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## Report of the South East Area Manager

### Outer East Area Committee

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010

### Subject: The Spending Challenge

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

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

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Ward members consulted  
(referred to in this report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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Council  
Function

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Delegated Executive  
Function available  
for Call In

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Delegated Executive  
Function not available for  
Call In Details set out in the  
report

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## Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to notify Outer East Area Committee that an exercise is taking place 'The Spending Challenge' to gather the views of local residents and community groups on the spending challenges the Council will need to deal with over the next 4 years

### 1.0 Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to notify Area Committee of 'The Spending Challenge' exercise and encourage them to support local participation.

### 2.0 Background Information

2.1 Leeds City Council has to find savings of £150 million over the next four years. It is currently undertaking a number of restructures within various departments of the council as well as offering voluntary severance and early retirement to eligible staff. The Council will now be carrying out 'The Spending Challenge' exercise to collate the views of community groups across the city. Residents can also undertake this exercise online and this opportunity will be advertised on the Council website.

2.2 Appendix 1 to this report is a copy of the spending challenge form that community groups and residents will be asked to complete. This exercise has the support and endorsement of both the executive board and the corporate leadership team. Area Committee is asked to support local participation in this exercise.

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

3.1 No specific issues are identified.

### **4.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

4.1 No specific issues are identified

### **5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 Area Committee is asked to note the report and support local participation in this exercise.

### **Background Papers**

There are no background papers.