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Report to: West (Inner) Area Committee

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Subject: Business Plan Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley, Bramley & Stanningley	⊠ Yes	☐ No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	☐ Yes	⊠ No

Summary of main issues

- 1. This report updates the Area Committee on new initiatives and partnership working within the area that contribute the priority themes outlined in the Area Committee's Business Plan.
- 2. The report includes information a range of projects including the Youth Activities Fund consultation, Community Safety action days and the start of a corporate asset review.

Recommendations

- 3. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and
 - i) Consider how alcohol affects local communities and help to identify those groups that might need targeted support,
 - ii) Consider whether the pilot scheme to introduce an Operating Schedule should be extended to parts of the inner West, and
 - iii) Highlight any further areas of work that Members would like partners to prioritise.

1 Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to highlight new initiatives and partnership working that contributes to the Inner West Business Plan.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Area Committee approved the revised Inner West Business Plan at its meeting on 26th June 2013. The Plan is aligned to the 'Best City For...' corporate priorities and lists a range of actions under nine improvement objectives which are:
 - Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities
 - All children and young people in Leeds have access to out of school activities
 - Provide opportunities for people to get jobs, volunteer or learn new skills
 - Provide opportunities and facilities to enable local people to access and engage in sport and cultural activities
 - Make better use of our community buildings
 - Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, with a particular focus on reducing burglary
 - Engage with local communities to strengthen community activity and involvement in local decision making
 - Improve the local environment and our parks and open spaces
 - Improve public service co-ordination working together with local residents to improve our most deprived neighbourhoods

3 Main Issues

3.1 This section outlines some new initiatives across the two wards that contribute to the corporate 'Best City' priorities and the Area Committee's business plan.

'Best City For ... Health & Wellbeing'

Alcohol Services in the Inner West

- 3.2 At the last Area Committee, Members requested an update on alcohol services in the Inner West. Responsible drinking is safely enjoyed by many people in our community and has a positive impact on the local economy. Harmful drinking, however, can have a destructive impact on individuals, families and communities. It is a major concern for many different organisations and partners and cannot be tackled in isolation.
- 3.3 The council's Public Health service currently commissions three citywide treatment services for adults. These are: Addictions Dependency Solutions, Leeds Addiction Unit and St Anne's.
- 3.4 Faith Lodge, Spacious Places and Alcoholics Anonymous also provide services for adults. Platform and Barca provide young people's specialist services

3.5 There are three locally based services for residents from the Inner West:

Healthy Lifestyle Service (alcohol, physical activity / obesity, smoking)	Health Trainer Service	Alcohol brief interventions (ADS) GP surgery
Whitehall Surgery LS12 5NR Wortley	Armley One Stop Centre LS12 1UQ Armley	Priory View, LS12 1HU
Hawthorne Surgery LS12 5NR, Wortley	Highfield Medical Bramley LS13 2BL, Bramley	Manor Park, LS12
		Thornton medical centre, LS12
		Armley Moor Health Centre, LS12

- The Leeds West Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in partnership with LCC Public Health have provided additional investment in alcohol services in the Inner West. This includes funding two alcohol workers and one student alcohol worker to provide brief interventions for pre-dependent drinkers identified through primary care services, and treatment for dependent drinkers including those in recovery. This service will support around 700 dependent drinkers per year.
- 3.7 The West North West Multi-Agency Alcohol Plan has been approved and provides a framework for local services to co-ordinate alcohol support and intervention in the wedge. It covers a range of alcohol related issues including treatment, community safety, young people and families and domestic violence.
- 3.8 LCC Public Health is providing funding for the Healthy Living Network Town Street Hub to host alcohol support services and provide volunteering opportunities for people with alcohol problems.
- 3.9 Public Health would like to extend a pilot currently running in parts of the inner south to introduce an optional additional item called an 'Operating Schedule' to the licensing application. This asks applicants to demonstrate knowledge of the local area and identify mitigating actions in relation to risks for their proposed licensable activity. A proforma is supplied by the Licensing Service and covers a range of risks and mitigation actions including:
 - Reviewing the sale of large quantities of alcohol and special offers
 - Sale of alcohol to people who are already drunk
 - How to refer someone who appears to have a drinking problem
 - CCTV coverage of areas where alcohol is displayed
 - Implementing the Check 25 proof of age system
 - Premises checks by staff including the removal of litter outside

The current trial covers City & Hunslet, Middleton and Beaston & Holbeck wards. The addition Operating Schedule is optional and has been widely used and provides members of the licensing committee and the wider public with additional information on the applicant's approach to the responsible sale of alcohol from the premises.

- 3.10 Older people have been highlighted as a group in the inner West area that requires additional support. The Adult Social Care service has identified alcohol as having a contributory factor in relation to mental health issues and falls among older people.
 - 3) Ward Member Support.
- 3.11 The Inner West Area Committee is asked to consider the following:
 - How alcohol affects local communities and help to identify those groups that might need targeted support, and
 - ii) Whether the pilot scheme to introduce an Operating Schedule should be extended to parts of the inner West.

MARS Referral Scheme

- 3.12 Following a successful trial in Armley, the council's Public Health service are working on a citywide rollout of the scheme that makes it easy for frontline workers to refer clients to other services including children's centres, debt advice or smoking cessation sessions.
- 3.13 The original scheme was a paper system with forms passing between services. The rollout aims to provide an electronic referral system that will cut down on paperwork and time. The MARS scheme is due to be rolled out in Bramley in November, and the West North West Health Improvement Officers have begun briefing front line staff about the scheme.

Leeds Get Active

- 3.13 Leeds City Council's sport and health pilot entitled 'Leeds Let's Get Active' begins in October aims to encourage people of all ages to be more physically active, especially those in areas of greatest health inequality.
- 3.14 The project received funding confirmation last month, with a total of £1million of match-funding being offered by Leeds public health and Sport England through the National Lottery over the next 18 months.
- 3.15 The project will see one off-peak hour each day made available at every Leeds City Council-managed leisure centre in the city for free gym and swimming sessions. The sessions will be open to all but will be primarily targeted at those who currently do not take part in any sport or physical exercise. There will also be a range of activities run in local communities.

'Best City For ... Children & Young People'

National Citizenship Scheme

3.16 The Youth Service is running the first National Citizenship Scheme in Leeds. Over the summer 20 young people aged 16-18 from the inner west participated in

residentials and a community project to improve the land behind Bramley Community Centre.

3.17 The Area Committee provided £1,200 towards the project to provide a bursary for young people not able to afford the £50 fee and equipment for the community projects.

Youth Activities Fund

3.18 The Inner West Area Committee has been allocated a budget of £16,000 this financial year to spend on out of school activities for young people aged 8-17. On behalf of the Area Committee, Cllr Gruen and Cllr McKenna consulted with over 50 young people to find out what activities they enjoyed.

Following the consultation, Members agreed to spend 50% of the budget on summer holiday activities including fun swim sessions at Bramley Baths, nature trails in local parks and outdoor art and sports sessions on the Broadleas and Wythers. To date there have been 'backyard breezes' held in the Raynvilles averaging around 30-40 young people attending. Two events in the Broadleas will be held in August and a mini breeze will be held on Armley Moor on the 29th August. Members will continue to consult with young people on how to spend the remainder of the budget. Work will start in September to strengthen how Members engage with local children and young people.

'Best City For Business'

New Wortley 'Job Squad'

3.19 The employment, advice and training services based at New Wortley Community Centre have been brought together under the 'Job Squad' branding. Officers from the Area Support Team have printed posters and leaflets highlighting the support on offer, however 'job ready' a person is. The noticeboards at the centre were revamped with colourful boarders and a clear focus on employability, health and community. A leaflet drop for the whole neighbourhood is planned.

West North West Works

- 3.20 WNWHL has developed a sub-brand West North West Works (WNWW), to support tenants into employment.
- 3.21 A Jobs and Training event was held in July at the Armley Lazer Centre to coincide with the end of the school and college terms. This was an event focused mainly on young people and was held at Armley Lazer Centre on 11th July.
- 3.22 A selection of around 700 tenants were targeted through West North West homes Leeds tenant tracker system and around 40 young people registered to attend. Partners included Department for Work and Pensions, Leeds City College and approximately 35 other training and third sector organisations.
- 3.23 The day included talks on apprenticeships, sector based work academies and the option of skills development through volunteering. In addition a range of current job

vacancies was supplied by Employment Leeds and people had the option to attend workshops hosted by IGEN and Jobs and Skills on Job Applications, CV Writing and Interview Tips.

3.24 Locally based initiatives such as this event are considered to be more effective at reaching residents who are experiencing challenging circumstances. The Inner West Neighbourhood Improvement Board is explaining how to facilitate more of these types of sessions linked to some of the citywide employment and training opportunities.

Improving local access to employment and training support

- 3.25 Leeds City College has been delivering co-located provision from Bramley Library in response to local need.
- 3.26 The Area Support Team is working with Leeds City College and WNW Works to deliver locality based targeted taster / themed sessions in priority neighbourhoods. WNW Works is currently undertaking questionnaires with residents to identify what skill sets people have, what prevalent taster / themed sessions and jobs people want. For example there may be a demand for taster / themed sessions around security, customer services / retail, call centres, demand will be linked to city wide and locality job opportunities.

Community Festivals

3.27 The Area Committee supported the Bramley Carnival and Bramley Music Festival, which brought new visitors into the town. On a smaller scale, the Broadleas multicultural food day and the Fairfield fun day encourage people from different backgrounds to meet and get more involved in their local community.

'Best City For Communities'

Area Lead Members

3.28 Area Lead Members were nominated at the July Area Committee meeting and the first set of meetings are scheduled to take place in September. At these meetings there will be the Executive Portfolio Holder, the Area Lead Member and officers including the relevant service lead officer. Discussions will be centred around understanding the city context, and the role of the Area Lead Member.

Corporate Assets

- 3.29 Since May 2013, the West North West Area Support Team (AST) have been supporting the city wide Asset Review, an element of the Budget Plus Programme. The review aims to see a reduced asset base that is more efficient and effective in delivering integrated services to our customers and achieves significant savings for the council.
- 3.30 AST have supported asset management in the production of a comprehensive list of assets for each Area Committee area, also adding local context on usage, sensitivities, and leasing and management arrangements. Fortnightly meetings are

being held to progress asset review work in the localities and are led by a member of the project team.

- Inner West Area Committee area is the pilot area for the west north west, although the asset review is being undertaken across the whole of the west north west. A workshop was held at Armley Lazer Centre with service managers to explore their needs and the needs of the community and to look at the potential for a change and improvement in the delivery of those services from the available asset base. Ward members have been briefed on the work through the General Purposes sub group.
- 3.32 The city wide project is ensuring that all members have been briefed on the asset review with the AST arranging 13 ward member briefings in the west north west.

Neighbourhood Planning

3.33 Planning officers attended a New Wortley Residents' Association (NWRA) public meeting to outline the Neighbourhood Planning process. The Area Support Team will work with Planning and NWRA to explore whether there is sufficient support to begin a Neighbourhood Plan.

3.34 Neighbourhood Improvement

The Area Support Team has launched an online blog to update partners on new initiatives and activities in the Broadleas and Fairfields. Posts include youth service timetables, vacancies aimed at unemployed young people and notice of community events. The address is www.fairfieldandbroadleas.wordpress.com.

Community Safety Update

- Overall total crime for West Inner continues to fall, see Appendix 1 for details. The latest data available (covering June 2012 to June 2013) shows that there has been a 45% decrease in burglary, 18% decrease in burglary elsewhere, 16 % decrease in criminal damage, 15% decrease in drug offences over the last 12 month.
- 3.36 Inner West has seen an increase in the motor vehicle theft up by 29%. The parameters of Operation Optimal have now widened to incorporate theft from motor vehicle offences which are seeing some changes in the numbers of offences being recorded. Work is also on going in relation to identifying vehicles that are left insecure or with valuable items on display. Work continues around robbery, with a dedicated robbery team working within the division. However resources have been allocated using the Optimal methodology and this has resulted in the reduced theft of motor vehicle for July.
- 3.37 There has been a 43% reduction in burglary from June 12 June 2013 for Armley ward and a 47% reduction for Bramley & Stanningley ward.
- 3.38 The following provides the Area Committee with a brief overview of current Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing initiatives

1) Target Hardening

- 3.39 Most of the homes across Leeds are fitted with standard euro profile cylinders.

 These locks have a central cylinder that is easy for criminals to snap and gain entry to the property. West Yorkshire police now recommend fitting British standard anti snap and snap safe euro locks as a direct replacement for the standard barrels.
- 3.40 Funding of £50,000 from West North West Homes Leeds is being targeted to replace Euro profile locks on their properties. An analysis of crime in relation to Euro profile burglaries has identified the Broadleas in Inner West as the target area to deliver target hardening and WNWHL are looking at commissioning the service to an organisation such as CASAC.
 - 2) Operation Bunkway
- Operation Bunkway is a district wide initiative that targets criminals travelling into our key areas to commit crime. Utilising plain clothes officers and vehicles, alongside uniformed NPT staff and Roads Policing units with portable ANPR facilities, officers are working into the early hours of the morning to stop identified vehicles, and where appropriate conducting searches of the driver, passengers and the vehicle itself.
 - 3) Child Sexual Exploitation
- 3.42 Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a priority within the Safer Leeds Strategy and is been driven forward by both Children's Services and Community Safety.
- 3.43 Working in partnership with both Bramley and Aces Cluster, a Child Sexual Exploitation awareness session took place on 16th April at Swallow Hill with a further session at Yeadon Town Hall . The session was open to all schools, cluster staff and partner agencies in West North West Leeds including health, youth services, housing staff and social care. The session provided an introduction and basic awareness of CSE.
- As part of Safeguarding the CSE /missing coordinator for Children's services has been working with the Area Community Safety Coordinators to develop three local CSE practitioner forum meetings that reflect the three police divisions. This piece of work is a joint collaboration between both services and in order to be effective requires the support from a wide range of partner agencies.
- 3.45 The forums have 3 main aims these being
 - To map and share local information, number locations (not individual cases)
 - Focus and address training needs, share new materials & good practice.
 - Ensure processes and procedures are understood and disseminated and are working effectively.
 - Ensure intelligence passed on appropriately. Develop better links between organisations and specialist providers.

- 3.46 'Girls Talk' is a new project targeting groups who are vulnerable to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and are presenting risk taking behaviours including; unhealthy relationships, drinking and substance misuse and negative peer groups. The session started on the 5th August running for six weeks at the Youth Inclusion Building on Broadlea Hill on Monday evenings in partnership with BARCA, the Youth Offending Service and Platform.
 - 4) Hate Crime
- 3.47 There is a specific multiagency action plan to address the issues on the Wythers, focussing on three strands which include:
- 3.48 Enforcement A weekly project team made up of representatives from LASBT, Police, WNWHL are taking a coordinated approach to intelligence gathering, sharing information, and coordinating actions focusing on the nominal / target families who have been identified as perpetrators. Other actions will include, tenancy sweeps, tenancy visits, letter drops.
- 3.49 Prevention As part of the project team meetings, information on new BME tenants moving onto the Wythers and Broadleas will be passed onto the Hate Crime Coordinators so that they can arrange a visit /send information to introduce themselves and their role has Hate Crime coordinator and also link into any tenancy visits with local Housing officer.
- 3.50 Education The Hate Crime Coordinators and LASBT manager, are arranging session to talk to young people around ASB/Hate crime and consequences of this at the Lazer Centre. They are also going to explore other ways of engaging with young people.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 All Wellbeing funded projects require applicants to outline their consultation ahead of any grant being awarded.
- 4.1.2 The community events listed in the report provide the Area Support Team and other services with an opportunity to consult with local residents, the results of which will influence the delivery of the Business Plan.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 The Business Plan takes into account equality, diversity, cohesion and integration issues. The Fairfield and Broadleas events are specifically targeted at bringing together people from different backgrounds to improve community cohesion and promote understanding of different cultures.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The themes in the Business Plan mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 As outlined in the Function Schedule 2011/12, the Wellbeing budget delegated by Executive Board is used to finance projects which meet the needs of the Area Delivery Plan or its successor (the Business Plan). Members of the Area Committee are keen that wherever possible the use of Wellbeing brings in additional match funding to the area.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications as a result of this report, and there are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 All Wellbeing applicants are asked to identify risks associated to the successful delivery of their project. These are assessed by the Area Support Team, and all projects are monitored quarterly against set targets.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 There are several new initiatives in the inner West area that contribute to the delivery of the Inner West Business Plan highlighted in this report. The Area Support Team continues to look at opportunities to develop projects and promote new ways of working to achieve the objectives outlined in the Plan.
- A half year Business Plan monitoring report will be presented to the 18th December Area Committee. Work is taking place to provide more quantitive local information to help monitor progress.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and;
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7 Background documents¹

7.1 None

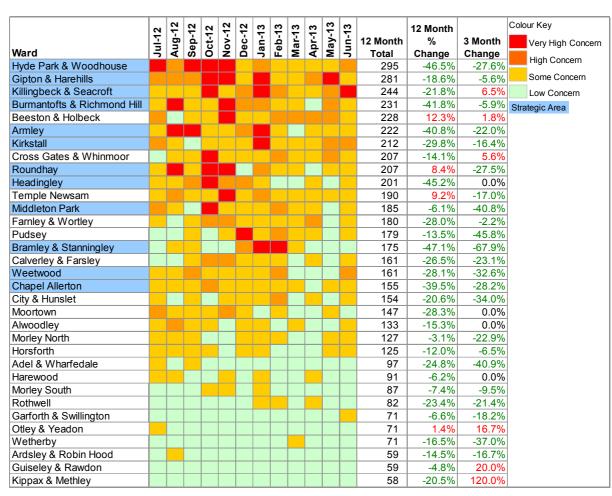
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¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

Crime Trends

Inner West Recorded Crime	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	3 Month Total	12 Month Total	12 Month Change
Burglary Dwelling													63	392	-45%
Burglary Elsewhere													68	361	-18%
Criminal Damage													193	807	-16%
Drugs Offences												21	62	243	-15%
Fraud & Forgery													18	113	1%
Handling													6	22	-12%
Other Crime												12	31	119	16%
Other Theft												101	277	908	-13%
Robbery												4	8	45	-17%
Sexual Offences												6	20	66	14%
Theft From Motor Vehicle												51	142	447	-11%
Theft Of Motor Vehicle													32	128	29%
Violent Crime												96	217	796	-1%

Ward Risk Management Matrix: June 2012 – June 2013: Burglary



Inner West Serious Acquisitive Crime	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	3 Month Total	12 Month Total	Rate ‰ Pop	12 Month Change
Armley													136	578	22.62	-31%
Bramley &																
Stanningley													109	434	20.34	-19%