

Report of Deputy Chief Executive

Report to Inner West Area Committee

Date: 25th October 2012

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley 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
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

1. The Area Update Report provides Members with information on key services and other activities delivered in the inner West area since the last meeting.

Recommendations

2. 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 Support Team's work programme and local 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

3.1 Armley Festive Light Switch On

- 3.2 The steering group continues to meet to organise the Armley Christmas Light switch on event, to be held on Saturday 24th November. Lucy Scott from Interplay has joined the steering group, and Leeds City Council's events team have confirmed they will partner with the steering group to organise the event.

- 3.3 The final line-up is still to be arranged, and it is hoped that entertainment will be provided by local bands, schools and Radio Aire.

3.4 West North West Homes

- 3.5 West North West Homes are running a pilot scheme to employ a team of out of hours Neighbourhood Management Officers to work in pairs Tuesday to Sunday evenings from 6pm to 12 midnight. They provide a high visibility presence targeting hot spot areas for anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance. They also carry out routine visits early in the evening to customers who work during the day.

- 3.6 A key part of their workload is to gather evidence for anti-social behaviour cases, and identifying sub let or abandoned properties.

- 3.7 The pilot scheme will be reviewed in October, and if successful, will be officially launched in November with a marketing campaign to raise awareness. Funding is in place until March 2013, although it is hoped that a budget will be made available to continue the scheme in the new financial year.

- 3.8 Neighbourhood Management Officers are currently working on Neighbourhood Plans covering every West North West Homes estate. Ward Members have been contacted to put forward their priorities, as have local residents through consultations and estate walkabouts. The plans will include targeted actions to improve the environment, combat anti-social behaviour and improve partnership working with other agencies.

3.9 Armley Town Street Action Plan

- 3.10 Partners are continuing to work together to tackle anti-social behaviour and street drinking on and around Armley Town Street. In September officers from the police, West North West Homes and Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team carried out surveys on Town Street and in the Burnsall tower blocks to gather intelligence and reassure residents action is being taken. A volunteer police interpreter was involved

in the survey and provided vital information from non English speakers from Eastern Europe who would not otherwise have participated.

- 3.11 One of the findings of the action plan is that new immigrants from Eastern Europe are not fully engaged with services in the town. A session is being organised in Armley One Stop Centre to provide information on medical services, leisure facilities and employment support. It is hoped that the session will help these residents learn more about what Armley has to offer and become more involved in wider community activities.

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 Support 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 Support 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 Support Team 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 the Area Support Team'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.
- 4.5.1 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 The Area Update report provides Members with information on a range of services and activities in the inner West area.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Area Committee is asked to:
- Note the contents of the report, comment on any matters raised and suggest items for inclusion in future Area Update reports.

7. Background documents¹

- 7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.