

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Outer North West Area Committee

Date: 10th December 2007

Subject: Key Messages from Area Committee Sub Groups and Forums

Electoral Wards Affected:

Adel & Wharfedale
Guiseley & Rawdon
Horsforth
Otley & Yeadon

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

The purpose of this report is to update Members on feedback from the sub groups and the ward forum that have taken place since the last Area Committee.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Committee has an ad-hoc policy group, and three sub groups looking at service provision within the delegated functions of Community Safety, Children & Young People and Streetscene.
- 1.2 There is currently one ward forum in the area covering Guiseley & Rawdon Ward. It continues to meet on a regular basis and has two sub groups for planning matters and the environment. Area Management along with Otley and Yeadon ward members are in the initial stages of establishing a Yeadon forum with the first meeting planned for early 2008.

2.0 Community Safety Sub Group

2.1 The sub group met on the 9th November 2007. It was attended by Members from all four wards, along with officers from West Yorkshire Police, the anti-social behaviour unit, area management and the youth service. Issues raised included:

- All Neighbourhood Watches to have visits and face to face contact by Christmas
- Changes to the Neighbourhood Policing Teams will now be introduced in January 2008.
- PCSOs and Crime Reduction Officers are currently involved in a burglary reduction called Autumn Initiative. This will involve PCSOs visiting properties and giving crime reduction advice, leaflets, energy saving bulbs and timer switches. The initiative will see 2,500 leaflet packs delivered in Outer North West along with 500 bulbs and 200 timer switches. A small grant application will be submitted by the Police to purchase 300 more timer switches.
- Mobile Van – The second bus has to be parked at Benton Park and is currently being kitted out and will be fully operation asap.
- There is provision for 30 more properties to be target hardened. Cllrs queried the take up from householders who had to contribute to any target hardening supplied. Sgt Neil Perkiss stated that in practice take up was low when householders were informed they had to contribute and it was divisive as the next door neighbour might not contribute anything for the same service. Cllrs asked CASAC to submit an options paper for consideration at the next meeting.
- Guiseley and Horsforth DPPOs will come into effect on 1st December 2007. Signs and Posters have been ordered. Posters will be distributed to all licensed premises in the area.
- Otley and Yeadon DPPOs are now being progressed. Crime figures have been examined and Zahid Butt will be attending various groups to consult on draft boundaries (ASB Panel, Pubwatch, Divisional Community Safety Partnership). It is envisaged that the Orders will be implemented mid – late Feb 2008.

3.0 Streetscene Sub Group

3.1 There has been one meeting since the last Area Committee, which took place on the 5th November 2007. It was attended by a Member from three of the Outer wards, along with officers from Streetscene, Area Management, WNW Homes and Groundwork Leeds. Issues raised included:

- Groundwork gave an update on the Green Check Scheme. They wish to continue the project into the next financial year however this will require further funding. Area Management to work up a project with Groundwork and also look at other sources of funding for the project.
- The new bin routes for Adel & Wharfedale will be launched in the new year. Between 2,000 and 3,000 household collections will be shifted on a daily basis. Guiseley & Rawdon will be the next Ward to be re-routed.
- Streetscene now collate leaf collection statistics per ward every 2 weeks and the totals will be circulated to Ward Members every fortnight. If Members are aware of any streets where fallen leaves are a problem and are not being collected they should advise Paul Lyons Tel 2146563. Streetscene and

WNWH will work together during the leaf collection period. Revised leaf collection maps will be provided in early 2008.

- CAST are working solely on leaf collection at present. They are clearing the whole of one ward before moving onto the next. There is a 12 week programme for leaf collection. The area is still receiving the core leaf collection service in addition to CAST.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the new grass cutting contract. Streetscene will provide an update to the next meeting.
- Elizabeth Ross who now manages CAST to be invited to the next sub group meeting.
- Members raised concerns that they were not advised that street cleansing cycles have changed from every 4 to every 6 weeks. Members to be provided with revised packs asap.

4.0 Guiseley & Rawdon Forum

4.1 There has been one meeting of the forum since the last Area Committee, which took place on the 7th November 2007. It was attended by the Guiseley and Rawdon members, officers from area management and West Yorkshire Police:-

- Further support was expressed for the proposed Netherfield Road car park.
- The forum received a presentation from Sgt Stuart Beck from the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- A formal Area Action Plan was not considered to be appropriate for the needs of Guiseley. Instead a 'plan of actions' to improve Guiseley will be devised.

5.0 Children and Young People's Sub Group

5.1 There has been not been a sub group meeting since the last Area Committee.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.