



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

To: Inner North West Area Committee

Date: 8 July 2010

Subject: Area Managers Report

Electoral Wards Affected: Hyde Park & Woodhouse Headingley Kirkstall Weetwood		Specific Implications For:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Equality and Diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Community Cohesion	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Narrowing the Gap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Executive Summary

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1.0 Purpose of This Report

- 1.1 This report informs Members of the progress against Leeds Strategic Plan and the Inner West Area Delivery Plan.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The Area Delivery Plan is the delivery of the Leeds Strategic Plan in the Inner West area. This report identifies progress against the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan.

3.0 LEARNING AND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

3.1 Scrutiny Board Statement on Youth Services

Members are asked to note that The Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) agreed the attached report on youth service surveys at its meeting on 22 April. The Scrutiny Board resolved to send the report to all Area Committees to make them aware of the work that the Scrutiny Board has undertaken. In particular the Scrutiny Board was keen that all Area Committees should be aware of recommendation 3 in the report, regarding Area Committees being routinely informed of the findings of surveys. Members are asked to note the attached statement from the Scrutiny Board and provide any comments. Councilor Lancaster chaired the working group which

undertook this piece of work. Other Members of the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services) were Councilors Cleasby, Coupar, Driver, Ronnie Feldman, Gettings, Bill Hyde, Kirkland, Renshaw, Selby, E Taylor. A formal response to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations is due to be reported to the Executive Board in June or July.

4.0 ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Student Waste Research

Environmental Services, working in partnership with Area Management, The University of Leeds and Leeds Metropolitan University has now completed its research investigating the waste management practices of students and long term residents in areas with a high density of houses in multiple occupancy. An action planning workshop was held in early June to consider the recommendations of the research. The resulting actions were fed back to the Inner North West Environment Sub Group. A process of analysis of the suggested actions will now be undertaken by Environmental Services that will consider the impact and deliverability of the actions under three themes:

- Service provision and delivery
- Communication and Information
- Planning, landlords and accreditation

5.0 THRIVING PLACES

5.1 Area Management Office Move to Horsforth

The West North West Area Management Team have now moved from their temporary office in Pudsey Town Hall to their new permanent base of operation at the Old Horsforth Library. This move will enable all staff to work from the same location thereby enabling them to function more effectively as a single team supporting the West North West of the city. New phone numbers will be issued to the team upon arrival which will be provided to members as soon as they become available.

5.2 Royal Park School Update

The deadline for revised bids from the three existing bidders expired on 1 June. Two of the bidders met this deadline which included a bid from the Royal Park Community Consortium. A report is scheduled to be brought to Executive Board which will recommend a decision is taken that consider an options appraisal on how to proceed with the site.

5.3 West Park Centre Update

A consultation process with current West Park Centre users began in June and will continue in July and August 2010. Ward members and the wider public will be also be consulted through a process that will be co-ordinated by the Inner North West Community Centres Working Group. A meeting of this group will be arranged for early July. The consultation will inform an options appraisal on the future of the centre that will be included in a report to the Asset Management Board.

5.4 Hawksworth Wood Operation Champion

An Operation Champion was undertaken on the Hawksworth Wood Estate on 30 April 2010. The following is a list of partners who participated in the initiative and the resulting outcome of their activity.

Agency	Results
Community Payback	Cleared area of land removed fly tipping and graffiti
Environmental Action Team	Patrol of area 2 private properties identified as WIG
West Yorkshire Police	1 arrests 1300 ANPR reads 2 ANPR hits 1 vehicle seized no insurance 2 FPT 6 intelligence reports 2 stop & search
Civilian warrants	12 visits 1 arrest
Attendance strategy	2 truants identified
HM Revenue & Customs	50 vehicles tested 0 offences
Waste Enforcement	36 vehicles examined 14 offences disclosed
West North West Homes	102 properties visited 21 accessed 81 no reply to be revisited 1 abandoned property identified 2 referrals to support services made Repair referrals made

5.5 Pathways Through Participation

Pathways through Participation is a joint research project being led by NCVO in partnership with the Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR) and Involve. It is exploring how and why people get involved and stay involved in different forms of participation over the course of their lives. Three contrasting fieldwork areas are being explored in the project, one of which is INW Leeds (the other two being Enfield (North London) and Suffolk).

The researchers are currently conducting in-depth interviews within the case-study areas and are looking for local people to talk to. Please notify Eddie (eddie@involve.org.uk<mailto:eddie@involve.org.uk> or tel.020 7920 6480) if you might have any useful leads.

Following the interview phase, a number of participatory workshops involving key local stakeholders will be held in each area to reflect on the findings, this will be an opportunity to contribute to the emerging findings and learn about how they can be turned into action. The project has a local reference group which aims to support the project and to ensure the needs of the local area and Leeds as a whole are included. To find out more visit: www.pathwaysthroughparticipation.org.uk

6.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 6.1 The Area Delivery Plan for Inner North West is administered through the West North West Leeds Area Management Team.
- 6.2 Well-Being projects develop from Inner North West's Leeds Area Delivery Plan and through consultation with Area Committee members. The plan helps to fulfill the Council's Corporate Plan objectives by aiming to create better neighbourhoods and confident communities.

7.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 8.1 In order to meet the Area Committee's functions, funding is supplied via Well Being budgets and the Community Centres Budget.
- 8.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's roles, funding is in the main supplied by other Leeds City Council Departments mainstream budgets, and external partner agencies e.g. the Police and Primary Care Trust, which is in turn reflected by the fact that the Area Committee's role here is to influence, develop and consult. However, wellbeing funding has resourced some projects here e.g. area based regeneration schemes and conservation area reviews.

9.0 Conclusions

- 9.1 The functions and roles of the Area Committee aim to:

- Improve the quality and value for money of Council service delivery
- Improve the quality of democracy and find new ways to facilitate citizen participation in local government through the development of links between Ward Members and their communities.
- To co-ordinate policy and service delivery between the local service providers.

10.0 Recommendations

- 10.1 Inner West Area Committee members are invited to:

- note the contents of the report and comment on any aspect of the matters raised
- note the content of the Scrutiny Board Statement on Youth Services
- suggest items for inclusion on future forum and sub-group agendas

Background Papers

Executive Board Report July 2008.

Appendices: Scrutiny Board Statement on Youth Services