



Report of the South East Area Leader

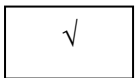
Outer East Area Committee

Date: 22 March 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 February 2011. 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 February 2011, 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

Improving facilities and providing activities for communities across Outer East Leeds

4. As partners in the Divisional Community Safety Partnership Area Management Team have helped support a number of local projects from POCA funds (Proceeds of Crime Act). Below is a list of some of the projects supported in Outer East Leeds:
- Fieldhead Carr Primary School – funds provided to help create a multi-sensory room to benefit pupils with special educational needs
 - Fieldhead Carr Primary School 50th anniversary tea dance. School students and staff held a party for the elderly of the area.
 - Reminiscence boxes from the 1930's, 40's, 50's and 60's for HOPE (Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe Project for the Elderly)
 - Stephen Lawrence Education Standard Launch Event held on 2nd February 2011 in Halton Moor
 - Cricket outfield boundary fence to Methley cricket club
 - BMX competition event at Micklefield skate park
 - Friday Night Youth project in Kippax
 - Supporting project work at Swillington St Mary's Scout Group

Enterprise and Economy

Supporting regeneration work in priority estates

5. The Micklefield Regeneration Group were successful in acquiring funding from the Caird Bardon community programme to build a children's playground within the grounds owned by the Parish Council. A bid for match funding is now with the Big Lottery Community Spaces Fund. If successful it is anticipated that work will start in Autumn 2011. The Regeneration Group have previously been involved in bids that have led to the building of the skatepark in the village and improvements to the football ground. A previous grant from Yorkshire Forward of £250,000 was invested in improvements to Youth & Adult Centre, investment in Peckfield Business Park and environmental improvements across the village.

Learning

Jobs Employment & Training (JET) Partnership

6. Cllr Tom Murray represents Outer East Area Committee on this partnership and was involved in the establishment of The Job Stop at Kirkgate Market. This was set up to provide help and advice to people seeking work and training in Leeds. It chose to set up at a prominent and busy location in the city centre to be available to a varied and wide cross section of people across the city. Figures have now been provided on the numbers of visitors and assistance provided, broken down by age, ethnicity and area of the city in which they live. This information is provided on appendix 1.

Children Leeds – East Leadership Team

7. 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 of the partnership was held on the 13th of January 2011 but at the time of writing this report the minutes were not available.
8. Key issues discussed at the January meeting included integrated locality working, local leadership teams, and the annual ofsted assessment.

Environment

Community Environment Officers (CEO's)

9. The project to address the issue of dog fouling has now started. The CEO's are being supported by the dog wardens, PCSO's and local Neighbourhood Policing Teams in addressing the issue of dog fouling across all 4 wards.

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 started in March in Garforth.

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

Environmental Services Delegation

10. Further to the report submitted to the last Area Committee; the following provides a brief update on the progress towards achieving the delegation of environmental services from June/July 2011.

Work is progressing on the development of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for each Area Committee, with a generic template being agreed by Area Chairs on 11th February. A first draft of the Outer East Area Committee SLA will be shared with Members at a workshop scheduled to take place on 23rd March, 2-5pm, to which

you will have received an invitation on 31st January. To inform the detail of the SLAs, service resources have been allocated across the City on a wedge basis, details of which will be available at the March workshops, if not already shared with Members. Members will have further opportunity to input and comment on their SLA prior to the final version being presented for approval at the June/July Area Committee.

Appointment of the three Locality Manager posts, who will manage service delivery to meet the requirements of their respective area's SLAs, is due to take place in March. Area Chairs will be involved in part of the recruitment process for the posts, with the final decision on appointments however, remaining with senior officers. As soon as the appointments are formalised Members will be informed of who their Locality Manager is.

At their last meeting, Area Chairs discussed the potential roles of Deputy Area Chair, Environmental Champion and Environment Sub-group. Presently, some Area Committees have one or more of these roles, whilst others have none. It was agreed that whilst the roles will remain informal, i.e. have no decision making authority, they will be a valuable mechanism for dealing with the SLA and service delivery matters in a timely manner between formal Area Committee meetings. With regard to the function that a sub-group could undertake this would be especially relevant prior to and during the initial stages of the delegation. Once the delegation is in place and effective then local arrangements can be made as to how to deal with operational issues and the SLA, agreed as a wedge and/or between the Area Committees and their Locality Manager. In some cases the sub-group may be a time limited 'task and finish group', in other areas the sub-group may fulfil a more ongoing role of overseeing the SLA outside of formal Area Committee business.

Community Payback (Probation Services)

11. For the year 2010/11 there has been 41 referrals of which 21 came from Kippax & Methley Ward, 8 from Garforth and Swillington Ward, 7 from Cross Gates & Whinmoor Ward and 5 from Temple Newsam Ward. The figures are broken down into neighbourhoods below:

Kippax	5
Garforth	6
Whinmoor	2
Swarcliffe	5
Micklefield	7
Halton	1
Allerton Bywater	8
Ledston	1
Whitkirk	1
Colton	3
Swillington	2

The type of work carried out consists of :

Gardening	15
Litter picking/clearing rubbish	14
Painting/decorating	5
Churchyard maintenance	7

In summary the team have worked so far 139 days completing work to the value of over £60,000. This is calculated from allowing minimum wage (£5.73) for offenders hours and £17.71 per hour for supervisors. These figures do not include on costs for things such as management support, transport and tools.

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 most recent meeting was held on the 27th of January. The minutes are attached as appendix 2 at the end of this report.

Thriving Places

Creating Safer Environments

13. The North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership met on the 3rd of March 2011 and is represented from Area Committee by Cllr Mark Dobson. The minutes of the meeting were not available at the time of writing this report.
14. The main issues discussed at the recent meeting included:
 - Burglary dwellings – the vulnerability of euro-profile locks is continuing to influence the rates of burglary and WYP and partners are addressing this issue through information to residents as well as some target hardening work.
 - Theft from motor vehicles is still rising across the division.
 - Public confidence surveys are currently being undertaken by Neighbourhood Policing Team areas.

Tasking Teams

15. Since the last meeting of Area Committee meetings were held in Temple Newsam (9th March), Cross Gates & Whinmoor (9th March) and Garforth/Kippax/villages (16th February). At the most recent meetings of all 3 tasking teams a major emphasis has been on tackling particular individuals involved in crime and anti social behaviour and agreeing actions to reduce criminality.

Harmonious Communities

Community Forums

16. The following forum meetings were recently held:
- Swarcliffe – 2nd February 2011. The minutes are attached as appendix 3.
 - Whinmoor – 10th of January 2011. The minutes are attached as appendix 4.
 - Cross Gates – 12th of January 2011. The minutes of that meeting are attached as appendix 5.
 - Halton Moor & East Osmondthorpe – 18th of January 2011. The minutes of the meeting are attached as appendix 6.
 - Halton – 20th of January 2011. The minutes of the meeting are attached as appendix 7.
 - Garforth & Swillington Forum – 7th of March 2011. The minutes of that meeting are attached as appendix 8.

Census 2011

17. The attached briefing paper (appendix 9) has been prepared to provide Members with an update on the work carried out in preparation of the census. It outlines the importance of the census as the basis for central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to target their resources more effectively and to plan housing, education, employment, health and transport services for years to come. The briefing note also provides information on how more difficult to reach communities have been engaged as part of the preparatory work.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

18. No specific issues are identified.

Legal and Resource Implications

19. No specific issues are identified.

Recommendation

20. 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.