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**Report of the South East Area Manager**

**Outer East Area Committee**

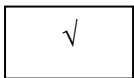
**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

**Subject: Actions, Achievements and update report**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Garforth & Swillington  
Kippax & Methley  
Temple Newsam  
Cross Gates & Whinmoor



Ward members consulted  
(referred to in this report)

**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

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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 July 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 September 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 refreshed version of the Area Delivery Plan was approved by Area Committee in July 2010.

## **Updates by Theme**

### **Culture**

#### **Providing new and improved leisure facilities in Outer East**

4. The position regarding the installation of floodlights to the lower pitches at Fieldhead Carr is progressing with a compromise between Fieldhead Carr Primary School and Whinmoor Warriors Junior Rugby League Football Club being reached. A planning application has now been submitted. Funding for the scheme was provided by Area Committee. It is anticipated that an agreement between Housing and Education Leeds will be reached whereby all the land, including the car park and sports pitches, will be transferred to Education Leeds. The lease agreement for the pitches will then be between Education and the Whinmoor Warriors rather than Housing who have no experience in such matters. The sports pitches and car park are currently vested with Housing because historically that land had been set aside for housing development but had never been transferred once the development did not happen.
5. The work to provide new and safer facilities in the kitchen at St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre starts on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. The costs of over £12,000 were met from Swarcliffe PFI credits.

### **Enterprise and Economy**

#### **Training for young people on Social Enterprise projects**

6. Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme (SGNS) continues to provide a gardening and decorating service to elderly people across Outer East Leeds. An apprentice from Corpus Christi High School has now started working with the scheme and will attain a gardening accredited qualification to City & Guilds standard at the end of the apprenticeship. In total 165 households have requested the gardening service; to date there have been 343 gardening jobs completed; there are 67 jobs outstanding. The breakdown by ward is detailed below:
- Temple Newsam - 68
  - Cross Gates & Whinmoor - 29
  - Garforth & Swillington - 27
  - Kippax & Methley - 41

There has also been 17 decorating requests made to date and work will start in November.

## **Learning**

### **Jobs Employment & Training (JET) Partnership**

7. The most recent meeting of the JET partnership was on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. This partnership, set up to improve employment and training opportunities, is represented from the Area Committee by Cllr Tom Murray. The minutes of the meeting were not available at the time of writing this report.

### **Children Leeds – East Leadership Team**

8. The Area Committee champion for this 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(ADP). The most recent meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2010. The minutes of that meeting were not available at the time of writing this report.
9. Key issues discussed at the July meeting included the Children's Trust arrangements and integrated working in Children's Services.

## **Environment**

10. All of the Community Environmental Support Officers (CESO's) working in Outer East Leeds have been appointed and allocated specific areas. They are all involved in providing reports to their respective community forums as well as playing a key role in the tasking partnerships. The concerns raised by Members for Cross Gates & Whinmoor were addressed at a meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. Some of the main actions from that meeting include: providing Members in that ward with a weekly report on the activities of their CESO's; agreeing direct telephone access to the CESO's rather than by contacting Dewsbury Road office; the CESO's will have a local working base; CESO's will provide contact cards to residents.
11. The Community Payback Team (Probation Services) was used to support a number of pieces of work in the last couple of months. These include:
  - Open plan grassed area outside 18 St Mary's Walk, Micklefield – shrubs cut and pruned.
  - Kippax Community Centre repainted internally
  - Path that leads to A64 from the gable of 20 Hebden Chase – litter picked, grass strimmed and general tidy up
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  - Birch Grove, Kippax, old shop site – cut back and remove weeds and brambles
  - Grove Rd Ginnel behind Nos 14-40 – cut back vegetation to open up the alley way and create access for bin collection.
  - St Mary's Church, Allerton Bywater – cut and prune, strim around graves, general tidy up.
  - St Mary's Church Swillington – cut overgrown grass and shrubs
  - Fix commemorative plaques and secure decorative fencing in Micklefield.
  - Repainting of drying area at Brayton Bungalows.

## **Health and Wellbeing**

### **Health & Well Being Partnership**

12. The Health and Well Being partnership meets quarterly at the Civic Hall and its representative from Area Committee is Cllr James Lewis. The minutes of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July are attached at the end of this report (appendix 1).
13. The most recent meeting was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. The main item on the agenda at that meeting was the First Contact Signposting Scheme proposal for Leeds. First contact is a multi agency referral checklist used to increase access to and take up of services to enable people to stay safe and independent in their own homes. There are schemes currently operational in Nottingham and Newcastle. Aimed at the over 50's if a member of staff from any partner agency goes into a home e.g. police, fire fighter etc they complete a simple checklist to find out if the person has any other particular needs for services such as fire safety check, home security check, home repairs or mobility adaptations, energy saving improvements, confidential advice etc. It is run through a contact centre and funded by various organisations.

The benefits and objectives of the scheme are:

- It maximises the opportunity of the existing contacts that frontline staff have with people
- Gives frontline staff a tool to effectively refer people into preventative services
- People are helped to stay safer and more independent in their own homes by giving them easy access to a range of services
- People will get to where they need to without getting lost in the system (this is crucial as signposting can sometimes occur with little or no contact)
- Provide access to advice, information and services which enables choice and control for people
- Provide a streamlined service within the home where the person is made aware of accessible services
- Provide a service to hard to reach people
- Reduce the risk of accidents within the home and reduce hospital admission
- Identify gaps in service
- Facilitate partnership working within statutory and voluntary sector widening the knowledge of local community initiatives
- Determine issues affecting older people and ways of reducing the impact of these

## **Thriving Places**

### **Creating Safer Environments**

14. The North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership met on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 and the minutes of the meeting are attached as appendix 2 to this report. Cllr Mark Dobson represents the Area Committee on this partnership. Some of the key issues discussed included:
  - Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) funding has been topped up. Maximum grants are now £250.

- Serious acquisitive crime is being targeted by the division. There have been recent increases in vehicle crime and assault.
- Community confidence is improving.
- The group considered impending budget cuts and how this may impact on performance.

### **Tasking Teams**

15. Since the last meeting of Area Committee the Tasking Team meetings were held on the following dates:
- Temple Newsam – 22 September
  - Cross Gates & Whinmoor – 22 September
  - Garforth/Kippax & villages – 13 October.
16. In all wards there has been an increase in burglary rates and this has been reflected across the city. At the Cross Gates & Whinmoor meeting the group agreed to provide 500 ‘trembler alarms’ for residents in areas suffering from the highest increase in burglaries as well as vulnerable residents in sheltered accommodation. These alarms will be distributed and fitted during the next Operation Champion in that ward scheduled for early November. Although burglary has increased there has been a significant reduction in all 4 wards in the number of call outs for ASB. However, the Police and partner agencies remain vigilant in dealing with this when it arises and target known individuals involved in ASB.
17. At the recent bi-annual meeting of tasking managers the following was agreed:

### **Tasking Cycle Jan 11 Onwards**

- Tasking cycle will continue in its current format meeting every six weeks on Wednesdays
- Divisional Intelligence Unit will continue to produce six weekly tasking packages
- Schedule dates for the year 2011 to be circulated in November
- NPT Inspectors and Tasking Co-chairs to secure venues for 2011
- Areas that are currently paying for room hire to consider looking at alternative options

### **Environmental Issues**

- Acknowledgement that the crime element of tasking is working well but improvements need to be made with regards to the environmental aspect of tasking. Ideally a package that should be presented that summarises the areas key issues. Agreed to look at ways of improving and producing reports and for non-policing co-chairs to take a more proactive role in ensuring that part of the agenda was clear and relevant.
- Noise nuisance was raised as a key issue where agencies would like to see partners working closer together.

## **Operation Champion Jan 11 onwards**

- Agreement reached that Op Champion would continue in its current format 1 day of action per six weekly tasking cycle and be themed focussed.
- Agreed to establish preferred days of week for each NPT and draw up draft timetable

## **Aire Valley Homes**

18. The Chief Officer of Aire Valley Homes has expressed an interest in attending this and future meetings of Outer East Area Committee to provide a verbal update on current issues, discuss the evolving role of ALMO's and provide an opportunity for Members to raise and have a response to questions and concerns. The estates of Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe are the only areas in Outer East that fall under East North East Homes and Area Committee may think it appropriate to invite the Chief Officer of East North East Homes to also attend some future meetings.

## **Harmonious Communities**

### **Community Forums**

19. The following forums have been held since the last meeting of Area Committee on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2010.
- Garforth & Swillington – 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 (minutes attached appendix 3)
  - Kippax & Methley – 27 September 2010 (minutes attached appendix 4)
  - Swarcliffe – 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2010. The minutes were not available at the time of writing this report.
  - Whinmoor – 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2010. The minutes were not available at the time of writing this report.
  - Cross Gates – Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> of October. Minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2010 that were not available at time of last Area Committee are attached (appendix 5)
  - Halton Moor & East Osmondthorpe – Next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> of October. Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2010 that were not available at that time of the last meeting are attached (appendix 6)
  - Halton – Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> of October. Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2010 that were not available at that time of the last meeting are attached (appendix 7)

### **Older Persons Event Week 2010**

20. The week of events was once again a spectacular success with numbers of people attending topping 800 over the course of the 5 days. The formula remained the same as last year with information and advice being available from a range of service providers and organisations including:

- West Yorkshire Police
- Care and repair
- Aire Valley Homes
- Leeds Building Society – free will service
- Customer Services
- Help the Aged and Age Concern – now combined called Age UK
- Energy Efficiency
- Message in a bottle
- In Bloom Groups

This year the entertainment was provided by the Pocket Panto and including repartees such as ‘the war time music hall’.

### **Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

21. No specific issues are identified.

### **Legal and Resource Implications**

22. No specific issues are identified

### **Recommendations**

23. Area Committee is asked to note the report and raise any questions.

### **Background papers**

- Outer East Area Committee Report, 8 July 2008 – Area Delivery Plan 2008-11
- Executive Board Report, 16 July 2008 – Area Committee Roles 2008/09