

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Outer North West Area Committee

Date: 28th September 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 & Well-being. All members receive the full minutes for each of the subgroups.
- .2 Under proposals agreed at the Area Committee in June 2008 it was agreed that a new sub group for business and employment would be formed. This sub group will help 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 in the area. The Business and Transport subgroup held its

initial meeting in July 2 with Councillors Anderson, Bale, Cleasby and Downes as the ward representatives.

- .3 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 Environment and Streetscene Sub Group

There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee meeting on the 27th July. Key points raised were:

- 2.1 Groundwork Leeds provided further information on the Green Check Energy Savers Project. They are seeking £9,500 Well-being revenue funding to provide schools with management guidance as well as direct workshops and assemblies about saving energy at school and at home. A strong focus will be placed on accurate monitoring and each school will receive these interventions continuously so that an accurate picture of change in energy use through different seasons can be acquired.
- 2.2 BTCV (British Trust Conservation Volunteers) gave a presentation on the work they do. Details were circulated with the minutes and copies are available upon request.
- 2.3 Streetscene Services presented a report on 'The Relationship and Reporting between Streetscene Services and Area Committees'. This report was presented to the February Area Committee. The report was to outline the services offered by Streetscene and discuss ways the relationship between Streetscene and Area Committees can be improved. The sub group agreed to consider:
- the use of District Level Environmental Quality Survey (DLEQS) at a local level. This will have surveying resource implications that need to be identified and agreed;
 - assistance to Streetscene Services with customer/community engagement;
 - arranging individual ward member meetings with Streetscene officers;
 - the use of the 'probability/impact' approach to service prioritisation. It was proposed that this information will be provided to the February Area Committee cycle.
- 2.4 Streetscene Services are requested to prepare a report for the 28th September Area Committee outlining details of the above proposals.

3.0 Health and Well-Being Sub Group

There have been two meetings of the Health and Well being sub group since the last Area Committee. Key points raised were:

- 3.1 Discussions were had around the commissioning process for the Older People's Neighborhood Networks (OPNN). This issue was put on hold until further information was given on the process. Some of the OPNN groups are investigating the potential of moving their status from a charity to a charity limited by guarantee. This would have some financial implications both positively and negatively so advise is being taken to if this would be the most productive route to follow for the groups.

- 3.2 West North West Homes Leeds gave a presentation on the current provision for sheltered housing accommodation in the Outer North West area. Details included the current levels of support given to the tenants and also some of the challenges being faced in the current economic climate. The result of the presentation was some potential ideas for joint working and links to be strengthened with the likes of the OPNN's.
- 3.3 West Yorkshire Fire Service presented some for the current initiatives that the service are promoting to the people of West Yorkshire. These included the face-to-face working being done to try and engage with older persons, reduction in chip pan fires and the offer of free home safety check being available to all. For this service please call 0800 5874536.
- 3.4 A group discussion was had with residents of Hawarth Court (WNWHL Sheltered Housing scheme) around access to services in the Yeadon area. Topics included access to hospital care, local road crossings and the future of Sheltered Wardens. This method of engagement was successful and could be replicated in the future.
- 3.5 Extended Services gave a talk about the way that they work in the area and some ideas were developed to create a range of intergenerational projects. Work will hopefully continue to develop outside of the meeting, to link school children with the Older Peoples Networks to share knowledge.

4.0 Children and Young People Sub Group

There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee meeting on the 22nd July 2009. Key points raised were:

- 4.1 Discussions were made around the new developments in Extended Services especially in such areas as cluster staffing, the Extended Services Partnership Board, cluster funding, the core offer, cluster activities grants (formally called subsidy grant), cluster quality and improvement strategy and summer provision. Details will be circulated with the minutes and copies are available upon request.
- 4.2 Action plans for Aireborough Community Access Cluster, Horsforth Cluster and ES North West Cluster were presented. All clusters now have to have a transparent form of governance to receive their funding. They also have to develop a shared action plan to address issues which need to be dealt with jointly by partnership working, e.g. attendance. Copies of clusters' action plans are available upon request.
- 4.3 Discussions were also made on the initiative to have a police officer in every high school to support the schools in relation to safety, crime and anti-social behaviour in and around schools both in school hours and afterwards. After a three-month free trial having a school-based part-time police officer, from April 09 six high schools in ONW were asked to contribute half of the cost (approximately £7,000) to have a permanent school-based officer. Raph Thoresby High School agreed to contribute one quarter of the total cost. Negotiations will continue between the police and the five other schools.
- 4.4 The subgroup agreed to continue to support the funding of the Youth Mobile for 2009/10.

- 4.5 Future meetings of this subgroup will continue to be arranged on the same day and prior to Outer North West Area Committee meetings. There are still four Ward Members officially nominated for this subgroup as previously, but formal invitations will be extended to all twelve members of the Outer NW Area Committee.

5.0 Community Safety Sub Group

There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee meeting on 22st July 2009. Key points raised were:

- 5.1 CASAC have low numbers of referrals for Adel & Wharfedale and Horsforth wards but corrective actions have been taken to address this.
- 5.2 The following projects were asked to be put drawn up in more detail and be presented to the 28 September Area Committee: Capture Car; Test Purchasing Scheme (Alcohol Fuelled Anti-social Behaviour); Off Road Motorcycles and Speed Indication Device.

6.0 Business and Transport Sub group

A meeting regarding transport issues was held on 27th May 09. It focused on the current consultation that Metro is carrying out in relation to Local Accessibility Planning. The consultations are being done as follows:

- 6.1 *“Metro, your local Councillors and Leeds City Council are currently working together to develop a pilot Local Accessibility Action Plan for the Outer North West Leeds Area. During 2009 we will be asking people in the area (Arthington, Bramhope, Guiseley, Holt Park, Horsforth, Otley, Pool, Rawdon, Yeadon etc) whether there are any places or services that they struggle to access because they have no transport available (no public transport, no access to a car etc) or face a difficult journey to get there. Where appropriate we will use mapping software to investigate problems further. It is hoped that inputs from local people will help Metro, Leeds City Council and other partners identify the priorities for improving access to facilities and services in the Outer NW Leeds Area.”*
- 6.2 The above paragraph forms part of the letter that has gone out to groups in the area to give a wide area of consultation with targeted work with specific user groups to make sure that the process provides useful information to influence future service delivery.
- 6.3 The next meeting of the subgroup has not been set but will allow a consolidation of the works carried out and identification of any gaps in the consultations.

7.0 Guiseley and Rawdon Forum

There has been one meeting of the Guiseley and Rawdon forum on 1st July. The agenda covered:

- 7.1 Multiflight training school – The flight training manager from Multiflight informed the forum about their schedules and routes for training flights and how they fit in with the airport’s operations and legislation.

- 7.2 Neighbourhood Policing Team – Inspector Coldwell updated the forum on current police priorities and initiatives in the area.
- 7.3 Disabled Parking – A representative from the disability support group DREAM raised the issue of inconsiderate parking on dropped kerbs and pavements that cause problems for people with mobility issues. Inspector Coldwell responded from the police’s perspective and promised a day of action to raise the profile of this problem.
- 7.4 Morrison’s Car Park – Gillian Macloud from LCC Highways Development updated the forum on the current negotiations over the proposed time limits for Morrison’s car park in Guiseley.

8.0 Yeadon Forum

- 8.1 There has been no meeting of the forum since the last Area Committee meeting. The next meeting will be held on 22nd September 2009.

9.0 Recommendations

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

List of background documents:

None