



Report of the South East Area Manager

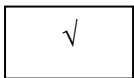
Outer East Area Committee

Date: 8th of February 2011

Subject: Actions, Achievements and update report

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

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 December 2010. It also provides an update on issues relating to the work of the Area Management Team, partnership work and partner agencies.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides Members with an update on actions, partnership work and progress since the last meeting in December 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. An improved drainage system has now been installed to the rugby pitch at Fieldhead Carr. This pitch had been an artificial surface and in very poor condition until Area Committee funded a project to dig up, provide soil and grass the surface. Unfortunately drainage problems persisted making the pitch unplayable but this has now been rectified to the satisfaction of users.
5. A project closely linked to this is the provision of floodlights to the lower pitches at Fieldhead Carr that are also used by the local junior rugby club. Planning permission has been granted for the scheme and this is expected to progress once the full cost of the project has been acquired. Area Committee has awarded £6.5k towards this £10k project.

Swarcliffe PFI Credits

6. The work to renew the kitchen at St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre has now been completed. This work has been funded through Swarcliffe PFI credits. Whilst this work has been going on the probation service have had the community payback team internally redecorating the whole building. This team for east Leeds is jointly funded by the inner and outer east area committees.

Enterprise and Economy

Supporting regeneration work in priority estates

7. The milestone banking environmental improvements near Garden Village in Micklefield has now been completed. This final phase of improvements completes a £250,000 investment by Yorkshire Forward that has seen significant capital improvements to the Youth & Adult Centre, investment in Peckfield Business Park and environmental improvements across the village.

Learning

Jobs Employment & Training (JET) Partnership

8. There have been no further meetings of the JET partnership since the one held on the 11th of October. New dates for 2011 are currently being arranged. This partnership, set up to improve employment and training opportunities, is represented from the Area Committee by Cllr Tom Murray.

Children Leeds – East Leadership Team

9. 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 minutes of the partnership meeting held on the 14th of October are attached at the end of this report (appendix 1).
10. Key issues discussed at the October meeting included integrated locality working, governance of the cluster partnerships, development of the new children's and young people's plan and the sustainable schools framework.

Environment

Community Environment Officers (CEO's)

11. The Community Environment Officers are to introduce a proactive initiative to focus on the problem of dog fouling across the Outer East Committee Area wards.

CEO's from all 3 wards will be involved and will work as a team to provide a concentrated effort. The CEO's will be supported by the dog wardens, PCSO's and local Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

CEO's will patrol dog fouling "hot spots" in each ward on a regular basis and at times when dog walkers are likely to be present. Dog walkers will be made aware of their responsibilities and the consequences of non compliance. Those owners witnessed not cleaning up after their dogs will be issued with fixed penalty notices for £75.

In conjunction with enforcement action an education campaign is planned for each ward. It is hoped to engage with local schools and set up information stalls in local public centres. The first campaign is programmed for March and will take place in Garforth. The enforcement patrols are to commence immediately.

Local media will be informed of the campaign and any enforcement successes.

Environmental Services Delegation

12. Workshops were held in January with Members from each of the 10 Area Committees to progress the delegation; a separate report on the delegation to Area Committees is being tabled at today's meeting.
13. In the light of the above work with Members, Environmental sub-groups of Area Committees are potentially well placed to provide more of a focus on the work needing to be done outside of the Area Committee business. In addition to the nominated Area Committee's Environmental Champion, Members might wish to consider having a Ward Member representative attending this group as part of the Member Development Programme and to assist the Area Committee to focus on the Service Level Agreement and the performance management. It is anticipated that the group would initially meet once per month and then most likely on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis.

Health and Wellbeing

Health & Well Being Partnership

14. The Health and Well Being partnership meets quarterly at the Civic Hall and its representative from Area Committee is Cllr James Lewis. The most recent meeting was held on the 27th of January. The minutes were not available at the time of mail out.
15. The development of the short term partnership priorities for Health and Wellbeing started in December 2009 with a workshop for the wider Healthy Leeds Partnership focussing on the long term vision for Leeds as a healthy city.

In April 2010, a small task group was established to develop the priorities and actions. The work over the summer has incorporated the evidence from the Marmot Review on health inequalities as well as the local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

This resulted in an the drafting of overarching outcomes and key measures for wider consultation from September including the Council's Corporate Leadership Team, NHS Leeds Executive Management Team and the LSP Strategy Group. From this the task group have done further work and held discussions and workshops to develop the attached draft city health and well being priority plan (appendix 2). This is still very much under development and has several stages of consultation and engagement with key stakeholders before a final version is ready to take to partners for approval.

Thriving Places

Creating Safer Environments

16. The North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership met on the 16th of December 2010 and the minutes of that meeting are attached as appendix 3. Cllr Mark Dobson represents the Area Committee on this partnership.

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

17. The Station Commander for Garforth and Stanks Fire Stations will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss the restructuring of the service and how it can better direct resources toward driving down risk. The service is looking towards partner agencies, elected members and community organisations etc to help identify vulnerable individuals, poor standards of fire safety and hotspot sites that attract fly tipping or antisocial behaviour. The service will also continue to manage risk in the community by prevention and protection methods using Fire Safety Teams, Arson Task Force, and Safety Central.

Tasking Teams

18. Since the last meeting of Area Committee meetings were held in Temple Newsam and Cross Gates & Whinmoor (15th December 2010) and Garforth/Kippax/villages (5th January 2011). A number of actions taken by respective teams are highlighted below:

- **Garforth/Kippax & Villages** – there has been an increase in bogus callers targeting elderly and vulnerable particularly in Garforth and Kippax. The tasking group agreed to fund two covert cameras to be used in the homes of those being targeted. In the first two weeks one individual has been charged for carrying out unnecessary work at extortionate rates. The camera evidence has proved to be very useful in being able to press these charges.
- **Cross Gates & Whinmoor** - the emphasis at recent meetings has been to target a number of individuals believed to be involved in crime and anti-social behaviour. The Police are carrying out regular home visits to these individuals to alert them to the fact that they know who they are and what they believe they are up to. When their activities involve ASB they are jointly visited by ASBu officers.
- **Temple Newsam** - target hardening work in Templegates, Halton, after increase in burglaries. In partnership with CASAC sash jammers and brass chains were installed to properties in this area; the work was a follow up to the replacement of 30 Euro-profile locks in the Templegates.

Harmonious Communities

Community Forums

19. The following forum meeting were recently held:
- Swarcliffe – 2nd February 2011. The minutes were not available at the time of mail out.
 - Whinmoor – 10th of January 2011. The minutes were not available at the time of mail out.
 - Cross Gates – The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th of October 2011 were not available at the last meeting of Area Committee. These are now attached as appendix 4. A further meeting was held on the 12th of January 2011. The minutes of that meeting were not available at the time of mail out.
 - Halton Moor & East Osmondthorpe – The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th of October 2010 were not available at the last meeting of Area Committee. These are now attached as appendix 5. A further meeting was held on the 18th of January 2011. The minutes of that meeting were not available at the time of mail out.
 - Halton – The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th of October 2010 were not available at the last meeting of Area Committee. These are now attached as appendix 6. A further meeting was held on the 20th of January 2011. The minutes of that meeting were not available at the time of mail out.
 - Garforth & Swillington Forum – 6th of December 2010. The minutes of that meeting are attached as appendix 7.

Community Centres

20. The first meeting of the community centre's sub-group was held on the 28th of January 2011. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Keith Parker and items discussed included buildings maintenance, reviewing the pricing and lettings policy, health and safety in community centres and general items such as cleaning and reporting systems. The sub group agreed to meet quarterly and actions, minutes etc will be reported to Area Committee.

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.
24. Area Committee is asked to consider setting up an Environmental sub-group to progress the delegation and service level agreement with environmental services.

Background reports

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