

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 5th December 2011

Subject: A Summary of Key Work

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Ardsley and Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report presents a summary of key work taking place within the Outer South Leeds area, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Recommendations

2. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, a summary of key work which the Area Management Team are engaged in based on priorities identified by the Area Committee, that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Members will recall at the July 2011 Area Committee, a revised title and format for this report was introduced based on proposed changes to the Leeds Initiative partnership and planning framework for the city and in an effort to be more focused on current priorities.

3 Area Chairs Forum

- 3.1 The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 5th September 2011 were agreed at the Area Chairs Forum on the 11th November and are attached for Members information (**Appendix 1**)
- 3.2 At the 11th November Area Chairs Forum meeting, members asked that a series of papers on the proposed welfare reforms would go to each Area Committee. Attached for information are the relevant papers (**Appendix 2**)

4 Updates by Theme: Sustainable Economy and Culture

4.1 Community Centres Sub Committee

- 4.1.1 The Outer South Community Centres Sub Committee last met on the 9th November 2011. The minutes (**Appendix 3**) are presented for Members information. The next meeting is planned for Wednesday 16th May 2012 at Morley Town Hall

4.2 Morley Town Centre Management Board

- 4.2.1 At the 28th October meeting The board appointed a secretary, Wendy Kettlewell and a treasurer, Robert Tempest. The board is now working to the new constitution approved at the previous meeting.

5 Updates by Theme: Children and Families

5.1 Children Leeds South Leadership Team

- 5.1.1 To further strengthen links between the Children Leeds South Leadership Team and the Outer South Area Committee, the minutes from the most recent meeting on 26th January 2011 were circulated at the March Area Committee.

6 Updates by Theme: Safer and Stronger Communities Board

6.1 Environmental Services Delegation

6.1.1 A full update on the Environmental delegation has been presented to members as a separate item at this meeting.

6.2 Community Safety

- 6.2.1 As reported in the Community Safety Report to the Area Committee in September, new crime and grime arrangements are now being implemented. The operating principles are attached at **Appendix 4**. The aim of the new arrangements is to create forums and relationships that will allow for better delivery of services to address community safety and environmental issues. Following an officer review it was agreed that front line officers would be guided to deal with local issues as part of day to day working and that this should not require an additional layer of meetings. As a consequence, the local Tasking meetings no longer exist. Members have received a communication by email advising them to contact relevant officers should they have any local issues to be addressed. Members are also encouraged to raise issues for consideration by the Crime and Grime meetings with Tom Smith of Environmental Services and Chief Inspector Vernon Francis who co-chair the groups.
- 6.2.2 At a strategic level, new ways of working are being developed to address service improvement across the area. It is expected that this will be achieved through a series of meetings and developing new understandings and working relationships at that level. The meetings aim to bring together partners who have responsibilities at a senior level across the locality. This will allow better connected leadership and facilitate cultural change within respective organisations.
- 6.2.3 The meetings will be on a six weekly cycle initially with ongoing review of their performance and there will be two meetings for the Outer South. The Morley meeting will cover Morley North, Morley South Wards and East/West Ardsley, Tingley and Thorpe in Ardsley Robin Hood ward. The Rothwell meeting will cover Rothwell Ward and Lofthouse/Robin Hood in Ardsley Robin Hood Ward. The areas covered by the meetings are in line with the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams and are roughly co-terminus with the Clusters in Outer South. They will be jointly chaired by the Locality Manager for Environmental Services and the West Yorkshire Police Chief Inspector Neighbourhoods. The Area Committee Community Safety and Environmental Champions (Cllr Dawson and Cllr Finnigan) are also represented on these groups so will ensure Members views are represented and strengthen the link with the Area Committee.
- 6.2.4 The first round of meetings has taken place in November 2011. A number of priority issues were identified with officers being clearly tasked to develop a response. A report on the progress of these new arrangements will be presented to Members at a future meeting of the Area Committee.

6.3 Middleton Park Strategic Advisory Group

- 6.3.1 The most recent meeting of the Middleton Park SAG was 23rd November, minutes will be presented to the February meeting. Attached are the 21st September minutes. (**Appendix 5**)

7 Updates by Theme: Health and Well being

- 7.1 The South East Health and Well being partnership last met on the 13th October, minutes are attached at **Appendix 6** for Members information. The partnership will next meet on the 24th November.

8 Updates by Theme: Housing and Regeneration

8.1 Town and District Centre Regeneration Scheme

8.1.1 Local Shops Initiative

With one project complete, there have been 2 further expressions of interest. Quotes are due for consideration before progressing. The Morley Town Centre Management Board is still actively promoting the scheme and it will review progress at its next meeting.

9 Corporate Considerations

9.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 9.1.1 All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for a contribution from the Well being budget is secured at Area Committee.

9.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 9.2.1 Community groups submitting a project proposal requesting funding from the Well being budget have an equal opportunities policy and as part of the application process, complete a section outlining which equality groups the project will work with and how equality and cohesion issues have been considered.
- 9.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

9.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 9.3.1 The projects outlined in this report contribute to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies:

- Vision For Leeds
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Health and Well being City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

- Regeneration City Priority Plan

9.4 Resources and Value for Money

9.4.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

9.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

9.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are eligible for Call In.

9.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

9.5.3 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

9.6 Risk Management

9.6.1 This report provides an update on work in the Outer South and therefore no risks are identifiable. Any projects funded through Well being budget complete a section identifying risks and solutions as part of the application process.

10 Conclusions

10.1 The report provides up to date information on key work areas of the Area Committee.

11 Recommendations

11.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate

12 Background documents

12.1 Minutes of the Full Council meeting, 26th May 2011

12.2 Council Constitution

12.3 Area Committee Summary of Key Work Report, 17th October 2011

12.4 Area Committee Well Being Report, 17th October 2011

12.5 Conservation Area Reviews 10th September 2007