

Report of : Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities)

Report to : West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 19th February 2014

Subject: Business Plan Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley, Bramley & Stanningley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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 updates the Area Committee on new initiatives and partnership working within the area that contribute to the priority themes outlined in the Area Committee's Business Plan.
2. The report includes information a range of projects including the Neighbourhood Improvement Board and Youth Activities Fund.

Recommendations

3. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and:
 - Receive a verbal update from Inspector Fran Naughton comment on any possible issues or concerns about the forthcoming changes.

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 and update on existing initiatives.

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'

Dunkirk Hill

- 3.2 Work is due to begin on Dunkirk Hill in the Spring. Following some anti-social behaviour problems in the area Parks and Countryside are using S106 funding to carry out works including a removal of around 50% of the trees and shrubbery. The remaining trees will be thinned to enable better natural surveillance of the area from Canal Road and Armley Mills. The area immediately adjacent to the canal will be planted with rhododendrons for spring time colour. It is hoped that this work will encourage a wider use of the area and enable the possibility of usage by groups visiting Armley Mills.

Healthy Living Network

- 3.3 In December it was noted that the Barca-Leeds and Healthy Living Network Boards had agreed to continue with the proposed merger. Formal board resolutions and agreements relating to the transfer of assets and activities will be considered by the two boards before the end of January. A group meeting with all staff took place in early January and this has been followed on by individual consultations. The date agreed for completion of TUPE is 1st February. Further issues need to be resolved including a building strategy for the future.

Leeds West Clinical Commissioning Group

- 3.4 Leeds West CCG is commissioning the Practice Champion approach in all 38 of its GP practices. This will focus on empowering patients to proactively manage their health needs in the community. It will focus on long term conditions like Type 2 diabetes, as well as more socially led health groups, such as reducing social isolation, weight management, breast feeding etc. This will build on assets already in the community, such as neighbourhood networks, and create capacity where there is a need. In Armley and Bramley & Stanningley, there will also be a focus on referring and supporting patients to non-medical services (employment, welfare services, housing, transport, fuel poverty) in their communities.

Public Health

- 3.5 Public Health has recently been awarded funding from Department of Health for a project called Best Foot Forward, which will encourage walking in Inner West Leeds and will focus on reducing childhood obesity.
- 3.6 In January schools in Inner West Leeds supported the new Change 4 Life campaign 'Smart Swaps' to help families cut sugar and saturated fat from their everyday snacks, drinks and meals. Change4Life is calling on families to sign up to the smart swaps campaign and make one easy change – like swapping to a healthy school meal or swapping takeaways to cooking from scratch.
- 3.7 The Know It Check It Treat It Campaign is about increasing lung cancer awareness and early diagnosis. It will be delivered in the community by Healthy Living Network and measures lung age and signposts to appropriate services.

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

Youth Activities Fund

- 3.8 The remaining Youth Activities funding of £6552 for this financial year has been committed to projects across the area as detailed in the Wellbeing report. There will be a further allocation of £32,000 for Youth Activities Funding for financial year 2014/15.

A Children's Board is in the process of being established for Inner West and it is envisaged that this Board will engage with Members about the Youth Activities Fund and wider issues relating to children and young people.

Geographically Targeted Youth Work

- 3.9 In March 2013, following a comprehensive Youth Review the Executive Board agreed a new model for youth services in Leeds that incorporated a key influential role of Area Committees in determining local youth services in Leeds that incorporated a key influential role of Area Committees in determining local youth work provision. This included supporting the development of more locally responsive and accountable services.

Members will be shortly invited to attend a workshop to meet with the Youth Offer Team to receive an update on the work achieved so far but significantly to undertake some more practical work on the specifics of the influencing role to offer an opportunity to provide direction on how it will work in reality and the targeted youth work in your area.

'Best City For Business'

- 3.10 The Bramley Shopping Centre Manager and the Deputy Manger from Tesco Bramley attended the Bramley Community Forum on 28th November. This followed a meeting between the Bramley and Stanningley Ward Members, the centre manager and a representative from the centre's letting agent. The forum enabled local residents to share their views on the type of shops they would like to see at the centre and express their concern about the high number of payday loan and pawnbrokers. The representatives from the centre also consulted forum members on what additional features could be part of a car park refurbishment scheme, with suggestions of market stalls and a performance space being very well received.

The centre has also offered to work with Bramley Elderly Action and Bramley Credit Union around their 'community shop' proposal. Members were also keen to accommodate a One Stop Shop at the centre, but the manager in charge of the service has indicated that the available shops may be too small.

'Best City For Communities'

Neighbourhood Improvement Board

- 3.11 The Inner West Neighbourhood Improvement Board met on 19th November. The Health theme update focussed on the Leeds Let's Get Active project, offering free access to leisure centres aimed at increasing the number of inactive people exercising. Armley Leisure Centre has the highest attendance in the city at the free sessions, whereas the free gym access at Bramley Baths has had a disappointing take-up. The Board asked for more to be done to promote the Bramley sessions and asked for additional funding to be sought to add a free swim to the Bramley Baths offer.

The Board continues to prioritise reducing the number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET). A pilot project was discussed that will help young

people at risk of becoming NEET engage access support to help them apply for apprenticeship opportunities.

The Board were presented with a range of local data across the priority themes. The data highlighted number of areas where the priority neighbourhoods are below the city average. From this, the 'Broadleas Challenge' was launched. A range of partners were brought together to analyse the data for the Broadleas neighbourhood in Bramley and Stanningley ward. Partners shared expertise and opinions on key themes including children and young people, housing, financial inclusion and community safety. A follow up workshop will be held to identify a range of innovative actions around the three Challenge priorities:

- Family learning – working with parents to support their child's learning and improve parenting behaviours.
- Debt – understanding how people are getting into debt and developing support services around budgeting and financial inclusion.
- Community engagement – creating new ways for residents to engage with services and participate in local decision making.

Bramley Park Floodlights

3.12 The Bramley Park Floodlights power supply has now been connected and they are operational.

3.13 **Leeds Industrial Museum at Armley Mills**

Work is underway to identify options on how to increase usage of Armley Mills by increasing visitor numbers and looking at options to introduce complimentary uses of the site. This work is being overseen by a project board and input is being sought from Asset Management and Regeneration, Parks & Countryside, Highways and Planning.

Community Safety – Police Programme of Change

3.14 In June 2013 West Yorkshire Police initiated a Programme of Change strategy, to improve Force performance and transform the way services are delivered by reducing demand and thereby support the delivery of policing. Embedded within the strategy is a commitment from West Yorkshire Police to work more closely with Partners to deliver the outcomes set out in the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan.

The transformation programme aims to build on existing, and develop new working arrangements, through potential co-location opportunities for Police and Partner resources to deliver a more integrated service provision. At the heart of this is the goal of ensuring communities are safe and feel safer.

Chief Inspector Fran Naughton will update the Area Committee on the progress of the Programme of Change and what this might look like for the Inner West Area.

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

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.

5.2 Work is taking place to provide more quantitative local information to help monitor progress.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to :

- Receive a verbal update from Inspector Fran Naughton comment on any possible issues or concerns about the forthcoming changes.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 None

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.