



Report of the Assistant Director (Citizens & Communities)

Report to Outer South Community Committee

Date: Wednesday 9th July 2014

Subject: Outer South Community Safety, Environmental Services and Housing Briefing papers

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	Ardsley and Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

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This is the first meeting of the Outer South Community Committee and this report presents the themed briefing papers which set the scene for discussions around services that are linked to the Area Lead Member themes portfolios and that will take place outside the formal Community Committee setting. These discussions will inform the priority setting for the Community Committee which will be captured in the Community Plan. The briefing papers attached at **Appendices 1A, 1B and 1C** introduce the following related areas for discussion: Community Safety, Environmental Services and Housing.

Recommendations

Members are asked to receive the briefing papers attached at **Appendices 1A, 1B and 1C** and agree:

- a) To participate in the briefing/workshop outside of the formal Committee meeting;
- b) that key recommendations from the briefing/workshop are reported back through:
 - i. the appointed Area Lead Member;
 - ii. the appropriate sub committee;
 - iii. Community Committee via the Summary of Key Work report

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set the scene for discussions around services that are linked to the Area Lead Member themes portfolio and that will take place outside the formal Community Committee setting. These discussions will inform the priority setting for the Community Committee which will be captured in the Community Plan. The briefing papers attached at **Appendices 1A, 1B and 1C** introduce the following related areas for discussion: Community Safety, Environmental Services and Housing.

2 Background information

- 2.1 In December 2013, Executive Board endorsed the proposed development of a new approach to build on the work of area committees to improve democratic leadership locally and provide a more meaningful way of involving people in decisions that affect their local neighbourhoods.
- 2.2 On 9 June 2014 the Annual Council meeting approved constitutional amendments relating to community committees.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 This is the first meeting of the Outer South Community Committee and this report presents the themed briefing papers for Community Safety, Environmental Services and Housing which set the scene for discussions which will take place outside of the formal Community Committee meeting.
- 3.2 The ambition is to widen the audience of future Community Committee themed discussions thereby getting a better understanding of community needs and expectations while developing our citizens' understanding of service delivery. Members are asked to acknowledge that over the next municipal year further work will be undertaken to ensure that communities and other key partners are engaged and involved.
- 3.3 Feedback will inform wider discussion at Area Lead Member meetings with lead officers and link to the Community Plan which will set out priorities for Outer South Community Committee for 2014/15.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 As part of the development process of Community Committees, a full consultation took place between February and April 2014, which included all elected members, partners and services.

4.1.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.1.3 The Citizens@Leeds propositions, which include the move to community committees, have undergone an equality screening exercise. This was included in the December 2013 Executive Board papers. No further screening is required at this stage.

4.1.4 Specific equality impact assessments will be undertaken on community engagement plans, activities and decisions as required.

4.2 Council policies and City Priorities

4.2.1 Changes in the nature and focus of community engagement, as enabled by the proposed Constitutional changes, are supportive of the Council's values of working as a team for Leeds, being open, honest and trusted, treating people fairly, spending money wisely and primarily working with communities.

4.2.2 These changes will contribute to Leeds Best City ambitions.

4.3 Key priorities for Outer South Community Committee 2014 to 2015

4.3.1 At the March 2014 Area Committee, members signed off the completed 2013/14 Area Committee Business Plan Priorities and Actions. This Plan will provide a starting point for the 2014/15 Community Plan which will set out the key priorities for Outer South Community Committee. The Community Plan will outline how Wellbeing funds will be used to improve services to the community, improve local facilities and support community and voluntary groups. It will also detail partnership working, the work of the Area Lead Members and provide a community engagement plan.

4.3.2 Further work will be undertaken with the Area Lead Members and Service Leads to develop local priorities. Members of the Community Committee are invited to engage with the Area Lead Member to help inform the plan. It is expected that the Community Committee Plan will be presented to the October Community Committee for consideration and approval.

4.5 Resources and value for money

4.5.1 This report introduces the briefing papers for Community Safety, Environmental Services and Housing and there are no specific budgetary implications arising from the proposals in this report at this time.

4.6 Legal implications, Access to information and call In

4.6.1 There are no legal, access or call-in implications arising from this report at this time.

4.7 Risk Management

4.7.1 There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

5. Conclusions

5.1 This report introduces the briefing papers for Community Safety, Environmental Services and Housing.

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to receive the briefing papers attached at **Appendices 1A, 1B and 1C** and agree:

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7. Background documents

7.1 There are no background documents.

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