

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Planning Policy and Improvement

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 12th December 2011

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley & Yeadon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 provides Members with information on a range of Area Committee business including key messages from forums and sub groups and project and service activity.
2. The Area Committee is asked to approve the key messages from forums and sub groups. Members are asked to note the progress made in relation to project and service activity.

Recommendations

3. Members are requested to note the contents of this report and to comment on any of the matters raised.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of the area update report is to bring together a range of information relating to Area Committee business into a single report to help limit the number of items being presented to each Area Committee meeting.

2. Background information

- 2.1 The Area Committee currently has five groups looking at service provision within the delegated functions of Community Safety, Children & Young People, Environmental Services, Health & Well-being and Business & Transport. The full minutes of the last meeting of each sub group held since the last Area Committee, are attached.
- 2.2 There are currently two ward forums in the outer area for Guiseley & Rawdon and Yeadon. The forums meet on a regular basis approximately four or five times a year. The full minutes of the last meeting of the Guiseley & Rawdon sub group are attached.
- 2.3 A decision was made by Full Council that Area Chair's Forum minutes should be considered by Area Committees as a regular agenda item, these appear elsewhere on this Committee's agenda. However, on this occasion, the meeting has asked that information that they received on Welfare Reforms and Response to Localisation of Council Tax Support, is brought forward to this Area Committee, and are attached as appendices 1 - 4.

3 Main issues

3.1 Environmental Services Sub Group

- 3.1.1 There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee held on the 7th November. In addition there has been a meeting to look at the Environmental Services delegation performance reporting of the SLA. The following issues were discussed:
- 3.1.2 The sub group has been made aware of some of the initial work that is being progressed in relation to closer working between Parks & Countryside, the ALMO and Environment & Neighbourhoods and has requested that Neil Evans and Martin Farrington are invited to the December Area Committee, to provide further details on the strategic level discussions and opportunities for service improvement and convergence.
- 3.1.3 An Enforcement Officer has been allocated to each Ward and will be contacting local Councillors to discuss issues and priorities in the area. They will also be making links with local community groups and resident's forums.
- 3.1.4 A draft Environmental Action Service Locality Report was circulated for discussion. Members agreed to move forward with this in principle with a few minor amendments.

3.1.5 Environmental Services are aiming to provide each Ward with an additional 3 or 4 litter bins.

3.2 Health & Well-being Sub Group

3.2.1 At the request of the Health & Well-being sub group a tour of Wharfedale Hospital was arranged for the 9th November. Councillor Anderson and Councillor Latty took part in the tour. This gave them an opportunity to meet with Zoe Kirk the matron at the hospital, view first hand the services offered and to assess the situation on the wards. Councillor Anderson and Councillor Latty took part in the tour and asked a number of questions particularly in relation to the closure of ward 1. A date has yet to be agreed for the next meeting.

3.3 Community Safety Sub Group

3.3.1 The Community Safety sub group has not met since the last Area Committee. The next meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 6th December and will be reported on at the February Area Committee meeting.

3.4 Children & Young People's Sub Group

3.4.1 There has been one meeting of the sub group since the last Area Committee held on 2nd November. Members received an update from Neil Bowden and John Bosworth from the Youth Service included detailed performance and accreditation data for the service. Officers also requested funding from the well being fund towards two projects which were discussed in detail and forwarded to the Area Committee for approval.

3.4.2 The manager of Inglewood Children's home also gave an update on the work and current issues at the home. An Ofsted inspection is expected soon. Members of the sub group offered their support and help to the home for the future and it was left that they would contact the area management office if support was needed.

3.4.3 Inspector Coldwell also gave an update on current initiatives in the area in relation to young people and on the Safer Schools initiative.

3.4.4 The date of the next meeting is the 25th January 2012.

3.5 Business and Transport Sub Group

3.5.1 The sub group has not met since the last Area Committee. A joint meeting with the Inner North West transport sub group is being arranged to investigate transport and Highways issues relating to the A65 and A660 corridors.

3.6 Guiseley & Rawdon Forum

3.6.1 Guiseley & Rawdon forum has met once since the last Area Committee on the 9th November.

3.6.2 West Yorkshire Police presented a summary of crime issues in the area and reported that they are organising a 'Lighting up' campaign to deter burglars. The

Police will be distributing timers switches and purse chains out to residents in Morrisons.

3.6.3 Sarah Macfarlane from AVSED spoke to the forum about the work they do in the area and what services are available.

3.6.4 The next meeting will be arranged for after Christmas.

3.8 Yeadon Forum

3.8.1 The forum has not met since the last Area Committee. However the date of the next meeting has been changed the 14th March to the 21st March 2012.

3.9 Project and Service Update

3.9.1 Yeadon Town Hall Licence. The Yeadon Town Hall Users Licence Committee has been granted a licence to oversee the use of the public bar at Yeadon Town Hall on behalf of Leeds City Council. This piece of work has been ongoing for some time between Area Management and LCC's legal section and is important for the future running of the Town Hall.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Community Forums are held in the Guiseley & Rawdon ward and Yeadon. In addition, ward members are consulted on projects and initiatives within their ward.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 This section is not applicable to this project.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The Area Committee Functions and Priority Advisory Functions were approved by the Executive Board in June 2009. This approval was rolled forward to 2010/11 and is also being rolled forward to 2011/12 with amendments to the environmental delegation.

4.3.2 The Area Functions are included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3c).

4.3.3 Area Management's work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Well-being City Priorities Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 Programmes of work outlined in this report are resourced in the main by Area Management staff and their partners which in turn, provide value for money.
- 4.4.2 In order to meet the Area Committee's roles, funding is in the main supplied by other Leeds City Council department's mainstream budgets, and external partner agencies e.g. the Police and NHS Leeds, which is in turn reflected in the fact that the Area Committee's role here is to influence, develop and consult. However, on occasion, well-being funding has resourced some projects related to its roles e.g. area based regeneration schemes and conservation reviews.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 This is the report of the Area Leader for West North West Leeds who has delegated responsibility to action decisions in accordance with Area Management's work programme in accordance with part 3 of the Council's Constitution in relation to Area Committee Functions.
- 4.5.2 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.
- 4.5.3 This report is subject to Call-In as it is the Area Committees functions which are delegated Executive functions.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 In conclusion, the Area Update report is in line with the functions and role of the Area Committee which are:
- Improve the quality and value for money of Council service delivery.
 - Improve the quality of democracy and find new ways to facilitate citizen participation in local government through the development of links between ward members and their communities.
 - To co-ordinate policy and service delivery between the local service providers.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Outer North West Area Committee Members are requested to:
- Note the contents of the report and comment on any aspect of the matters raised.

7 Background documents

- 7.1 None.

