

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access & Performance)

Report to North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 28th June 2012

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Headingley, Hyde Park and Woodhouse, Kirkstall, Weetwood.	<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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

This report provides members with a summary of sub groups business since the April Area Committee. This includes an update on the work of the West North West Area Leadership Team and the work taking place around Student Changeover. The report also seeks nominations for a Fuel Poverty Champion and nominations for community representatives to area committee sub groups.

Recommendations

1. Members are asked to:

- Note and action as appropriate the Key Messages from Sub Groups as set out in section 3.
- Nominate community representatives to area committee sub groups.
- Note the update on the work around Student Changeover.
- Note the work of the West North West Area Leadership Team.
- Note the role of Affordable Warmth Partnership and agree a Fuel Poverty Champion from the Area Committee.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group business and the current position relating to other project activity. This includes an update on the work of the West North West Area Leadership Team and the work taking place around Student Changeover. The report also seeks nominations for a Fuel Poverty Champion and nominations for community representatives to area committee sub groups.

2 Background information

- 2.1 An Area Committee update report is submitted at every cycle of Area Committee meetings unless there is no additional business to report from sub groups or any other project activity to report. Partner organisations and Council services will contribute information to the Area Update Report.

3 Main issues

Forum and Sub Group Key Messages

3.1 Planning Sub Group

- 3.2 Planning sub group met on the 9th May 2012. They discussed a variety of issues and planning applications and Membership of the group.
- 3.3 The Planning Sub Group currently has one resident representative from each ward in the Inner North West area. After discussions at the Inner North West Area Committee in May 2012, it was agreed that it would be beneficial for the number of resident representatives to be increased to two per ward.

Key Messages

- 3.4 Members are asked to nominate two resident representatives for the Planning Sub Group for each Ward.

3.5 Environmental Sub Group

- 3.6 It was agreed at the Inner North West Area Committee on 15th December 2011 that the Environment Sub Group should have one resident representative from each ward in the Inner North West area.

- 3.7 Environmental Sub Group has not met since the last Inner North West Area Committee Meeting.

Key Messages

- 3.8 Members are asked to nominate one resident representative for the Environment Sub Group for each Ward.

3.9 Student Changeover

- 3.10 Planning for the student changeover process for 2012 is now well under way. A number of meetings have taken place to plan how resources from the Environment Locality Team, Streetscene Services, Area Support Team, universities and other partners will be deployed to support the operational management of 2012 student changeover response.
- 3.11 As in previous years, key points of consideration have been the deployment of refuse, cleansing and environmental enforcement activity; the co-ordination of university and student union activity and a student changeover communications plan.
- 3.12 Further discussion is needed on how cleansing and enforcement activity during the summer months and preparation for students returning in September 2012 will be co-ordinated.
- 3.13 It has been agreed that the Student Changeover Group, instead of being a time limited task and finish group, will now meet all year round. This will enable the group to prepare for and address other environmental challenges brought about by the transient nature of the local population.

3.14 **Transport Sub Group**

- 3.15 This group has not met since the last Area Committee meeting. A meeting is currently being arranged to hold a joint Inner and Outer Transport Sub Group. The purpose of the group is to make links across the geographical boundaries, raise local concerns and progress pressing priorities through the Council and regional infrastructures.

3.16 **West North West Area Leadership Team**

- 3.17 The West North West Area Leadership Team was established to bring together the Chairs of the Area Committee with a cross section of senior officers and partners to facilitate integrated locality working. The aim is to connect senior officers and partners to an area of the city so that they are able to better understand the needs of localities and to learn more about communities to inform service delivery. By working across boundaries leaders will be able to take advantage of the opportunities of integration and improve outcomes.
- 3.18 The West North West Area Leadership Team is chaired by Sandie Keane (CLT Director). The group has met 3 times and during these meetings has agreed some operating principles, identified an agreed set of priorities and explored geographical priority areas based on an assessment of need. The West North West Area Leadership team priorities are: Communities (including Community Safety and Environment), employment and skills, and, health and well-being (focus on health inequalities). The group have developed relationships which have led to new opportunities emerging for integrated working including, work to support the West North West community safety activity relating to reducing burglary, closer working between organisations at the local level and some joint planning activity with West North West homes Leeds around environment and community safety in specific areas. There is also work underway to run a multi-agency referral scheme in an area

of the West North West, specifically linked to improving outcomes relating to health and well-being. The network of leaders has also been used to support the development in the Big Local area of Hawksworth Wood.

3.19 The next steps are for groups of leaders to develop work programmes around the themes recently agreed which will be part of the longer term improvement activity. However, partners are also bringing issues to the group that require immediate action or that are opportunities to address problems. The Inner North West Area Committee Chair can work with the sub-groups within the area committee to feed local issues into the Area Leadership Team.

3.20 Area Committee Fuel Poverty Champion

3.21 The Leeds Affordable Warmth partnership has been established to address fuel poverty problems and is seeking representation from each Area Committee to represent the views from a locality perspective and influence decisions on service provision. Members are asked to note **Appendix 1** setting out the role and agree a fuel poverty champion from the Area Committee.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Elected members have been consulted on the content of this report.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues in relation 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 is also being rolled forward to 2011/12 with amendments to the environmental delegation. The Area Functions are included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3c).

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

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

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group business and other project work undertaken by the Area Support Team.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to:

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- Nominate community representatives to area committee sub groups.
- Note the update on the work around Student Changeover.
- Note the work of the West North West Area Leadership Team.
- Note the role of Affordable Warmth Partnership and agree a Fuel Poverty Champion from the Area Committee.

7 Background documents

- Appendix 1: Fuel Poverty Area Committee Champions Role.
- Council Constitution.
- Report: Nominations to Area Committee Sub Groups – INW Area Committee, 17th May 2012.