



Report of the Director of Environment & Neighbourhoods

North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 10th December 2007

Subject: Town & District Centre Regeneration Update

Electoral Wards Affected:

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

This report seeks to provide an update on the current position of the Town and District centre proposals for Otley & Yeadon giving details on the progress to date. The Area Committee is asked to note and comment upon the report.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report provides information to Members on the current position of the two schemes in Outer North West Leeds that were allocated resources from the Town and District Centre Regeneration scheme.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 As reported previously, provision has been made from the Capital Programme for funding to support the economic regeneration of town, village and district centres in Leeds.

2.2 Schemes were developed by the Strategic Design Alliance for Yeadon High Street and Otley Market Place and a business case for each scheme was produced and considered by Asset Management Group.

2.3 The Otley and Yeadon schemes were selected to progress and detailed designs have been progressed on both schemes.

3.0 Current Position

- 3.1 **Yeadon High Street** – This scheme focuses on high quality public realm improvements on the High Street from the roundabout to the junction with Ivegate including the area in front of the Town Hall. It includes the resurfacing of the highway and footpaths, pedestrian crossing points, landscape planting and a three camera CCTV system.
- 3.2 Work has been ongoing on the detailed design for this scheme which is the largest Town & District Centre scheme in the City. It is anticipated that the scheme will go out to tender in early 2008 with work due to be on site in the Spring. There has been a number of technical issues to resolve and work is ongoing with Highways to agree traffic management measures for the duration of the scheme.
- 3.3 Locations have been agreed with LeedsWatch for a three camera CCTV system. A planning application has been submitted and work will start on the installation of the cameras at the end of January, cameras will be operational by the end of March 2008.
- 3.4 **Otley Market Place**- This scheme will focus on improvements to the historic market place and Market Street in the centre of Otley.
- 3.5 The removal and relocation of disabled parking from the Market Place has been progressed with Highways Services. The proposal is to relocate two spaces to Kirkgate, two to Boroughgate and one on Manor Square. Traders and businesses who front onto these new locations have been written to. One letter of support has been received and no objections.
- 3.6 Locations have been agreed with LeedsWatch for the 5 camera CCTV system and a planning application has been submitted. Work will start on the installation of the cameras at the end of January and they will be operational by the end of March 2008.
- 3.7 Liaison has been ongoing with Leeds Markets in order to fully accommodate the market whilst work is on site. The work to Market Place and Market Street will be carried out in six phases, the market stalls affected during each of these stages will be relocated to Kirkgate.
- 3.8 It is expected that the scheme will go out to tender before the end of December to approved contractors and those who have specific skills and expertise in conservation work. Work is due to start on site before the end of March.
- 3.9 **Otley Civic Centre** – Executive Board have agreed to financially support the refurbishment of Otley Civic Centre in conjunction with Otley Town Council, following which the freehold would be transferred to the Town Council. A formal offer has been made to Otley Town Council.

4.0 Communication

- 4.1 Once contractors have been appointed and timescales agreed for the Otley and Yeadon schemes, letters will be sent to all traders who will be affected by the works.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Area Committee is asked to note and comment upon the content of the report.