

Report of Deputy Chief Executive

Report to Inner West Area Committee

Date: 14th December 2011

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley and Bramley & Stanningley	<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
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Summary of main issues

1. This report is to inform the Area Committee on progress against the Area Management Team's work programme and locality priorities.
2. Progress is reported through project and service updates.

Recommendations

3. Inner West Area Committee members are invited to note the contents of the report, comment on any matters raised and suggest items for inclusion in future Area Update reports.

1. Purpose of this report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform members on progress against the Area Management Team's work programme and locality priorities.

2. Background information

2.1. An Area Committee Update report is submitted at every cycle of Area Committee meetings. Partners contribute collectively on projects and provide service updates.

3. Main issues

Fairfield LAMP

3.1 There is a new four week cookery class that has started, people from the previous course are to be invited for an advanced course. The courses are free and crèche is provided.

3.2 The Neighbourhood Policing Team agreed to hold surgeries at Fairfield Community Centre on the last Tuesday of every month in the evenings from 6:00 – 7:00.p.m.

3.3 WNWHL agreed to hold surgeries at the Fairfield Community Centre every last Monday of the month between 2 – 3.p.m. Flyers and posters will be produced to publicise the surgery, the flyers and posters will also promote Fairfield Community Centre.

3.4 Accent Foundation have been invited to the meeting to look at cohesion and integration between the old and new residents. A number of incidents were mentioned, however it was concluded that Accent Foundation, the Police and WNWHL have addressed these issues and will be working together to address any future issues. Accent Foundation agreed to be a member of the LAMP and to include Fairfield activities list in their newsletter. As a result of discussions between the Business Facility and Social Enterprise Manager (BFSEM) at Fairfields and Accent Foundation there will be some training and back to work activities organised. Accent Foundation have agreed to do a Jobs/ Work Training day on the 9th November at the centre. BFSEM is in the process of getting the date confirmed with partners to tie in with the Getting Back to Work activity on a Wednesday afternoon.

Wythers Improvement Group

3.5 Work is underway to set up a new credit union facility at Raynville Primary School. This facility would be open to children and parents. Questionnaires are also being sent out to all the children at Raynville Primary school asking them about their environment. The feedback from these forms will be brought back to the WIG to look at developing local environmental projects, in particular improving areas of greenspace.

3.6 Young people from the Wythers area are attending the Lazer Centre in increasing numbers. Particularly popular is the Saturday morning café.

New Wortley LAMP

3.7 The health needs assessment has been completed, and was discussed in detail at the last LAMP meeting. Key issues for the area that have been highlighted through the process include drugs and alcohol use. There was also wide acknowledgement of the need for services for older people and recognition that there were a lot of older people in the area who may be socially isolated.

3.8 Issues relating to gypsy and traveller illegal encampments are ongoing and work is underway to secure funding to target harden the sites that have been used.

Environmental Sub Group

3.9 Specific neighbourhood plans are being developed for each neighbourhood in the area; they will contain local intelligence on hotspots to inform service delivery. Once draft plans have been put together they will be circulated to Ward Members to add to and comment upon. The plans will be working documents and will be updated and amended as appropriate, as local need changes.

3.10 Closer working with the neighbourhood policing team is underway. Street cleansing staff have been given a briefing by the NPT Sergeant advising them of particular issues and the type of activity that needs to be reported. The aim of this closer working is to have more 'eyes and ears' on the street gathering intelligence.

3.11 It was noted at the Environmental Sub-Group that the Armley ward has almost double the number of service requests that Bramley and Stanningley receive. There is a specific piece of work that has been set up in Armley related to the burglary reduction plan. The hotspots have been broken down into three areas – Little Scotland's, Cedars and Aviaries. An environmental audit will be carried out every three weeks in these areas to ensure that all environmental actions that can be taken are taken to reduce opportunities for burglary.

3.12 There will be some targeted enforcement work taking place in the area in particular in relation to dog fouling, littering and drinking.

3.13 There are approximately 50 bin yards across the 52 streets in the Little Scotland's. The bin yards are in particularly poor condition in this area. Work is currently underway to look at what the indicative costs would be to refurbish the yards. It is envisaged that the costs of refurbishing all of them would be prohibitive but there may be an opportunity to seek funding in stages and to complete those in poorest condition first.

3.14 It was noted that there can often be issues relating to wheelie bins being left in the middle of footpaths which means that any pedestrians walking past may have to come out into the road to pass the bin. EATs are carrying out tool box talks with all crews to remind them of their responsibilities over re-siting the bins where they collect them from and carrying out spot checks. They are also monitoring the complaints which come in so they can target the specific crews.

Regeneration Programmes Team

Former Theaker Lane medical centre

3.15 Sanctuary housing are continuing to progress proposals for the site. Planning Services are comfortable with the proposals which are due to be presented to ward members and Armley Forum in December followed by an exhibition placed in Armley Library. The scheme consists of 30 flats for older people and utilises the former medical centre site, and land by Leeds City Council to the north. However, the scheme makes a positive addition to the streetscape and is designed in a sensitive manor to ensure it is not too overpowering and does not impact too greatly on neighbouring properties. A planning application is due to be submitted early in the new year and Sanctuary Housing's negotiations are progressing positively with the Council and Linton Homes (owners of the medical centre) to acquire the land.

Town Centre Manager (TCM), Armley

Empty Units Town Street

3.16 Town centre vacancy rates in the UK have risen from 12% at the end of 2009 to 14.5% at the end of 2010. The figures for 2011 are set to rise further still to over 20%. Vacancy rates in the Northern and Midlands regions stands at 16.5%, while the average for the southern regions was below the national average at 12.3%.

3.17 Armley is much lower than the national and regional average and sits at around 8%. Vacancy rates do vary on a regular basis, but do not generally rise above the 8%.

Keep Armley Tidy

3.18 The TCM has contacted all the local primary schools in Armley, and they have responded positively to the Keep Armley Tidy project, an educational programme of work to facilitate social pride and raise environmental awareness. The TCM would like to work with Environmental Services to deliver a package of educational awareness, incorporating a poster competition, along the lines of the one undertaken at Christ Church Upper Armley C of E Primary School.

Events

3.19 The Christmas light switch went ahead this year, thanks to the support of local Councillors. The event required the closure of Town Street from the bottom end of Town Street as far up as Carr Crofts, closing Gelder Road and Theaker Lane. There was a stage with various activities, which commenced from 5.30pm until the festive light switch on and fireworks display at 7pm, local Councillors turned on the lights this year. There was also a funfair on Town Street and Santa's Grotto. There was a good turn out at the event.

3.20 Looking forward, there are a number of different events planned for 2012, subject to funding; the Town Centre Manager is exploring all avenues including private sponsorship. One such event in the planning stage are activities to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Action Days

3.21 There are now regular multi-agency action days on Armley Town Street, led by EAT, that tackle prevalent issues such as the cigarette butt problem.

West North West Homes Leeds

3.22 West North West Homes Leeds have recently been successful in the following corporate achievements:

- Renewed Investors in People accreditation – they are still officially IIP rated.
- Renewed Customer Service Excellence award – they have official CSE accreditation
- The only ALMO in Leeds to acquire Investors in Diversity – 3 years IID accreditation from 2011
- Finalists in the National Federation of ALMOs Awards in July 2011, for their 'on your bike project,' and
- Shortlisted for TPAS Awards for Innovation and Equality in 2011, for encouraging electronic access to services and promoting computer awareness amongst older residents.

3.23 Future challenges include:

- Renewal of their TPAS Accreditation (Tenant Participation Advisory Service), evidence has been sent off and TPAS will be doing reality checks in February, hopefully their TPAS Accreditation will be renewed.
- Gain SHEF Accreditation – this is the Social Housing Equality Framework and they are entering into partnership with Aire Valley Homes to acquire this accreditation, the assessment will be undertaken next year.

3.24 The first three achievements require independent validation from external assessors, assessments are based on a combination of document request, for example checking policies, strategies, face to face interviews with staff, customers, focus groups and partner agencies, and mystery shopping, reality checks. WNWHL are proud to retain or achieve the first three achievements; they are confident that they will retain TPAS; and SHEF is a new venture for them both in terms of the assessment itself and the joint working with Aire Valley Homes. The awards are based on neutral award panels made up from organisational representatives, such as TPAS or NFA.

3.25 On a more local level WNWHL will be running Benefit Take up campaigns in Inner West in December and in the New Year. These campaigns are designed to encourage take up of Housing Benefit and Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP), but their advisors can also signpost residents to other benefits provided by DWP, and independent debt advice, for example through CAB, the voluntary sector and the Credit Union. They have used Business Intel such as the Deprivation Index to decide where to run the campaign and the inner west features quite highly in the index. An update will be provided at ward based briefings and future Area Committee meetings.

Teenage Pregnancy Locality Co-ordinator West Leeds, Children Leeds Commissioning Team

Bramley Cluster Action Plan

3.26 The Sexual Health/Teenage Pregnancy part of the action plan for Bramley cluster has been submitted to the cluster partnership and has been incorporated into the main plan. Tracy Wade, Children's Centre Manager at Hollybush is the cluster partnership lead for the supporting teenage parents element of this work. A colleague needs to be identified to lead on the prevention elements of the action plan. A recommendation has been made to the cluster that this be someone from BARCA/the Youth Service.

Young People's Teenage Pregnancy Action Plan for Inner West

3.27 This plan is still in draft and the format needs to be agreed in consultation with young people. This should be complete by December. This action plan forms part of the overall sexual health plan for Bramley. It is anticipated that they will have delivered most of the actions by April 2012.

Events

3.28 A family health day was held at Hollybush Children's Centre on the 19TH August. This was very successful at engaging children and families in discussions across a range of health issues including sexual health and contraception. The evaluations asked for further events. An access to contraception event led by young women was held on the 1st September at Interplay. This was a workshop style event to discuss difficult issues such as abortion and domestic violence. Again a follow up event is planned in response to the request of young people.

The Sexual Health Mystery Shop

3.29 A high quality mystery shop was undertaken by twelve young people over the summer. This work was funded by the NHS and commissioned by Children Leeds. The report is in draft and the final recommendations for sexual health service improvements should be available in December.

Sex and Relationships Education

3.30 Improvements with Leeds West Academy in terms of Sex and Relationships Education are being made, and targeted support for those most at risk was reviewed in September. External partners are being brought in to support with specialist areas of work such as Child Sexual Exploitation. A programme for Girls at Crawshaw School is being developed with young women from Inner West a priority. A targeted group work programme for young men is currently being delivered in Swinnow including sexual health and substance use support. This is a partnership project between BARCA and the Youth Service.

Speak Easy

3.31 The Sex and Relationships Education programme for parents and carers was delivered at Whitecote Primary over the summer. There has been interest in this programme from Valley View primary and from staff at Hollybush Children's Centre as well as local parents and carers. Staff will be offered training to deliver this programme on the 1st/2nd December. These programmes will be part funded by NHS Leeds. It is hoped that additional money will be made available from NHS Leeds to fund additional courses.

Children's Commissioning Team

3.32 Support from the Locality Co-ordinator for Inner West has reduced to one day per week and will be reviewed in April. Delivery to the teenage pregnancy part of the Bramley cluster action plan is on track and will be taken forward by local partners. There should be an idea of the impact of the locality based teenage pregnancy work for Inner West by April 2012.

Leeds Year of Volunteering

Volunteer Centre

3.33 The new Volunteer Centre Leeds outreach programme has continued with the most recent sessions being held at Horsforth Library, Burley Library, Otley Courthouse and Armley One Stop shop. A total of 18 voluntary organisations have added their opportunities to the Do-IT database. The programme is for 12 months and will run until 31 March 2012.

3.34 Levels of volunteering in Leeds increased by 25.2% 2009-10 (IMD data) and the target for volunteering placements was exceeded considerably – it rose by 182% in the year.

Current programme themes

Volunteering for Poverty and Homelessness theme

3.35 This theme is led by Unity in Poverty Action. These recent events have been held:

- A marketplace event to publicise organisations and recruit volunteers in the city centre (Briggate) on September Sat 24th. Over 400 people attended
- A sleep out to draw attention to the plight of the homeless and raise money for Simon in the Streets activities in Leeds on Thursday night on September 29th Over £12,000 was raised by this single event
- The production of a leaflet about the organisations tackling some for the most difficult issues of Poverty and Homelessness in our city (copies available)
- An event to celebrate the contributions of over thirty long term volunteers to be held at St George's Crypt on 3 November 2011. Awards included Alex Joiner and Annie Ocsko who volunteer for the Kidz Klub organisation and Adwan Adwan, N'sira Camara and Mamadou Bah from RETAS, the refugee and asylum seeker network.

The awards were made by the Factory Four project at Leeds City College, a disability group

Volunteering for Environment theme

3.36 The Rosebank Millenium Green Trust held a Community Garden Festival on Rosebank Road, Thursday September 29th 2011 at 11:00 am to 3:30pm. Over 50 volunteers came along bulb planting, fruit picking, and site clearance. There were stalls and activities run by local organisations. All steering group members were invited to come along.

Volunteering for Sport Theme

3.37 Sports Leeds held a marketplace event for sports volunteers on 23 July on Albion Street, to mark one year to London Olympics and encourage recruits into volunteering for sport. Julie Lewis from Sport Leeds supervised a placement of one of the users of Osmandthorpe Centre as part of the volunteering programme run there in the spring. The publication of the Leeds Sports Volunteering Strategy will now take place at the same time as the launch of the Leeds Involvement Strategy on 7th December

Volunteering for the Arts and Culture theme

3.38 The following events have been held:

- A training course - introduction to developing a volunteering programme. Thursday 29 September 2011 (for small arts organisations), 10am-12pm and Tuesday 18 October 2011 (for all arts organisations), 10am-12pm. A toolkit has been developed that gives a step by step guide on how to create and develop a volunteering programme, this session is aimed at groups involved in arts or culture activities and has been subsidised for the European Year of Volunteering.
- Light Night celebrated the European Year of Volunteering, Friday 7 October 2011, 7pm and 8pm Briggate, LS1 6LX. Arts Alive – a spectacular celebration of arts volunteering. A visual, dancing and singing spectacular along Briggate to celebrate European Year of the Volunteer. RJC Dance and Mango Creative Arts brought the spirit of Carnival to the street with 'Mas Movement,' 40 young people dancing with vibrant, Olympic-coloured, sport-inspired costumes; Voices of the Day Choir from Seacroft created an unforgettable atmosphere with their heartfelt, uplifting music and large, white lanterns add to the magical landscape. At least 100 volunteers were involved in bringing these performances together working alongside professional artists and communities.
- Arts and Business Volunteer Speed Dating Event – Leeds. Tuesday 11 October, 6-8pm Royal Armouries. This was one of six speed dating events across England aimed at introducing volunteers to the arts and cultural organisations in their area.
- Arts Volunteers – in their own words. This is a video celebrating the work of Arts Volunteers. Leeds arts and culture is a vibrant sector, involving volunteers in diverse roles across a range of organisations and activities. The video includes Charlotte from Chapel Allerton Festival, tasked with creating 200m of bunting for this year's Chapel Allerton Festival, Arthur France well-known originator and chair of Europe's first ever Caribbean Carnival here in Leeds, young people working on Breeze Festival

and retired ladies staffing HEART's reception, plus a board director of the Royal Armouries. <http://www.youtube.com/user/LeedsArtsVolunteers>

- Leeds Arts Partnership, 24 September 2011, 4.30pm. This was a short presentation for arts and culture organisations in Leeds
- Expo 2011- University of Leeds Careers Fair. 16 November, 2pm This was a presentation and panel contribution for students considering volunteering and careers in the arts

Poverty and Health theme

3.39 A steering group for this theme now includes Wheatfields Hospice, City Libraries, NHS Leeds, Healthy Living Network Leeds, Feelgood Factor and Leeds Skyline. The theme month of November and December co-incides with the Foundation Partnership Trust "Love Arts Leeds" festival to support mental health so there will be opportunities for joint working. The following event has been held so far:

- The launch and marketplace event was on 1st November. This was a marketplace opportunity for health and wellbeing organisations to advertise their volunteering opportunities showcase their work and recruit new volunteers. A number of small discussions took place on prison license volunteering, volunteer co coordinating and so forth. David Pryke from the Department of Health gave a presentation on the Department of Health strategic vision for volunteering. The venue was Test Space Unit 2-4, Melbourne Street, Leeds LS2 7PS from 11-3.
- A fortnight of "taster sessions", held so that individuals and companies can try volunteering for health organisations. These are being held at Skyline, Healthy Living Network, Wheatfields Hospice and elsewhere.
- Ensuring that 10 health/wellbeing organisations achieve the volunteering Kitemark. <http://www.val.org.uk/documents/compact-kitemark.pdf>
- Running a health volunteering project involving three different areas of Leeds. These are Harehills Pakistani centre, Wetherby Children's Centre and the student "corridor" led by Trinity University. Healthy Living Network has funding for this project through Lottery "Awards for All".
- End of theme **awards party** will be held for health volunteers Tuesday 13th at Bridewater Place Leeds on December 5-7pm

The "Making Moves" volunteering project

3.40 Customers of the Osmondthorpe Resource Centre (ORC) in Leeds took part in an innovative new project to celebrate the European Year of Volunteering 2011. Osmondthorpe Resource Centre is a council-run day centre service for people with physical and sensory impairments. It helps to rehabilitate people after life-changing accidents or illness, providing a range of opportunities including education, work skills training, day-to-day independent living skills and emotional support.

3.41 The aim of the Making Moves project was to help a small group of centre users to reduce their dependency on the centre and develop new skills and qualities, which would then enable them to recognise their potential by taking part in a volunteering placement. The project involved the centre users taking part in two 10-week courses. During these they focussed on their personal qualities, built on skills that they already had and learned

new ones, and addressed potential barriers - their own and those imposed on them from the outside world – which might prevent them from achieving their potential. The courses were organised and delivered by the Workers Educational Association, who supported the customers, found out what their interests were and listened to their aspirations and fears. Alongside this a WEA development worker negotiated partnerships with organisations who agreed to offer taster volunteering placements to the customers, which they took part in during June and July 2011.

3.42 Another aim of the project was to give centre users the chance to experience something that is potentially out of their usual comfort zones, to realise their potential to move on and hopefully act as a stepping stone into more volunteering or even paid employment.

3.43 The initial outcomes of the project are good – eight out of the thirteen people have decided to carry on volunteering. LCC are working with the WEA to see if it is possible to run these courses in other appropriate places. One of the tutors from the course is also developing a training course for the autumn targeted at people from non traditional backgrounds to encourage them to volunteer.

“Getting Involved in Leeds” Leeds European Year conference.

3.44 This end of year volunteering conference will be held on Wed 7th December at Civic Hall Banqueting Suite. The final year event will combine the launch of the Leeds Involvement Strategy, the formal coming into being of the new VOICE/VAL merged organisation and a celebration of the end of the European Year of Volunteering. Antonia Mochan from the EU will be coming to the event; she also attended the launch of the year at the Royal Armouries 12 months ago. One of the seminars at the event will be on Active Ageing, led by the Older People’s network – the European Union theme for 2012.

National Events

3.45 Leeds organisations went down to London as part of the national European Year of Volunteering 2011 tour event. It was a chance to showcase our work on a National/European stage. We shared the event with our Bradford colleagues, who have had their own active citizenship campaigns during 2011 – their focus has been on encouraging people to be active citizens and to participate in civic activities such as neighbourhood forums.

Leeds Involvement Strategy

3.46 One of the objectives of the European Year of Volunteering was to produce the Leeds Involvement Strategy. This is now in its draft stage, covering the issues of volunteering giving and participation. The intention is to present the final strategy to the Safer Stronger Communities partnership in October and the EYOV steering group in November. The LIS would then be launched at the final year event on 7 December 2011.

3.47 One of the proposals in the LIS is to produce a guide “Get Involved in Leeds” about all the opportunities for volunteering, giving and participation in Leeds. This will be

available in December 2011. A new toolkit on “inclusive volunteering” is also being produced by VA-L for the year end.

Armley Mills

3.48 The museum continues to see an increase in visitor figures each year, visitor numbers average at 28,000 a year. The three new textile galleries are proving really popular, and the spinning ‘mule’ has been restored and is producing fibres commercially for Hainsworth Mill. The spinning mule was a machine used to spin [cotton](#) and other fibres from the late eighteenth to the early twentieth century.

Armley Leisure Centre

3.49 Armley leisure centre has hosted two Active Women projects since July, which involves 10 weeks of activity aimed to increase participation levels of women living in the top 20% SOA's. 30 women have been actively engaged and are regular to sessions, both independently, but also to weekly coached sports sessions where the women have taken part in a variety of sports, including netball, tennis, badminton, table tennis, football and even rugby. The women are provided with and off peak bodyline card which allows them the opportunity to experience the range of activities held at the centre.

3.50 Women have shown great interest in the project and are now regular users of the centre. Some have gone on to buy bodyline memberships, whereas others have been linked to local clubs and leagues to maintain participation. Weight loss has been another key success. One lady attended the 10% class and after having a gastric bypass and regular exercise and physical activity has now lost 6 stones and continues to lose weight week by week. She is certainly a lot healthier and has a more positive outlook and enjoys exercise.

3.51 The programme works alongside local community centres and voluntary organisations, but also works with housing agencies, one stop centres and schools to promote the sessions.

I Love West Leeds

3.52 The I Love West Leeds festival has just completed a November weekend of events that included an autumn outdoor film screening in the grounds of Armley Mills. The event was a partnership event with Love Arts Festival, a city wide festival highlighting mental health issues. It was the first time the mills had been used for such an event and it was a test to see if the venue worked and if people would attend an outdoor screening in the winter. They did, with the bonus of an earlier sunset enabling families to attend the screening of Singing in the Rain. More film screenings will be planned for the museum grounds in the future. The citizens Orchestra continue to meet weekly and have gained new members to have a regular attendance of 17-20 musicians each week, they recently played a concert to Heydays at West Yorkshire Playhouse and are currently working towards a concert for Batley Resource Centre.

Welfare Reform

3.53 The Government has embarked on a major programme of Welfare Reform which sees major changes happening in each year of the next three years. Appendices 1-6 provides information on the most significant changes over the next three years.

4. Corporate Considerations

4.1. Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1. Community forums are held on a monthly basis in Armley and bi-monthly in Bramley within Inner West Leeds to inform communities.

4.1.2. Ward Members are consulted on projects and initiatives within their ward on matters relating to the Area Management Team's work programme and locality priorities.

4.2. Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1. This section is not applicable to this report

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 rolled forward again to 2011/12 with amendments only to environmental delegations.

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

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

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's 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 where relevant their partners which in turn provides value for money.

4.4.2. In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well Being budgets and the Community Centres Budget.

4.4.3. In order to meet the Area Committee's roles, funding is in the main supplied by other Leeds City Council Departments main stream budgets, and external partner agencies for example the Police and Primary Care Trust, which is in turn reflected in the fact that the Area Committee's role here is to influence, develop and consult. However, on occasion, wellbeing funding has resourced some projects related to its roles, for example community engagement, area based regeneration schemes and conservation area reviews.

4.5. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1. This report 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 the Area Committee's functions are delegated Executive ones.

4.6. Risk Management

4.6.1. There are no significant risks identified in 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. Inner West Area Committee members are invited to note the contents of the report, comment on any matters raised and suggest items for inclusion in future Area Update reports.

7. Background documents

7.1. None