



Report of the West North West Area Manager

North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 25th September 2008

Subject: Headingley Primary School

Electoral Wards Affected:

Headingley
Hyde Park and Woodhouse
Kirkstall
Weetwood

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 provides an update to the Area Committee on proposals put forward by Headingley Development Trust (HDT) to redevelop the former Headingley Primary School as an enterprise and arts centre.

The report includes details of work being undertaken in light of HDT's unsuccessful funding application to the Community Assets Fund. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Purpose of this report

- 1 This report outlines work undertaken to progress proposals put forward by Headingley Development Trust (HDT) to redevelop the former Headingley Primary School.

Background

- 2 Leeds City Council has provisionally agreed to transfer the former Headingley Primary School to HDT on a peppercorn 125 year lease. This agreement is dependent on HDT raising the necessary funds to redevelop the building to a level suitable for its intended purpose.
- 3 Headingley Development Trust made an application to the Community Assets Fund for capital funding towards the refurbishment of Headingley Primary School, however their application was unsuccessful.
- 4 The Area Committee will be aware that the council has made provision of £10 million across the city for the regeneration of town, district and village centres. As part of this initiative, in June 2007, traders and local residents in Headingley were asked to comment and give their views on the designs of an improvement scheme for the area. As a result of this consultation funding of £564.000 has been allocated for physical improvements to Headingley town centre.

Main Issues

- 5 In light of HDT's unsuccessful funding application to the Community Assets Fund, it has been proposed that funding allocated to Headingley under the Town and District Centre Regeneration Scheme (T&DC) is used to fund the proposed redevelopment of the former Headingley Primary School.
- 6 In order to gauge the views of local residents on these proposals and provide them with the opportunity to influence the allocation of the Town and District Centre Regeneration Scheme funding, public consultation was undertaken on Tuesday 16th September. Over 1500 letters were sent to local residents and traders inviting them to attend the consultation event. The display was then moved to Headingley Library for the remainder of the week. Information on HDT's vision for the former school as an enterprise and arts centre was displayed along with sketch proposals illustrating the proposed physical improvements to the town centre. Residents were invited to comment on the proposals and state their preferred choice of scheme.
- 7 The outcome of this consultation will inform recommendations in a report to Executive Board in November. An analysis of residents' responses will be undertaken and a verbal update given at this meeting.

8 Background papers

- Report to Asset Management Group, Town and District Centre Regeneration Scheme 5th May 2006.
- Report to Asset Management Group, Headingley Primary School Options, 13th January 2006.
- Report to Executive Board 13th December 2006, The Former Headingley Primary School

- Report to Executive Board 11th September 2007, The Former Headingley Primary School.

Recommendations

9. The Area Committee is requested to note and comment on the contents of this report.