



Report of the Director of Environment & Neighbourhoods

Inner North West Area Committee

Date: 13th September 2007

Subject: Key Messages from Ward Forums and Area Committee Sub Groups

Electoral Wards Affected:

Headingley
Hyde Park & Woodhouse
Kirkstall
Weetwood

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report updates Members on key messages from ward forums and sub groups that have taken place since the last Area Committee, as well as updates on previous key messages.

1.0 Background Information

1.1 The following forums are covered by this report, if meetings have taken place since the last Area Committee.

- Headingley Forum
- Kirkstall Burley Forum
- Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum
- Streetscene Sub Group
- Community Safety Sub Group
- Children and Young People's Sub Group
- Planning Group
- Street Drinkers Group
- Housing Strategy Group

2.0 Key Messages

2.1 Details of issues for action and for information are identified below.

2.2 **Headingley Forum**

There has been no meeting since the last Committee. The next forum is planned for 19th September.

2.3 **Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum**

Update on previous issues:

23rd May

- The request for a noise nuisance action group has been incorporated into the newly formed Students and the Community working group, chaired by Cllr Monaghan.

New Messages:

25th July

- The forum would like to see more enforcement action around fly tipping and notices served and would especially like to know the outcome of any legal notices.
- The forum would like to see the improvement of Woodsley Road shopping parade to be made a local priority.
- Area Committee is requested to ensure that there is wide ranging consultation on the planned community space within the redeveloped Royal Park School.
- The forum would like more money to be spent on tackling parking problems in Hyde Park & Woodhouse ward.

2.4 **Kirkstall Burley Forum**

There has been no forum since the last Committee. The next forum is planned for 8th October.

2.5 **Streetscene Sub Group**

Update on previous issues:

17th April

- It has been requested that Streetscene provide monthly CAST/ Environmental Pride team reports.

A meeting was held on 4th September, key messages from this will be in October's report.

2.6 **Community Safety Sub Group**

25th July

New Messages:

- CCTV in Hyde Park is now operational and has been publicised in About Leeds. It has already proved successful in identifying three suspects for disturbances in that took place in May 2007.
- Headingley Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) is due to be reviewed.
- The sub group has concerns over the replacement street lighting programme for Headingley and Hyde Park & Woodhouse, scheduled for 2009 and 2010. The Area Committee is asked to support the request to have these wards brought forward in the schedule, if possible.
- Changes to the operational service delivery of West Yorkshire Police are currently being planned. This will see an increase in the number of officers in Neighbourhood Policing Teams and will be implemented from October 2007. North West Leeds will see an increase in Neighbourhood Policing Teams with an additional Inspector and team working in the Inner North West. Changes will also mean that these teams will be dealing with non-emergency incidents/issues.

2.7 **Children and Young People Sub Group**

2nd August

New Messages:

- The sub group supports the role of local extended services coordinators who provide an essential point of contact to local schools, groups organisations and individuals.
- The sub group wants to ensure that all hard to reach groups of young people benefit from extended services, including those with learning and physical disabilities, looked after young people, young people who are carers, children of women in refuges and young people not in education, employment or training.
- The sub group would like to ensure that the DCS Unit has links in place with the Health Authority in order to progress issues of childhood obesity raised in the trends project.

2.8 **Planning Group**

11th July

New Messages:

- The Planning Group believe that special consideration should be given to the retention of greenspaces within Inner North West. This is of particular importance, given that parts of central and south Headingley are identified under Policy N3, of the Unitary Development Plan Review, as areas where priority will be given to improving greenspace provision.
- The Planning Group requests the support of the Area Committee in defending residents' views and concerns regarding the Leeds Girls' High School draft planning brief, as expressed at the public meeting of 21st June 2007.
- The Planning Group has considered the re-development works to the Woodhouse Moor Bowls Pavilion, as requested by Area Committee. The Planning Group is satisfied with the nature of the works being carried out given the context of the site and the need for security.

2.9 **Street Drinkers Group**

- The group has not met since the last meeting in early June.

2.10 **Housing Strategy Group**

14th July

New Messages:

- Following the seminar held on 18th June the group identified the following initiatives for discussion and possible progression:
 - a) Some form of grant assistance being made available to convert HMOs back to their original form. This would help to get housing back into the market in a more usable form;
 - b) Buying properties from the private sector to be used as social housing either through the ALMO or through housing associations. Some discussion was had about whether the Council would be able to buy properties as part of their miscellaneous stock, and whether affordable housing sums could be used towards this. Discussion was also had about the use of Section 106 monies and whether this could be used towards buying houses into social stock; and

- c) Community Land Trust – Headingley Development Trust are looking to set up as a community land trust in conjunction with a housing association. A group is being established to explore the mechanics of this process.

2.11 **Transport Sub Group**

17th July

New Messages:

- The group requested that the proposed feasibility study for an improved A660 cycle route be included as an agenda item for a future Area Committee and that Philip Purkis be invited to present his proposal.

3.0 **Recommendations**

3.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) note the contents of the report;
- b) ensure that there is wide ranging consultation on the community space to be provided within the redeveloped Royal Park School;
- c) decide whether to support the Community Safety sub group's request for Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Headingley wards to be brought forward in the schedule for street lighting PFI replacement;
- d) decide whether to support the Planning Group request for support in defending residents' views and concerns regarding the Leeds Girls' High School draft planning brief;
- e) decide whether to agree the Transport Group's request that an improved A660 cycle route should be an agenda item at a future meeting.