

Report of the South East Area Manager

Outer East Area Committee

Date: 23rd March 2010

Subject: Actions, Achievements and update report

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: Garforth & Swillington Kippax & Methley Temple Newsam Cross Gates & Whinmoor</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward members consulted (referred to in this report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
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Executive Summary

This report provides Members with details of actions and achievements of the Area Management Team relating to priorities and work of the Area Committee since the Area Committee meeting in February 2010. It also provides an update on issues relating to the work of the Area Management Team.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides Members with an update on actions, partnership work and progress since the last meeting in February 2010, particularly in relation to the Area Delivery Plan.

Background Information

2. The ADP has been developed following the headings contained within the Leeds Strategic Plan and the Vision for Leeds. It is a local expression of the city's commitment to the Local Area Agreement and partnership working. The themes of the ADP are:

- Culture
- Harmonious Communities
- Enterprise and Economy
- Transport
- Environment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Thriving Places
- Learning.

3. The Area Delivery Plan for 2008-11 was approved by this Area Committee and a refreshed version of the plan was endorsed by the Area Committee on 7th July 2009.

Updates by Theme

Culture

Providing new and improved leisure facilities in Outer East

4. The swimming pool at Kippax re-opened in late February 2010 and refurbishments to the roof and ceiling.
5. The newly refurbished Garforth Library and One Stop Centre officially opened on the 10th of February 2010. As well as library services the building incorporated customer services, area management and registrars.

Enterprise and Economy

Addressing worklessness in priority neighbourhoods

6. This project, funded by Yorkshire Forward, has been extended until the end of 2010. It provides an officer to help people get back into work in the Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe estates. The Target for this project is to reduce the number of claimants of Job Seekers Allowance in the worst performing neighbourhoods by 2%, which equates to a reduction of 50 in Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe. To date 20 families have received intensive support; 50 have been supported back into employment eg CV assistance, guidance, voluntary placements; 3 people have been assisted into obtaining full time work.

Learning

Jobs Employment & Training (JET) Partnership

7. The JET partnership met on the 1st of March 2010. The minutes of the meetings were not available at the time of writing this report. This partnership, set up to improve employment and training opportunities, is represented from the Area Committee by Cllr Tom Murray.
8. The partnership has agreed to hire a stall in Kirkgate Market where staff would be placed to provide advice and assistance to those looking for help in finding work or training.

Children Leeds – East Leadership Team

9. The Area Committee champion for the above partnership is Cllr Tom Murray. The work that this partnership is involved in crosses the boundaries of a number of themes in the Area Delivery Plan. The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th of January 2010 are attached at the end of this report (appendix 1)

Environment

10. There have been a number of environmental projects funded through Swarcliffe PFI credits including the installation of welcome stones, notice boards, additional litter bins, benches etc. These credits have also been used to undertake community safety projects and improvements to St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre.
11. The final phase of Micklefield Regeneration improvements will start imminently. The works are in the main environmental and based around the Milestone Banking near garden village. The funding for the work is a combination of Yorkshire Forward, Section 106 and Area Committee capital.

Health and Wellbeing

Health & Well Being Partnership

12. The Health and Well Being partnership met on the 24th of February and the minutes of that meeting are attached at the end of this report (appendix 2). The Area Committee is represented by Councillor Suzi Armitage on this partnership.

Thriving Places

Creating Safer Environments

13. The North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership met on the 25th of February 2010. The minutes of that meeting were not available at the time of writing this report. Cllr Mark Dobson represents the Area Committee on this partnership.

Tasking Teams

14. Tasking Team meetings were held on the following dates:
 - Temple Newsam – 24th February 2010
 - Cross Gates & Whinmoor – 24th February 2010
 - Garforth/Kippax & villages – 3rd of February and 17th of March.
15. In Cross Gates & Whinmoor a major concern is still the level of anti-social behaviour around Stanks Parade shops and the shopping parade at Fieldhead Carr (Whinmoor). The Police are working with ASBu, the Neighbourhood Warden and other partner agencies to identify and take action against the individuals involved. In January several camera positions were changed to improve the scope of the area the cameras cover and make identification easier. The Neighbourhood Warden has trained all Neighbourhood Policing Team staff on how to use the cameras and download images. Several images have been captured that may prove useful in future prosecutions.

Improvements from Swarcliffe PFI credits

16. This budget of £350,000 has been delegated to Area Committee with proposals and approvals reported to it. In December 2009 Area Committee approved in principle

the funding of a post in Swarcliffe either based upon the Neighbourhood Warden role or as a Community Environment Support Officer (CESO). Area Committee are now asked to ratify this decision and award £82,914 for a 3 year post of Community Environment Support Officer (CESO) for Swarcliffe.

17. There is a proposal being brought forward by Housing Services to install parking bays at various locations on the estate. The cost of this scheme is not known at this time but is anticipated to cover a large proportion of the remaining £200,000 left in the budget. A report is being prepared by Housing Services concerning this scheme. At the February 2010 meeting Area Committee agreed to commit the remainder of the budget to this project subject to the scheme specification and delivery being acceptable to Cross Gates & Whinmoor Ward Members.

Community Environment Support Officers for Outer East

18. Outer East Area Committee secured 2.5 posts from core funds after the restructure in February 2010. One post is the senior post of Community Environment Officer (CEO) with the other 1.5 posts being Community Environment Support Officers (CESO's).
19. An informal meeting of Outer East Area Committee was held on the 2nd of March 2010 to determine deployment across the area and decide if Area Committee would contribute towards an additional post. Area Committee agreed to fund 1 additional CESO and this will be formally approved in the Well Being Budget report that is being considered today.
20. The meeting also concurred with Members from Cross Gates & Whinmoor in agreeing to provide a CESO for Swarcliffe funded from its PFI credits. Because of the unique nature of this funding this post is geographically restricted to the Swarcliffe PFI boundary.
21. The meeting agreed that deployment should be as follows:
 - 1 post to cover Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe (core funded)
 - .25 of a post to cover the remainder of Temple Newsam with flexibility built into the Halton Moor post to help out in the rest of Temple Newsam if req'd (area committee funded)
 - .75 of a post to cover Cross Gates & Whinmoor (core funded)
 - .75 of a post to cover Garforth & Swillington (area committee funded)
 - .75 of a post to cover Kippax & Methley (core funded)
 - 1 post for Swarcliffe (funded from PFI credits – geographically restricted)
22. The Swarcliffe post has funding for 3 years; the Area Committee post has 'in principle' funding for 3 years. However, these approvals are subject to Members being provided with the CESO job description and that Environmental Services agree to a number of recommendations made by Members in relation to requirements of the posts, providing information on the work programme of the officers and accountability to Area Committee.

23. The Area Committee post will fund the .75 officer allocation for Garforth & Swillington and the .25 officer allocation for Temple Newsam. Members are requested to note that when the current phase of Area Committee funding ends they will either continue the funding or re-draw the boundaries covered by the other CESO's.
24. It was also agreed that a Member from each ward would work with Area Management and Environmental Services to ensure these requirements were included in the CESO's job descriptions. The Ward Members included in this group are Cllr Keith Parker (Kippax & Methley), Cllr Pauleen Grahame (Cross Gates & Whinmoor), Cllr Mark Dobson (Garforth & Swillington), Cllr David Schofield (Temple Newsam).

Thorpe Park

25. A report on this subject is on the agenda for today's meeting.

Harmonious Communities

Community Forums

26. The following forums have been held since the last meeting of Area Committee on the 9th of February 2010.
- Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe – 23 February 2010 (minutes attached – appendix 3)
 - Halton – 25 February 2010
27. At the Area Committee meeting held on the 9th of February 2010 some Forum minutes were not available and these are now attached at the end of this report. They include:
- Whinmoor Forum 14th December 2009 (appendix 4)
 - Cross Gates Forum 13th January 2010 (appendix 5)
 - Kippax & Methley 25th of January (appendix 6)
 - Swarcliffe 3rd of February (appendix 7)

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

28. No specific issues are identified.

Legal and Resource Implications

29. No specific issues are identified

Recommendations

30. Area Committee is asked to ratify the decision it agreed in principle at its meeting in December 2009 and award £82,914 for a 3 year post of Community Environment Support Officer for Swarcliffe from Swarcliffe PFI credits.

31. Area Committee is reminded to note the decision agreed in the Well Being report (23 March 2010) to provide an additional CESO in Outer East. Area Committee funding is year on year but the 'in principle' agreement is to fund the post for 3 years.
32. Area Committee is asked to agree the deployment of CESO's in Outer East as follows:
- 1 post to cover Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe
 - .25 of a post to cover the remainder of Temple Newsam (with flexibility built into the Halton Moor post to help out in the rest of Temple Newsam if req'd)
 - .75 of a post to cover Cross Gates & Whinmoor
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 - 1 post for Swarcliffe (funded from PFI credits – geographically restricted)
33. Area Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and raise any questions.

Background reports:

Outer East Area Committee, Area Delivery Plan 7th July 2009

Area Managers Report to Area Committee 27th October 2009

Actions, achievements and update report to Area Committee 8th December 2009