

**Report of: The West North West Area Leader**

**Report to: The Inner North West Community Committee – Headingley; Hyde Park & Woodhouse; Weetwood**

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**To note**

## **Area Update Report**

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### **1. Purpose of report**

1.1 This report provides members with a summary of recent sub group and forum business.

### **2. Background information**

2.1 This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group business and the current position relating to other project activity.

2.2 A Community Committee update report is submitted at every cycle of Community Committee meetings unless there is no additional business to report from sub groups or any other project activity to report. Partner organisations and Council services will also contribute information to the Area Update Report.

### **3. Main issues**

**Forum and Sub Group Key Messages**

**Planning Sub Group**

- 3.1 Planning sub group met on 11 February 2015 and the following issues were discussed:
- An update on the progress of neighbourhood planning in the area was received
  - An update was received on the site allocations DPD update
  - Recent planning applications were discussed
  - An update was received on the work of the planning enforcement team and councillors expressed that they would like to see the team better resourced.

#### Key Messages

- 3.2 Key messages included:
- Reiterate that the North West Area Planning Team need to refer to guidance contained within the recently adopted updated version of the Far Headingley, Weetwood and West Park Neighbourhood Design Statements throughout the planning process.
  - That Community Committee note the concerns regarding the need for better resources in the Council's Planning Enforcement Team.
  - That Community Committee note the groups concern regarding the current 3 minute time limit to speak at Development Plans Panel and would like to request that this time limit is extended.
- 3.3 The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Planning Sub Group.

#### **Environment Sub Group**

- 3.4 Environment sub group met on 2 March 2015 and the following issues were discussed:
- Increased levels of graffiti on cable boxes and poor response to its cleaning by Virgin Media.
  - Update on the change to zonal teams within environmental services reported that the new Team Leaders are now in post. These are Chris Baird for Headingley and Weetwood and Martin Allen for Hyde Park & Woodhouse.
  - Planning for Changeover has now started.
  - Parks & Countryside proposed delegation and annual report
  - Leeds Quality Parks standards.
  - Update on waste management

### Key Messages

- 3.5 The new Team Leaders are now in post for the new zonal teams. These are Chris Baird for Headingley and Weetwood and Martin Allen for Hyde Park & Woodhouse.
- 3.6 The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Environment Sub Group.

### **Children & Young People Sub Group**

- 3.7 Children & Young People sub group met on 3 February 2015 and the following issue was discussed:

There was a focus on domestic violence and the meeting considered the data regarding levels of reporting in the Inner North West area. There has been an increase in the number of reported DV incidents, but this could be attributable to better reporting. Councillors requested to see the report on domestic violence related homicides in Leeds.

### Key Messages

- 3.8 There were no key messages from the Children and Young People's Sub Group.
- 3.9 The Community Committee is asked to note the discussions of the Children & Young People Sub Group.

## **4. Corporate considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and engagement**

- 4.1.1 Elected members have been consulted on the content of this report.

### **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**

### **4.4 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.

## **5 Risk management**

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

## **6 Conclusion**

6.1 This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group and Forum business and other project work undertaken by the Area Support Team.

## **7 Recommendations**

7.1. Members are asked to:

- Note and action as appropriate the Key Messages from Sub Groups and Forums.