

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to South Leeds (Inner) Area Committee

Date: Wednesday 16th May 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 as **Appendix 1**.

4.0 Updates by theme: Children & Families

4.1 Children & Young People's Sub-group

- 4.1.1 At the February Area Committee meeting, Members supported the further development of the Children & Young People's Sub-group.
- 4.1.2 This group will bring together representatives from the statutory and community & voluntary sector who work with and for children & young people, their families and carers in the Inner South. By working together the group will support, coordinate and monitor partner's respective delivery arrangements, positively impacting the lives of children and young people in the Inner South.
- 4.1.4 The group have met twice since the last Area Committee on 23rd March and the 16th April. The initial meeting focused on the role of the group and the terms of reference. The second meeting started the process of mapping out the current service with the aims to provide a more needs led approach to delivery. The minutes of the meetings are attached for Members to note, **Appendix 2&3**.

5.0 Updates by theme: Safer Stronger Communities Board

5.1 Inner South Environmental Sub-Group

- 5.1.1 The last meeting of the group took place on the 20th April, the minutes of which will be approved that the 20th July meeting and presented to a future meeting of the Area Committee.
- 5.1.2 Since the last Area Committee, the South East Area Support team put in place a series of workshops that allowed Members to have discussions with the Locality team to

develop a more ward specific SLA, better addressing the needs of individual communities. Each of the Member meetings discussed topics such as the current mechanical and manual routes along with ginnel clean up work.

5.1.3 A full report to sign off SLA2 will be presented to the June Area Committee meeting.

5.2 Community Safety

5.2.1 Tasking meetings and the Divisional Community Safety Partnership have now ceased to exist. Front line officers are being directed to address local issues as part of day to day working. 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 will 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. The meetings will be on a six weekly cycle initially, there will be two meetings for the Inner South. One will cover City & Hunslet and Beeston & Holbeck Wards and the second covering Middleton Park Ward. They will be jointly chaired by the Locality Manager for Environmental Services and the West Yorkshire Police Chief Inspector Neighbourhoods.

5.2.2 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.

5.2.3 The Alcohol and Community Safety Group for South Leeds have been developing the South Leeds Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan. This is near completion and the final version will be circulated to Members in due course. The plan builds on the work that has been carried out by the group over the past year, summarising achievements and outlining key areas of work for the future. It identifies the issues of concern in south Leeds and supports the priorities of the citywide Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan. It has three priorities to work in partnership, reduce alcohol related violent crime and reduce alcohol related ill health.

5.2.4 Members were advised at a previous meeting of arrangements to pilot the use of Engagement and Support Orders to address the issue of on-street prostitution in Holbeck. To date no orders have been granted though officers are hopeful that these can be progressed in the near future. The Case Conference has had its first meeting and has been successful in bringing together a good range of agencies to address the welfare needs of women to enable them to exit prostitution. Discussions are ongoing with Elected Members to progress the development of a citywide strategy.

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

6.1 The South East Health and Well being partnership met on the 29th March 2012. Minutes from the meetings will be approved at the 31st May meeting and subsequently presented at a future Area Committee meeting.

6.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January are attached as **Appendix 4**.

7.0 Updates by theme: Housing & Regeneration

7.1 Holbeck Phases 1, 2 and 3

7.1.1 The original scheme focused on the three individual sites in Holbeck, to facilitate development they have been merged together as a package of land to be seen as a more attractive proposition. The Council is undertaking market testing work to establish the interest and viability amongst retailers of delivering new food retail facilities on these sites. This is due to be completed by the end of July 2012. Should this not result in any commercial interest for the Council to work with, it will revert back to the original proposals of providing affordable housing on the site with a development partner.

7.2 Holbeck Phase 4

7.2.1 Work has been completed to twelve binyards on the Crosby's. There have not been any subsequent incidences of fly tipping in the area.

7.3 Beverleys

7.3.1 The scheme is on track to complete in August 2012. The first handover is now due to take place in May 2012.

7.3.2 The 27 shared ownership properties have been advertised in the Leeds Home Flyer and with Whitegates Estate Agents on Dewsbury Road. To date, 8 applicants have applied to purchase the properties. The remaining 28 social rented properties have also been advertised in the Leeds Homes Flyer. A Local Lettings Plan has been approved which specifies that preference will be given to those applicants with a local connection to the City and Hunslet Ward; those who are in overcrowded conditions, or willing to downsize; those in priority need; and those who have good tenancy records. A proportion of lets may also be made to applicants in Band C of the housing register provided that they have a local connection to the City and Hunslet Ward and good tenancy records.

7.4 Garnets

Demolition

7.4.1 All the target properties in the clearance areas have now been demolished with the exception of 37 – 51 Garnet Grove and 38 – 52 Garnet. These properties currently belong to Leeds Federated Housing Association and are in the process of being transferred to Leeds City Council for demolition. It is anticipated that that the transfer will take place at the end of April 2012 and the demolition contractors will be on site to complete the demolition by the end of May/ early June 2012.

Refurbishment.

7.4.2 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 April 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, 68 Garnet Grove and 63,67 Garnet Place.

7.4.3 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. It is hoped that all Council owned empty properties within these blocks will be refurbished and brought back in to use during the current financial year.

7.5 Middleton Sites 1,2 & 3 (Thorpe Road)

7.5.1 Sanctuary Housing is progressing the preparation of its planning application following resolution of all outstanding planning issues at pre application stage. Ward members have been briefed about the proposals and have highlighted the need for greenspace improvements which should be secured as part of the development, in particularly enhancing connectivity between the Middleton Estate and the new facilities created as part of the New Forest development.

7.5.2 Pre application public consultation is due to take place in early May following which any necessary revisions will be made to the planning application. It is anticipated that the application will be submitted by the end of May. Subject to approval, construction will commence in the autumn.'

7.6 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 following signing of the contract.

8.0 Integrated Locality working

8.1 Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

8.1.1 On the 7th March 2012 TRAC held the yearly AGM meeting. Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice Chair positions were all appointed.

8.1.2 Committee members met with the Priority Neighbourhood Worker (PNW) on the 12th March 2012 to discuss the presentation for 'The Area Valley Homes Better Together Event' and held their first committee meeting.

8.1.3 On the 16th March 2012 two new committee members delivered a presentation on 'Marketing and Promoting TRAC' to other residents associations in the Inner and Outer South. The presentation highlighted the benefits of meetings, writing articles for the

South Leeds Life magazine and blog. Using a quarterly newsletter and face book account to advertise meetings. It also highlighted the benefits of good links with other groups and organisations on the Cottingley estate.

- 8.1.4 A committee meeting was held on the 10th April 2012 that had a focus on funding. Aire Valley Homes Customer Involvement Officer discussed Area Panel Funding and the Aire Valley Homes Annual Review Meeting. The PNW discussed the Inner South Area Committee Wel being Fund application form and brought information on The Community First Panels.
- 8.1.5 Additional to holding meetings and attending events and training TRAC have had a logo designed for the association and all Committee Member now have ID cards. Training identified through the training audit has now been completed.
- 8.1.6 Projects currently being pursued by TRAC include the opening of the Sphinx Square and a lowering the speed limit campaign for the area outside Cottingley Primary School. So far the Committee have collected names for a petition and plan to take the issue to an Open Public Forum at Inner south Area Committee.
- 8.1.7 The first residents meeting was held on the 18th April 2012 and was chaired by the new Chair of the group. A successful meeting with agenda items from Aire Valley Homes, The Neighbourhood Policing Team, Local Ward Councillors and the Cottingley In Bloom Group.
- 8.1.8 The PNW met with members of The Cottingley In Bloom Group and partners from Aire Valley Homes on the 18th April 2012. Actions from this meeting include pursuing a consultation for a proposed community raised bed allotment project. Priorities for the group are to recruit new officers, volunteers and arrange for a In Bloom display stand at the Sphinx Square Open Day.
- 8.1.9 The Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan Steering Group membership has been agreed. The first Neighbourhood Improvement Plan meeting will take place on the 11th May 2012 at Cottingley Community Centre.

8.2 Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board

- 8.2.1 The most recent meeting of the board took place on the 20th April 2012, the minutes of the meeting will be presented to a future meeting.
- 8.2.2 The next meeting of the board will take place on the 29th June 2012.

8.3 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board

- 8.3.1 The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Improvement Board will be held on the 22nd May 2012. The minutes of the previous meeting will be approved at this meeting and presented to a future Area Committee meeting.

8.4 Communities First Panels

8.4.1 Websites have now been setup for all three of the panels through South Leeds Life to help promote the scheme and support applicants.

8.5 Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners Pilot

8.5.1 It was confirmed that as part of the Localism Act the Neighbourhood Planning (NP) pilot for Holbeck had been approved as part of the 5th wave and was one of 200 pilots approved nationally to test the concept – Leeds City Council (LCC) would not be leading but supporting the initiative.

8.5.2 NP's are about use of land, planning matters generally (e.g. greenspace, highways, recreation, and leisure). Could include a theme about environment, jobs and training, could say a proportion of community infrastructure levy to be used for what residents want.

8.5.3 Officers from Planning and the South East Area Support Team have recently met with representatives of the 3 Holbeck Groups Holbeck Area Residents Association (Gaitskell's), Cross Ingram's Residents Association and Voice of Holbeck. The purpose of the meetings was to give further background and discuss the scope of the scheme and how they can be supported to take the pilot forward.

8.5.4 Members will be updated on progress regularly, both through this report and at ward member briefings.

8.6 Hunslet Library

8.6.1 The library was re-opened on 22nd March by Cllr Elizabeth Nash and Cllr Mohammed Iqbal. The event was very successful with over 350 visitors. This included a local primary school visiting class by class throughout the day and a nursery. The Leodis and Ancestry sessions were going on throughout the day including visits from a local day care centre. Other events were afternoon tea, story times and a display of old photographs of the library and surrounding areas.

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

11.5 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, 26th March 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.