

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Outer North West Area Committee

Date: 16th February 2009

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 provide Members with an update and summary 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 four sub groups looking at service provision within the delegated functions of Community Safety, Children & Young People, Streetscene and Health and Well-being. All members receive the full minutes for each of the forums.
- .2 There are currently two ward forums in the outer area for Guiseley & Rawdon and Yeadon. The forums meet on a regular basis approximately four or five times a year.

2.0 Streetscene Sub Group

- 2.1 There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee on the 15th December. Key points raised were:

- The Area Committee roles and responsibilities with respect to the Streetscene Service were discussed. Area Committees do not have an operational role however they do have influence in service development through the Area Delivery Plan (ADP).
- Streetscene Service do try and be responsive to area needs and will be bringing some service development proposals to the February Area Committee.
- A scrutiny enquiry is currently looking at issues around co-ordination of services. Area Committee Chairs are to be invited to a scrutiny meeting.
- The leaf collection programme for 2008/09 was complete by the end of December. The normal CAST Service has now resumed.
- Concerns were raised that some Streetscene operatives decide by looking at a street whether or not it is cleaned. Members agreed that they needed assurances that streets are cleaned a minimum of once per year.
- The group received an update on the work of the WNW Environmental Action Team.

3.0 Health and Well-Being Sub Group

3.1 The first meeting of the Health & Well-being sub group was held on 13 January. Key points raised at the meeting included:

- Terms of reference for the sub group were drafted for approval.
- Officers from NHS Leeds and Adult Social Services outlined the current position regarding the proposed changes to funding the Older People's Neighbourhood Networks (OPNN). The funding review was carried out to establish a more long term mechanism for commissioning services from the Older People's Networks.
- It is expected that OPNNs will be advised of their new funding arrangements by the end of the summer, to begin in April 2010.
- A recommendation was made that Area Committee funding for OPNNs should only be used for additional services, not those covered in the proposed contract.
- Discussion on possible agenda items and participants for the next sub group meetings.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th March, 2pm.

4.0 Guiseley and Rawdon Forum

4.1 There has been one meeting of the Guiseley and Rawdon forum, since the last Area Committee, held on Wednesday 21st January at Guiseley Methodist Church. The key points raised at the forum were:

- Steve Lovell from NHS Leeds gave an update on the current position of dental services in Guiseley and Rawdon. New patients in the area are currently getting an NHS dentist within 2 months of being added to the waiting list.
- Feedback was given to the meeting regarding the Guiseley Morrisons car park and progress on the Netherfield Road car park. It is hoped work on the car park will start shortly and be open in the spring to alleviate some of Guiseley's parking problems.
- Discussion took place on the airport expansion and forum attendees were advised to look at the plans in Yeadon library for more details.

- The local Neighbourhood Policing Team gave an update on operations in the area, including the new policing pledge. Crime has risen slightly but they are undertaking intensive policing to crackdown on known criminals. Cars on a night time at Westside retail park have become a problem again and the police are going to ask the owners to make sure the gates are locked at night to help deal with the problem.

5.0 Yeadon Forum

- 5.1 There has been no meeting of Yeadon forum since the last Area Committee meeting. The next forum will be a community engagement event held on 25th April. A number of organisations will be invited to showcase and discuss their services and answer questions from the public.

6.0 Recommendations

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

List of background documents:
None