

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to South (Inner) Area Committee

Date: Wednesday 21st March 2012

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
	Beeston & Holbeck City & Hunslet Middleton Park
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 and corporate governance considerations

1. This report details a range of activities taking place within the Inner South Leeds Area, some of which are dealt with in greater detail elsewhere on the agenda.

Recommendations

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

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To bring to Members' attention in a succinct fashion, brief details of the range of activities with which the Area Support Team are engaged based on the Area Committee Business Plan priorities, that are not addressed in greater detail elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Members will recall at the June 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.

3.0 Area Chairs Forum

- 3.1 The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 13th January 2012 were agreed at the Area Chairs Forum on the 12th March and are presented for Members information at **Appendix 1**.

4.0 Updates by theme: Children & Families

4.1 Joseph Priestley College Update

Sally Blunt (Deputy Principle at Leeds City College), is presenting a full report elsewhere on the agenda.

4.2 Children & Young People's Sub-group

At the February Area Committee meeting, Members supported the further development of the Children & Young People's Sub-group to monitor and develop better services for young people in Inner South. The first meeting of the group is still in development and updates will be provided to future Area Committee meetings through this report.

5.0 Updates by theme: Safer Stronger Communities Board

5.1 Environmental Delegation

- 5.1.1 An update report that introduces the development of SLA 2 is to be considered elsewhere on the agenda.

5.2 Inner South Environmental Sub-Group

- 5.2.1 Minutes of the 17th February meeting are attached at **Appendix 2**. The next meeting of the group is Friday 20th April 2012.

- 5.2.2 At the Environmental sub-group, members of the group were presented with the '*Towards More Integrated Locality Working 2: An early review of the Environmental Services delegation*' report. This report is attached for information (**Appendix 3**).

5.3 Community Safety

- 5.3.1 The Beeston and Middleton Crime and Grime meetings continue to develop with good attendance and contributions from partner agencies. A review is being undertaken to determine success to date and next steps to build on this. The report of the review will be presented to a future meeting of the Area Committee.
- 5.3.2 The Burglary Action Plan has now been agreed and is attached **Appendix 4**. In summary it presents a range of activity to tackle burglary across south Leeds. It does not intend to capture all the work that is being delivered, rather it highlights key pieces of work that will have a significant impact. There are three key themes and these are: Reducing Offending, Preventing Victimisation and Communication.
- 5.3.2 The issue of on street prostitution remains a concern for residents. The group established to set up a case conference approach to address the needs of the women involved is making good progress. A draft Terms of Reference is being produced with the aim to be able to refer women into the meeting from April. An agreement has been reached with CRI (Crime Reduction Initiative – a voluntary sector organisation that works with clients involved in the criminal justice system) to pilot the use of Engagement and Support Orders in Holbeck. The order can be requested at court as an alternative to a fine and requires an individual to attend 3 appointments with the supervising agency (in this case CRI) to receive support that will help them to exit prostitution. The numbers of women who would receive this order are currently low and therefore there is no additional cost at this stage in piloting their use in the area. Further updates on the progress of this, the case conference and the citywide approach will be provided at a future meeting of the Area Committee.
- 5.3.3 The most recent quarterly update on the Area Committee funded West Yorkshire Police – Off Road bikes scheme is attached as **Appendix 5**.

6.0 **Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing**

- 6.1 The South East Health and Well being partnership met on the 26th January 2012. Minutes from the meetings will be approved at the 29th March meeting and subsequently presented at a future Area Committee meeting.
- 6.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 24th November are attached as **Appendix 6**.

7.0 **Updates by theme: Housing & Regeneration**

7.1 Holbeck phases 1, 2 and 3

- 7.1.1 At the last meeting members were informed that alternative options were being investigated to best utilise the site. Further work has been undertaken which has resulted in the are being promoted as a potential supermarket site. This work is on going and a further update will be provided when appropriate.

7.2 Holbeck Phase 4

7.2.1 Work to the properties in the Crosby's has completed and all of the houses now let through AVHL.

7.2.2 Work have commenced on the Crosby Binyards. Around half of the works are now completed with all of the works being complete by the end of the financial year.

7.3 Beverleys

7.3.1 The scheme is likely to complete ahead of schedule. The site is due for completion in July/August 2012 but Chevin & Unity Housign Association are hoping to complete the whole scheme by June 2012. However, some properties are due to be handed over in April 2012.

7.3.2 Chevin have started advertising the 27 shared ownership properties with a local Estate Agents and have confirmed expressions of interest from 6 potential buyers. There is also a Local Lettings Plan being developed which should be approved by 15th March 2012 and adverts for the properties will be placed in the Leeds Homes Flyer from Mid March.

7.4 Garnets

Clearance:

7.4.1 The demolition of the clearance properties at the Garnets is ongoing. To date, the properties which have been demolished include 17 – 35 Garnet Grove, 53 - 63 Garnet Grove, 18 – 36 Garnet Terrace, 54 - 64 Garnet Terrace, 35 – 47a Garnet Place and 36 – 48a Garnet Grove. The next phase of demolition will take place from early March 2012 and will include 49 – 61 Garnet Place and 50 – 62 Garnet Grove, and is expected to be completed by the end of March 2012. The remaining clearance properties which include 37 – 51 Garnet Grove and 38 – 52 Garnet Grove will be demolished in April /May 2012, subject to the transfer of these properties from Leeds Federated Housing Association to Leeds City Council.

Refurbishment:

7.4.2 The remaining properties at the Garnets which will not be demolished are 15 – 35 Garnet Place and 63 – 69 Garnet Place , 16 – 34 Garnet Grove and 64 – 70 Garnet Grove and 65 – 71 Garnet Grove and 66 – 72 Garnet Terrace. ALMO properties, or those which have been acquired by Leeds City Council in these blocks will be refurbished and brought back in to use. Refurbishment works are currently taking place on 6 properties, 66 & 72 Garnet Terrace and 64, 66, 69 & 71 Garnet Grove . These properties will be bought up to Decency Standards by AVHL and the works are anticipated to be completed by end of March 2012. Once the exchange of properties with Leeds Federated Housing Association has taken place the following properties will also be refurbished and relet by LFHA: 65, 67, 66 Garnet Grove and 63,67 Garnet Place.

Funding has been identified to allow the empty ALMO and Leeds City Council acquired properties in the blocks 15-33 Garnet Place and 16-34 Garnet Grove to be refurbished and relet by AVHL during the 2012/13 financial year.

- 7.4.3 Work on the Garnet's properties will follow on from those on the Crosby's and is expected to be completed by the end of the financial year. The remaining 8 empty properties in Council ownership will be refurbished and brought back into use during 2012/13.

Middleton Sites 1,2 & 3 (Thorpe Road)

- 7.5.1 Discussions between Sanctuary Housing and Planners in the coming week to finalise the submission of the planning application. Ward Members will be contacted in the coming weeks for a formal briefing which will lead to residents consultations in due course.
- 7.5.2 Still no fixed timescales for construction, however, the HCA funding for the development is only available until March 2015, and so the development will have to be completed and the funding drawn down by this date.

Beeston Hill & Holbeck PFI

- 7.6.1 Sustainable Communities for Leeds (sc4L) has been appointed as the company set to undertake large scale housing regeneration in Beeston Hill & Holbeck. Discussions are ongoing with the Council to confirm the finer details of the scheme with the works expected to start on site during summer 2012.
- 7.6.2 The new look neighbourhoods will start to become a reality as plans for new council homes, and the refurbishment of existing council homes are unveiled at local launch events in April/May 2012.

8.0 Integrated Locality working

8.1 Cottingley NIP

- 8.1.1 On Wednesday 15th February 2012 committee members met up with the PNW and Aire Valley Homes Customer Involvement Officer in preparation for the AGM in March 2012. An agenda was put together and discussion took place about how to promote the AGM to the wider community. Aire Valley Homes also agreed to audit the accounts ready for the Treasurers Report.
- 8.1.2 Committee members signed up to two networking events one on the 24th February organised by Leeds City College to consult with residents about learning and courses. The other organised by Aire Valley Homes on 16th March 2012 where residents will be given the opportunity to meet other resident associations to share ideas and good practice.
- 8.1.3 Committee members met with John Baron from Aire Valley Homes to discuss the South Leeds Life magazine and have learnt new skills in setting up a blog.

8.2 Cottingley multi agency group

- 8.2.1 The group continued to oversee the implementation of the action plan. The fortnightly environmental audits continue to identify issues which are forwarded to the appropriate service for dealing with. Enforcement action is being taken against residents where there

is waste in their gardens; most of the residents concerned are dealing with the problem before a legal notice needs to be served. Locality Team is carry out patrols in shops area to check littering and dog fouling. New parking restrictions are being put into effect on Cottingley Drive and at some bends within the estate. There has been some adverse reaction from the residents that are directly affected. A scheme is being developed so that many residents will have wheeled bins, with other residents will take their bags of rubbish to communal bins. The scheme will be piloted in one part of the estate.

8.2.2 The final meeting of the multi agency group was held on 9th March, the meeting received a report on the achievements of the project to date and the proposals going forward to establish the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP). All of the remaining actions that need to be addressed will be picked up as part of the NIP. The minutes of the meeting are attached at **Appendix 6**.

8.3 Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board

8.3.1 The most recent meeting of the core group took place on 22nd February, minutes of this meeting will be presented to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

8.3.2 The full board met on the 2nd March 2012, the minutes of the meeting will be presented to a future meeting.

8.3.3 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board

8.3.1 The first meeting of the Neighbourhood Improvement Board was held on the 21st February 2012. The minutes of these future meetings will be presented to the Area Committee.

8.4 Connecting communities

8.4.1 The recently held training/coffee morning to upskill the successful applicants along with other interested residents, was well attended and seen as a success. The next stage for the project is the delivery of the successful projects and the development of sustainable plans for the projects to continue long term.

8.5 Communities First Panels

8.5.1 Each of the three panels covering Inner South have met and agreed their terms of reference, their application process and the local priorities. The second meeting of each panel is planned which will agree the timescales going forward.

8.5.2 Members were previously told that the deadline for approved application to be submitted to the Community Development Foundation (CDF) was 31st March, due to the level of funding that needs to be spent across the UK the deadline has been moved to 30th June 2012.

8.6 Groundwork Leeds - Proposal to submit and Expression of interest to the Big Lottery Fund - Beeston and Holbeck Living Sustainably

8.6.1 At the February Area Committee members were informed of the submission of an expression of interest to the Big Lottery for a Beeston & Holbeck Living Sustainably scheme. Confirmation has been now received that unfortunately the consortia were not asked to pursue their scheme at this time.

8.7 Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners Pilot

8.7.1 Members were informed at a previous Area Committee of the submission of expressions of interest for the Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners Pilot. Confirmation has now been received that this submission has been successful with Holbeck receiving £20,000 to take this work forward. Further updates will be provided at future meetings.

8.8 Aspire to Succeed

8.8.1 The March 2011 Inner Area Committee approved £3,400 wellbeing to help Aspire formalise their partnership and make it demonstrably investment ready so they can bid for funding e.g. via ERDF for various projects. The funding agreed was to assist them preparing the most appropriate legal entity for the partnership, design and production of promotional material, website design and hosting.

8.8.2 In developing this work Aspire confirm that they have made progress on the project without committing all funding approved. This has been due in part thanks to assistance from Voluntary Action Leeds and University of Leeds. Members approved via email the following variations:

1. Have professional input to full application for Big Lottery/European funding (£450). Detail to be provided.
2. Part costs of high profile launch for the partnership (£750)

8.9 Hunslet Library

8.9.1 The installation of a new updated intruder alarm has now been completed. This element of works was funded by Library and Information Services

8.9.1 There is currently no solution identified to the carbonised staining issue to the building.

8.9.2 Mullions are currently being installed which will allow the external decorating can take place and the new Polycarbonate window covers installed.

8.9.3 Decorating of the Main Library area and foyer will commence on Monday 5th March and will take 1 week.

8.9.4 The carpets and the foyer entrance floor covering will be deep cleaned in week commencing 12th March, along with the installation of new public IT benching and start to fill integral shelving with stock.

8.9.5 Week 19th March will see the stand alone shelving delivered and filled with stock resulting in the fit out being completed.

8.9.5 The library will be re-opened on 22nd March fully functional.

9 Corporate Considerations

9.1 Consultation and Engagement

9.1.1 Projects are developed to address priorities in the Area Committee Business Plan. The production of this plan is informed by Local Councillors and local residents. All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for any 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.

9.2.3 A light touch Equality Impact Assessments is carried out for all projects.

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 Inner 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

11.9 The Area Committee is asked to:

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

Background documents¹

Area Committee Summary of Key Work Report, 11th January 2012

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.