

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

Report to North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 20th September 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 June Area Committee. This includes an update on work taking place around planning for the 'University Freshers' period. The report also asks Members to note a proposed name change of the former Beckett Park Primary School.

Recommendations

1. Members are asked to:

- Note and action as appropriate the Key Messages from Sub Groups as set out in section 3.
- Note the update on the work around 'University Freshers' Planning.
- Note the proposed change of name of the former Beckett Park Primary School to the Queenswood Education Centre.

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 The Planning sub group has met on the 8th August 2012 and 12th September 2012. They discussed a variety of planning applications and issues. Issues discussed include:

- § Letting Board Code of Practice
- § Affordable Housing Commuted Sums
- § Neighbourhood Plans
- § Neighbourhood Design Statements
- § Leeds Girls High School
- § Tesco, Kirkstall District Centre
- § 45 St Michael's Lane
- § Victoria Road Swimming Pool Site
- § Woodhouse Street Development
- § 4 Moorland Road
- § Re'New and Unipol Report
- § Planning Aid
- § Tetley Hall

- 3.3 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. Nominations were agreed at the Area Committee meeting in June, with the exception of one vacancy for Headingley Ward and one vacancy for Kirkstall Ward.

Key Messages

- 3.4 Marian Charlton from the Cardigan Triangle Community Association had accepted an invite to fill the vacancy of resident representative for Headingley Ward.

3.5 Environment Sub Group

3.6 The Environment sub group met on the 6th September 2012, the sub group now includes resident representatives from each of the wards. The following issues were discussed:

- § The WNW Environmental Services Locality Team provided an overview of the service and the delegation, noting that the two broad areas of work are enforcement and cleansing.
- § During the period of 1st June – 31st August 2012 there were 566 requests for service received by the WNW Locality Team; 38 Enforcement Notices were served.
- § The recent Olympic Torch relay was successful and incident free.
- § The Beamsleys communal bins are working well. A similar scheme is being looked at for the Granbys, although this is less straightforward due to road layout. Members will continue to be consulted.
- § The Environmental Services Co-ordinator post, funded through the Area Committee, has now been filled and will be in post shortly. A large part of the role will be being out in the locality.
- § An update on Changeover and Freshers was given by the Area Support Team, including the distribution of the key actions document. Further information is included later in this report.
- § The Communications Team updated on key pieces of work including new ways customers are reporting issues and requesting service through the Council's Facebook and Twitter feeds.
- § The Derelict and Nuisance Sites report was given by the Area Support Team, a list of sites in the Inner North West was provided at **Appendix 1** and group members were asked to submit any further sites not listed.
- § Parks and Countryside provided an update of key pieces of work in each ward.

Key Messages

3.7 Joan Brown had accepted an invite to fill the vacancy of resident representative for Headingley Ward and Michael Parker had accepted an invite to fill the Kirkstall vacancy.

Student Changeover and University Freshers Planning

3.8 The Student Changeover response for 2012 ran for a four week period between June and July. The response involved additional services from the Environment Locality Team, Streetscene Services, universities and other partners to support the existing refuse and environmental services that operate within the Headingley, Hyde Park and Woodhouse area. Wellbeing funding allowed 367 tonnes of additional waste to

be removed from this area of the city, in addition to the waste removed by the 'normal' refuse services. Of this we managed to recycle roughly 122 tonnes.

- 3.9 Additionally, the University of Leeds Student Union initiatives around "Leave Leeds Tidy" and "Green Streets" provided much additional activity. Information around Changover activity was provided to Members on a daily basis and feedback has generally been positive.
- 3.10 Planning is now well underway for the student 'Freshers' period for 2012. A number of meetings have taken place to plan how resources from the Environment Locality Team, Streetscene Services, Safer Leeds, the Police, Area Support Team, universities and other partners will be deployed to support the operational management of 2012 'Frshers' response.
- 3.11 As in previous years, key points of consideration have been the deployment of service resources to tackle student safety; noise nuisance; environmental issues; the co-ordination of university and student union activity and a 'Freshers' communications plan.
- 3.12 Further discussion is needed on how cleansing and enforcement activity during this period will be co-ordinated.
- 3.13 It has been agreed that the Student Changeover and Freshers 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 of Headingley and Hyde Park.
- 3.14 Joint Inner and Outer Transport Sub Group**
- 3.15 The first meeting of the joint Inner and Outer North West Area Committee Transport Sub Group was held on the 3rd July 2012. There was good attendance from each respective Area Committee, Highways and Transportation, Planning and the Area Support Team. The following areas of concern were discussed: housing developments and congestion; the A660; the need for additional train stations and car parking; larger scale Park and Ride Schemes. The Leeds Bradford International Airport and corresponding links to public transport and road infrastructure was also discussed. The next meeting will be held in the Autumn 2012.

Key Messages

- 3.16 There were no key messages from the joint Transport sub group.
- 3.17 Proposed Name Change For The Former Beckett Park Primary School**
- 3.18 Children's Services are proposing to change the name of the former Beckett Park Primary School to the Queenswood Education Centre. This building currently houses the Vine, an adult education service for young people (aged 19-25) with complex needs and a department of the Library Service. A Child Day Nursery is also on site. Notification of this proposal is being sent to the Library Service and The Nursery.

3.19 Children's Services have proposed the name change as they feel the title of the former Beckett Park Primary does not allow for recognisable identification of the building and its purpose or location. The proposed new name would better reflect the nature of the provision on site and the area in which it is based. Attached at **Appendix 2** is an illustration of the proposed signage for your reference.

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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7 Background documents

- None