

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to South Leeds (Inner) Area Committee

Date: Wednesday 21st November 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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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 Meetings

- 3.1.1 The minutes from the meeting held on 13th July 2012 are attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.1.2 Minutes from the 11th September 2012 meeting were approved at the meeting on 2nd November 2012 and are attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.1.3 The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd November will be approved at the 10th January 2013 and presented to a future Area Committee meeting.

3.2 Area Committees role in Neighbourhood Planning

- 3.2.1 At the meeting on the 2nd November Area Chairs discussed the role of Area Committees in the developments of Neighbourhood Planning.
- 3.2.2 Neighbourhood planning is part of the Localism Act and is a key part of local decision making procedures.
- 3.2.3 Members will be aware of the pilot scheme running in Holbeck that is updated in this report on a regular basis, further Neighbourhood Plans could arise in Inner South in the future if this pilot is successful.
- 3.2.4 With this potential for more plans being developed in the future, members are asked to note **Appendix 3** which is a discussion paper presented to the last Area Chairs meeting around the role of Area Committees in the process of Neighbourhood Planning.

4.0 Updates by theme: Children & Families

4.1 Children & Young People's Sub-group

- 4.2 At the September Area Committee, members approved the ringfencing of £130,000 for projects in 2013/14, this includes some spend this financial year and some out of next to ensure an effective spend profile.
- 4.3 Work has been ongoing to further develop the criteria and timescales to implement an effective Wellbeing funding application process for 2013/14. Application were requested

to be submitted by the 15th October, of which 19 were received. This deadline allows the schemes to be discussed by the Children & Young Peoples working group and subsequently submitted to the January Area Committee for ratification.

- 4.4 The schemes will be judged on their merits based on the needs identified by the applicant and how joined up and cost efficient the schemes are at delivery. Priority areas will be taken in to account and also existing provision.
- 4.5 The last meeting of the group took place on the 19th November which involved the discussions around the submitted applications. The results of this meeting will be submitted to the January Area Committee as part of the wellbeing report for final approval.

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 15th October, the minutes of which were to be approved at the next meeting.

5.1.2 Discussions at the October meeting included:

- Service Performance
 - o Manual mechanical cleaning
 - o Flytip removal
 - o Full litter bin emptying
 - o Enforcement activity
- SLA2 delivery of priorities
 - o Review mechanical cleansing blocks
 - o Actions on specific ward priorities, including land and ginnels

5.1.3 The minutes of the April meeting have previously been presented to members as part of this report.

5.2 Community Safety

5.2.1 The South Leeds Crime and Grime Partnership has its first meeting on 20th September and confirmed the new arrangements as outlined to Members in the Community Safety Report at their September Area Committee. The November meeting of the South Leeds Crime and Grime Partnership will be approving the final version of the Action Plan for 2012-13. This will be circulated to Members by email. The plan brings together the local delivery of the following Safer Leeds and environmental priorities:

- Reducing crime and its impact across Leeds
- Effectively tackling and reducing ASB in our communities

- Improving safeguarding and reducing vulnerability for individuals, families and communities
- Ensuring that local neighbourhoods are clean
- Increasing a sense of belonging that builds cohesive and harmonious communities

and locally agreed priorities as follows:

- Reducing the levels of metal theft
- Reducing ASB in Beeston Hill
- Reducing the impact of prostitution on individuals and communities in Holbeck
- Improving access to shared environmental intelligence
- Developing a joined up approach to address the issues around dog fouling
- Managing the impact of illegal traveller encampments in communities
- Responding to young people's concerns about their environments

5.2.3 The Inner South Area Committee will continue to be represented on the Crime and Grime Partnership by its Environmental Champion (Cllr Adam Ogilvie) and Community Safety Champion (Cllr Kim Groves).

5.2.4 Further to a request at the September Area Committee a report into the levels of, issues around and responses to domestic violence in Inner South Leeds is being prepared and will be presented to Members at a future meeting of the Area Committee. Members are aware that wellbeing funding has been granted to Women's Health Matters (WHM) to set up and run a support group in Inner South Leeds for women who have or are experiencing domestic violence. WHM have been building networks with a range of services across Inner South in order to generate referrals to the group. This includes presentations to the Clusters, the police Safeguarding team, Children's Centres, members of the Domestic Violence MARAC meeting and other service providers who work with women in a range of settings. Whilst the numbers of women attending the group is fairly low currently, this is to be expected for groups dealing with this highly sensitive issue. The networking with services will build trust and lead to an increase in women accessing support and ultimately improving their safety. WHM are available to present their work at a future Area Committee if Members feel this would be helpful.

6.0 Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing

6.1 Niche Tobacco

6.1.1 NHS Leeds in partnership with Leeds City Council Adult Social Care have jointly funded a project to raise awareness of the harmful effects of using niche tobacco products such as Shisha (waterpipe) and chewing products (e.g:Paan). The project aims to undertake targeted work within Beeston, Harehills and Hyde Park/Burley, all of which are neighbourhoods with higher concentrations of South Asian communities.

6.1.2 Programme of work is to include:

- Train the trainer sessions to support frontline staff to understand the issues so that they can pass on knowledge and raise awareness of the dangers of niche tobacco use

- The provision of promotional materials to be located in key venues, such as GP practices, dentists, community organisations
- Additional cessation support from Leeds Stop Smoking Services
- Intelligence information to support the development of a niche tobacco health needs assessment by Public Health
- Multi Agency Enforcement activity

The programme of work will begin in December 2012 and run for 12 months.

6.1.3 The business case report on this project is attached as **Appendix 4** and outlines the background to this project and will be presented to the Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet NIB.

6.2 Volunteer Health Champions

6.2.1 NHS Leeds has funded a project to recruit and support a group of volunteer health champions within the Inner South area of the city. The work will initially take place within Cottingley and will link to the current programme of work taking place in this area to build on community development and infrastructure. Officers from Leeds City Council and NHS Leeds will work alongside Health for All to recruit, train and support the community volunteers with the aim of them using their life experience, understanding and position of influence to help their friends, families, neighbours, communities and work colleagues lead healthier lives.

6.3 Health & Wellbeing Partnership

6.3.1 The approved minutes from the 27th July meeting minutes are attached as Appendix 5. for comment.

6.3.2 The South East Health and Well being partnership last met on the 4th October 2012, the minutes are attached as **Appendix 6**.

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

7.1 Holbeck Phases 1, 2 and 3 Clearance Areas

7.1.1 The Council is currently considering a range of options for the redevelopment of this site.

7.2 Beverleys Housing Development

7.2.1 Due to the severe weather problems in June/July and August, the handover of the completed site has been delayed. The formal handover of the completed site will now take place mid November 2012. The Council, Chevin HA and Unity HA will be organising a Completion Event, provisionally scheduled for November/ December 2012.

7.2.2 All the 28 social rented properties have been advertised in the Leeds Homes Flyer and all the properties have been let or pre-allocated. Nine properties are now occupied. The 27 shared ownership properties have also been advertised in the Leeds Homes Flyers and with Whitegates Estate Agents on Dewsbury Road. To date, 21 applicants have applied to purchase these properties and 9 have been sold. A Local Lettings policy was

devised for the Beverleys and preference was given to 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

7.3 Garnets Housing Area

Demolition

- 7.3.1 Formal Approval authorising expenditure to complete the demolition of the last 2 blocks containing 37 – 51 Garnet Grove and 38 – 52 Garnet Terrace was obtained on 18th September 2012. It is anticipated that demolition will commence from the beginning of November 2012 and will be completed in mid December 2012. Letters will be delivered to the neighbouring residents advising them of the exact dates, once confirmation has been received from the Council's Property Management Services.

Refurbishment.

- 7.3.2 The refurbishment works on 66 & 72 Garnet Terrace and 64, 66, 69 & 71 Garnet Grove have now been completed by AVHL and these properties have now been let or pre-allocated. Leeds Federated Housing Association have started refurbishment works to their properties at 63 and 67 Garnet Place, and 65,67 and 68 Garnet Grove on 24th September 2012. They anticipate that the works will be completed by March 2013 and the properties subsequently relet.

- 7.3.3 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 anticipated that all the Council owned empty properties within these blocks will be refurbished and brought back in to use during the current financial year.

7.4 Middleton Housing Development Sites 1,2,3, Intake View and Middleton Park Road

- 7.4.1 The Planning Application submitted by Sanctuary Housing was approved on the 1st October and the accompany S106 agreement has now been completed. The transfer of the land from the Council to Sanctuary is now progressing. Keepmoat who are Sanctuary's contractor have agreed to support small scale local community projects and Sanctuary are open to suggestions for any possible beneficiaries. Keepmoat are seeking to undertake some early work to divert utilities over the course of the autumn and will subject to the land transfer commence construction of the new properties in the new year.

7.5 Middleton and Belle Isle Neighbourhood Framework

- 7.5.1 The initial ideas proposed for inclusion within the Neighbourhood Framework have been shared with ward members and the Middleton and Belle Isle Neighbourhood Improvement Board. Wider stakeholder and community engagement to seek views about the area and some of the possible opportunities is to take place in early November before further consultation on the proposals in December and January. The framework will then be presented to Planning Board for approval. The framework will inform future

development proposals and be used as a material consideration by planning services when determining planning applications.

7.6 Beeston Hill & Holbeck PFI

- 7.6.1 Sustainable Communities for Leeds (sc4L) is the preferred bidder set to undertake large scale housing regeneration in Beeston Hill & Holbeck. The refurbishment of existing properties and environmental improvements will be carried out in the first three years of the contract. The new build housing will take four years to complete.
- 7.6.2 A period of mobilisation will follow the signing of the contract with sc4L during which time there will be intensive activity within the project areas preparing residents and stakeholders for the works and Services commencement.
- 7.6.3 Further updates on timescales for these events will be provided at the next meeting of the Area Committee.

8 **Integrated Locality working**

8.1 Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board

- 8.1.1 The most recent meeting of the board took place on the 10th September 2012, the minutes of the meeting will be presented to a future meeting.
- 8.1.2 The minutes of the previous meeting on the 29th June are attached for members comments as **Appendix 8**.

8.2 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board

- 8.2.1 The last meeting of the Neighbourhood Improvement Board was held on the 4th September 2012. The minutes of the meeting will be presented to members at a future Area Committee meeting.
- 8.2.2 The next meeting of the board is planned for 4th December 2012.

8.3 Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

- 8.3.1 The latest meeting of the NIP took place on the 12th October 2012, the minutes are attached for information along with the minutes of the 7th September 2012. (**Appendix 9 & 10**)
- 8.3.2 The current NIP action plan is attached as **Appendix 11**.

8.4 Cottingley Recycling Project

- 8.4.1 With the ongoing work focused on the recycling scheme, developments have been made around a protocol with regards to refuse collection. This document outlines the expectations of support from both the community and services in this area of work. A copy of the protocol is presented as **Appendix 12**.

8.4.2 Progress has been made on the pilot community recycling scheme on the Cottingley estate. The following has taken place since the last update to members:

- Communications documents and letters produced, printed and delivered
- 05/09/2012 - All addresses in pilot zone 'door knocked' with assistance from AVHL – spoke to 27 households
- All addresses leafleted and TRAC Facebook group used to promote information session
- 26/09/2012 - Information and Q & A session held at primary school, approx 12 further residents attended.
- 12/10/2012 – Visit to resident concerned about bin location with Councillor and AVHL TMOs
- This communications period reached all residents with feedback from around 35%.
- Consultation has taken place with service managers and crews have been advised of the pending changes.

8.4.3 The next stages in the implementation process are as follows:

- Consultation is due to take place with bin crews and supervisors as well as unions and health and safety on site
- 2 x recycling site locations where residents have raised objections to be reviewed
- Highways to be instructed to carry out necessary works

8.4.4 Further updates to the area committee will be provided at significant milestones, Ward members will be updated at their ward based briefings.

- Communications were very successful and are the key milestone to report
- The majority of feedback has been positive with residents very keen on an improvement to their current service for both recycling and residual waste.

9.0 Localism

9.1 Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners Pilot

9.1.1 Forum representatives attended a walkabout held on the 16th September to identify the good and less good features of the area, identify improvements and to consider the boundaries of the neighbourhood plan.

9.1.2 Community members from Holbeck attended a citywide event about neighbourhood planning, which was held at Leeds Civic Hall. One of the Holbeck residents gave a presentation about the Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan. The representatives from DCLG attended a walkabout of Holbeck to understand the area and its issues at first hand in the afternoon prior to the evening event.

9.1.3 The neighbourhood forum met on the 25th October, details of the meeting will be circulated to members in due course. Residents and representatives of various organisations and Elected Members signed up to membership of the Forum. The

meeting decided the proposed Holbeck Neighbourhood Area – most of this is in Beeston & Holbeck Ward with a small part in City & Hunslet Ward. An application to designate this the Holbeck Neighbourhood Area will then be made to the Council. The Council will then advertise the proposed boundary and there will be a six week period during which representations can be made. Officers will then consider any representations that have been made along with any planning issues and prepare a report for the Chair of the Inner South Area Committee and local Ward Members to consider.

9.1.4 A support group continues to meet to support and guide the Holbeck work. The acting chair of the Forum is being provided with continuing support by LCC Officers

9.2 Community First updates

9.2.1 Since Members were last updated on the progress of the Community First Panels, the groups have met again and recommended further schemes. **Appendix 13** outlines the projects recommended thus far.

10.0 Corporate Considerations

10.1 Consultation and Engagement

10.1.1 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.

10.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

10.2.1 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.

10.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

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

10.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

10.3.1 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

10.4 Resources and Value for Money

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

10.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

10.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are not eligible for Call In.

10.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

10.5.3 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

10.6 Risk Management

10.6.1 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.

11 Conclusions

11.1 The report provides up to date information on key work areas of the Area Committee.

12 Recommendations

12.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

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

Background documents¹

There are no background papers associated with this report

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.