

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Outer North West Area Committee

Date: 22nd September 2008

Subject: Key Messages from Area Committee Sub Groups and Forums

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Adel & Wharfedale Guiseley & Rawdon Horsforth Otley & Yeadon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Members on progress made at the Area Committee sub groups and ward forums that have taken place since the last Area Committee meeting.

1.0 Background

- .1 The Area 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. In addition, following agreement at the April Area Committee, there has been an Area Delivery Plan sub group, the details of which are covered under a separate report.
- .2 Under proposals agreed at the June Area Committee it was agreed that two new subgroup would be formed. One for Business and Employment, the role of which would be to develop links with major businesses and employing organisations to see how business can be encouraged to support local groups and to support the development of skills and employment, and the other on Health and wellbeing to help gain an understanding and oversight of local health partnerships.

- .3 There are currently two ward forums in the outer area in Guiseley & Rawdon ward and Yeadon forum in Otley & Yeadon ward. The forums meet on a regular basis approximately four or five times a year.

2.0 Community Safety Sub Group

- 2.1 The Community Safety sub group plans to meet on the 18th September. An update will be given at the November area committee meeting. A further Community Safety sub group, held jointly with the Children and Young Peoples sub group is planned to be held on the 30th October.

3.0 Streetscene Sub Group

- 3.1 There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee on the 2nd July 2008. Key points raised were:

- Ruth Lees the Environmental Action Team (EAT) Manager for West North West attended the meeting and gave a brief update on the newly formed EAT. In terms of Streetscene issues the team deals with the following:
 - Enforcement – littering, fly tipping, commercial waste, domestic waste, untidy gardens, illegal advertising – A-Boards, overgrown hedges and general obstruction of the highway.
 - There is also a specialist Team which includes the Dog Wardens and surveillance.
- Street and pavement cleaning
Concerns were raised about the frequency of street sweeping and although schedules state that all streets are cleaned every 6 weeks this is not always the case. Often the Streetscene operator or supervisor makes an assessment on whether or not a street requires sweeping however no record is kept of when a street is or is not cleaned. Members gave instances where streets have not been cleaned for over a year. Steve Smith informed the meeting that officers are working from a historic sweeping schedule, the service tries to be as flexible as possible and directs resources where they are most needed. The meeting agreed this matter needed further consideration.
- Fortnightly Collections
Streetscene are hoping to implement fortnightly green bin collections from August 08. Letters will be distributed to residents prior to implementation. Streetscene to provide an update to the next sub group meeting.
- Litter Bins
£100,000 is available for litter bins which will provide approximately 6 bins per Ward. Priority is to be given to replacement bins. Streetscene officers to consult Members regarding the location of bins.

4.0 Children and Young People's Sub Group

- 4.1 There has been no children and young peoples sub group since the last meeting. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st October.

5.0 Guiseley and Rawdon Forum

- 5.1 There has been one meeting of the Guiseley & Rawdon forum since the last Area Committee held on 9th July 2008. Key points raised were:
- The Police gave updates on local crime figures and residents had the opportunity to report on local incidents
 - Zoe Kirk, Matron of Wharfedale hospital attended and gave a comprehensive update on the services and facilities available at the hospital which opened in 2004.
 - Dr Ian Cameron, Director of Public Health at Leeds Primary Care Trust (PCT) attended and gave a presentation on the Primary Care Trust and its roles in northwest Leeds concentrating in particular on the city levels of MRSA in the Leeds' hospitals and what measures are being taken to improve upon the number of incidences.
 - Steve Lovell, also from Leeds PCT attended and gave an update on the current position regarding dental provision, particularly in the Guiseley and Rawdon area.

6.0 Yeadon Forum

- 6.1 There has been no meeting of the Yeadon forum since the last Area Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for 16th September.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

List of background documents:

None