also been carried out amongst clusters and head-teachers forum and other organisations that will have contact with vulnerable groups.	
4.5	There will however be groups of people for who it is more difficult to predict the implications of the reforms, and other groups for who it is harder to get information to. There is therefore a need to involve the Area Support Teams and Area Committees to identify these groups and assist in getting advice and information to them.	
4.6	It is anticipated that the introduction of Universal Credit will lead to problems including access to online systems and support, and payments being made in arrears, including those to cover rent. The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) is looking at providing support in exceptions which may include rent support going straight to landlords in some cases, however in principal the DWP wants people to take responsibility for paying their own rent.	
4.7	Leeds is looking to develop a wrap around service for support tailored to individuals and move away from the rigid prescribed approach taken by the DWP. Executive Board has given approval for a council tax support scheme for certain groups but further consultation is required to establish what other support may be appropriate.	
4.8	The ALMOs in Leeds are also identifying which of their tenants will need support in the transition to Universal Credit payments, and work is also being carried out to assess the councils capacity for online access for Universal Credit claims.	
4.9	There are some concerns about how Jobcentre Plus will be accountable locally for it's provision of benefits support. At the moment there is no process in place.	
4.10	Concerns were raised by Area Chairs over the impact that would be seen in inner city areas and large council estates as rents become less affordable and pressures are put on people to move out of areas into smaller properties / houses of multiple accommodation. Also the issue of tenants being in arrears as benefit payment schedules change, and the move to monthly payments. It was agreed that Third Sector organisations would be vital in providing support and that the council should be promoting services such as credit unions and local support networks.	
4.11	It was pointed out that although the council will have the ability to provide some discretionary housing payments, this would need to be targeted, and it would be impossible to provide support to everybody that needed it. Members of the public would be looking to the council for help and it needs to be made clear that difficulties that occur are not the result of Local Authority policies, and communications on what options are available needs to be clear.	
4.12	LCC and the ALMOs are monitoring the increase in customer contacts regarding Welfare Reforms and the impact that this is having on resources and capacity.	
4.13	Concerns were raised as to how effective information distribution had been so far. There was a feeling that particularly private tenants were not taking in the messages of how they could be affected. It was recognised that mail shots would not always be read and it was pointed out that joint work with the Citizen's Advice Bureau was taking place to raise awareness with their customers, and that commissioning of support services for targeted groups was being looked at.	
4.14	The issue was raised of increased vulnerability of members of the community with mental health problems and particularly those being discharged from	

	hospitals. Steve Carey said that there had been sessions with the NHS but agreed that there could be a focus on providing information to those discharging patients and those providing outreach care.	
4.15	Area Chairs mentioned that local Elected Members are likely to get an influx of individual cases and that they needed to be armed with the information of what support is available and what the options are. Steve Carey mentioned that there is an intention to contact all elected members when the policy on discretionary rent support is finalised to make councillors aware of the policy and the routes for referral. There will also be briefings to the local MPs.	
4.16	There have been constructive sessions with Steve Carey and the Area Leaders to look at how Area Support Teams can provide intelligence on communication strategies, vulnerable groups, third sector partners and other local approaches to supporting people vulnerable to Welfare Reforms.	
4.17	It was agreed that a report is needed for Area Committees on the impact of Welfare Reforms and how Area Support Teams and Area Committees can play their part in helping local people. The report needs to be tailored to the individual circumstances of each Area.	SC/ALs
4.18	CLlr Gruen asked for a report to be considered for Cabinet on Welfare Reforms, detailing the options for support that are available and detailing a communication plan for reaching vulnerable people.	SC
5.0	Review of Area Working – Next Steps	
5.1	James Rogers gave a verbal update on initial progress of the Review of Area Working – Next Steps.	
5.2	The All Party Members groups had met twice, the second meeting having taken place yesterday, and have signed off the project plan outline and the communication plan.	
5.3	Engagement will commence with a number of sessions open to all Elected Members to explore their views of what is currently working and what isn't, what functions they feel are appropriate for Area Committees, how we can improve local engagement etc. Invitations will be sent in the next few days.	
5.4	In September there will be wider consultation with partners, community groups etc. There will also be an examination of finances to look at how budgets are allocated and potential for using section 106 money and capital receipts locally.	
5.5	A community engagement plan will be developed and it was suggested that, regardless of the review, more work should be undertaken to optimise the ongoing engagement of members of the Citizen's Panel within local areas.	ALs
5.6	Geography will be looked at to examine issues relating to boundaries for Area Committees, Parishes, Clusters, Neighbourhood Policing Teams etc. although this is not the emphasis of the review.	
5.7	The delegations and responsibilities of Area Committees will be looked at and it is vital that members views area at the heart of this. There will also be a consideration of local partnership arrangements.	
5.8	The review will look at different models from other parts of the country and will also look to build on and share good practice that is evident in the different areas of Leeds.	
6.0	Equality Improvement Priorities 2011-2015	
6.1	Lelir Yeung, Head of Equalities, attended to present a report on the Equality	

	Improvement Priorities 2011-2015.	
6.2	The Equality Improvement Priorities and revised Equality and Diversity Policy are going through Executive Board and Scrutiny Boards and there is a view to also take them to Area Committees. Lelir Yeung invited comments from Area Chairs on the priorities and how these could be taken into the Areas.	
6.3	Member Champions have been involved in ensuring that the right priorities have been set and part of their role is to update and inform members of their respective parties.	
6.4	It was explained that these are the high level equality priorities linked to the City Priority Plan and that it is necessary to get beneath issues to look at specific areas such as access to employment for specific communities.	
6.5	Reference was made to the underperformance at school of children in ethnic minority groups and the knock on effect that this can have for opportunities in adult life.	
6.6	It was acknowledged that there continue to be some significant issues for the city, which is why plans need to be in place to attempt to get at the root of problems.	
6.7	It was mentioned that the Members Champion group was a good forum to challenge services on what actions are being taken to address problems. Performance measurement has been carried out but there needs to be more appraisal of what has had the most impact and how this can be built on.	
6.8	Cllr Hussain mentioned that he had been involved when the equality unit was set up in the 1980s and had hoped that approaches agreed then would have been embedded within 5 years. It is right that there are city wide plans but it is also important to have area plans that target need at a local level. It is also important to bring in partners to develop plans and to measure what difference is made.	
6.9	It was mentioned that there was a need to have an equality focus locally, and that this was in all likelihood built into the devolved functions already. It was stated all cabinet members should be conversant with the plan and it should be influencing every portfolio.	
6.10	It was agreed that a piece of work needs to be carried out by Lelir Yeung and the Area Leaders to identify how the Equality Improvement Priorities are reflected in localities and how action can be identified and progressed at a local level with member support. It was agreed that Lelir Yeung would work with the Area Leaders to determine how the Equality Improvement Priorities can be made more relevant within local areas.	LY / ALs
7.0	Scrutiny Enquiry Report – Fuel Poverty	
7.1	Kathy Kudelnitzky, Chief Officer Localities and Partnerships, tabled a paper outlining a recommendation from the Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities) relating to the establishment of Fuel Poverty Champions for each Area Committee. A draft response was tabled and views were asked from attendees for suggested amendments.	
7.2	It was raised that if Area Committees were to take on new functions there would be a need for Area Committees to operate differently in terms of sub groups and champions and that it was important for any roles to be effective. It was also noted that more roles and functions would add to the workload of Area Committee members.	
7.3	It was mentioned that there was a limited resource with an increasing remit. 10	

	Area Committees, 3 Area Leaders, one Chief Officer. There needed to be shared practice amongst the Area Committees and an efficient model needed to be developed, allowing for the differing needs of each area.	
7.4	It was also mentioned that there needed to be a level of political coordination with better links between the work of Executive Board and Area Committees.	
7.5	Area Leaders referred to the timeliness of the Review of Area Working. Pressures will be put on the Area Support Teams and the Area Committees and there will be a need for services to respond and the organisation to mature to meet the demands.	
7.6	In light of the ongoing review it was agreed that a response for the Scrutiny Board Fuel Poverty report recommendations should be drafted to state that Area Committee Fuel Poverty Champions will be considered in the Review of Area Working along with the wider issue of members roles and links to services and partnerships.	SW
8.0	Youth Service Review Update	
8.1	A discussion took place amongst attendees at the forum meeting prior to the arrival of Cllr Blake who was attending to provide an update on the Youth Service Review.	
8.2	Area Committees have previously expressed that they feel that they can have a beneficial impact on Youth Services in their areas and are keen to be involved in the review of the service and to have more of an influence in the future.	
8.3	Cllr Gabriel mentioned that she had been interviewed by the appointed consultant and her view was that the service would need to become a more targeted and specialised service. It was important to utilise voluntary and community based groups to deliver activities in their area. Area Committees could have a role in influencing this.	
8.4	Cllr Hyde had also been interviewed by the consultant. He felt that there was potential for commissioning to be carried out at three levels: local, intermediate and city wide and that Area Committees could be heavily involved in this. Parameters could be set centrally but Area Committees have insight into the local priorities and should have the ability to influence or commission provision from the youth service and also private and community organisations.	
8.5	Rory Barke had also been interviewed by the consultant and felt that there was scope for the expertise within Youth Services to be used to develop and support local providers.	
8.6	Cllr Blake joined the meeting with Cllr Dowson to provide an update on the Youth Services Review.	
8.7	There is a lot of history to the agenda involving different experiences in different parts of the city. There has been a lack of satisfaction from members over aspects of provision, but specifically around a lack of awareness of intended provision and a lack of information regarding the impact of the service.	
8.8	Many Local Authorities have withdrawn from providing Youth Service provision but this is not the view taken in Leeds. LCC needs to be able to influence approaches for the youth of the city or there is a danger that children will be poorly served in the future.	
8.9	There have been cross party talks about Youth Services issues. There have previously been changes to the formula for allocating resources and this needs to be looked at again in light of the changing population in Leeds.	

8.10	There is a will to devolve resources down to a local level, to clusters and beyond, and there is a will to empower Area Committees and move some commissioning down to a local level. To meet the differing needs in differing areas.	
8.11	A consultant has been brought in with an objective eye and he will be interviewing all of the Area Chairs individually. He will also be collecting local views through interviews in the patches to get a view on past experiences, future aspirations, and how local people can be involved in developing the service.	
8.12	A report will be pulled together which will be subject to further consultation with members and eventually for Executive Board approval. It will be important to acknowledge that all areas are different, with differing dynamics of youths, differing degrees of community infrastructure and differing opinions of how provision should be run, and these views need to be reflected in the report.	
8.13	It was agreed that Ken Morton should be invited to the next Area Chairs Forum meeting to provide an update on the Review of Youth Services and provide feedback on the consultation carried out by the consultant.	SW
9.0	Any Other Business	
9.1	<u>Items for Future Area Chairs Forum Meetings</u> Area Chairs were invited to suggest items for future forum meetings. Items suggested were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Area Working • Update and Overview of Clusters • Third Sector Review • Sharing Good Practice Between Area Committees • Welfare Reform further update 	
9.2	Cllr Gabriel gave her apologies for the next meeting.	
10.0	Date of Next Meeting	
10.1	Tuesday 11 th September 2012, 13:00 – 15:00, West Room - Civic Hall	