

Inner West Business Plan (Priorities for Action) 2012-15

Approved at March 2012 Area Committee

Improvement Priority	What will the Area Committee do to address this priority?	Which service or partner is responsible?	What did we do?	What was the impact?
Sustainable Economy and Culture				
Provide opportunities for people to get jobs or learn new skills	Develop a programme of work to tackle unemployment in priority neighbourhoods.	Jobs & Skills Job Centre Plus Community Centres	Sessions run in Fairfield and New Wortley. New Job Shop at Armley Library.	<p>In its first six months, the Armley Job Shop signed up three times more customers than when the service was based at Strawberry Lane Community Centre.</p> <p>New Wortley Community Centre and Fairfield Community Centre both run well attended job shops that have supported people back into work.</p>
Make better use of our community buildings	Support the Community Centre Consortium's programme of work, in particular the medium and long term plans for Fairfield and New Wortley Community Centres	Area Support Team Community Centres BARCA	<p>The Area Committee funded the Social Enterprise and Business Facilities Manager post from April to September. The Area Support Team is providing support to secure short term grant funding for the BSFEM post.</p> <p>A multi-agency group is to be established to support the New Wortley Community Centre Board develop a medium and long term plan.</p>	<p>Social enterprises at the two centres earned their highest revenues this year.</p> <p>Funding was secured to keep the BSFEM in post for a further six months.</p> <p>The number of activities running in both centres has increased since April.</p>

<p>Work with local businesses and partners to support a flourishing local economy.</p>	<p>Work with businesses and partner agencies to promote Armley Town Centre as a safe and clean place to shop.</p>	<p>Area Support Team Police Environmental Locality Team</p>	<p>The Armley Town Street action plan aims to reduce anti-social behaviour and street drinking on Town Street.</p> <p>Organised a Festive Light switch on event.</p>	<p>A number of actions have been completed, including a survey of businesses, enforcing the DPPO and engaging with Eastern European groups of drinkers to explain the law around anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>The festive light switch on took place on 24th November. Unfortunately rain impacted attendance but it was well publicised beforehand to promote the town as a shopping destination.</p>
<p>Provide opportunities and facilities to enable local people to access and engage in sport and cultural activities.</p>	<p>Work with partners to develop local projects that offer new opportunities to participate in sport and cultural activities.</p>	<p>Area Support Team LCC Sport Development I Love West Leeds Festival</p>	<p>The Area Committee continued to fund additional opening hours for Bramley Baths ahead of its transfer to a resident led consortium.</p> <p>The Area Committee provided grant funding for LCC Sport Development to hold taster sessions at local sports clubs for school age children and young people.</p> <p>The Area Committee funded the I Love West Leeds Festival .</p>	<p>The transfer of Bramley Baths was delayed and LCC Sports are funding the extended hours until January.</p> <p>Over 800 children from the inner west attended the sports sessions over the summer.</p> <p>The I Love West Leeds festival was cancelled due to bad weather. Outdoor cinema screenings were held in October at Fairfield and New Wortley.</p>

Safer and Stronger Communities				
Reduce crime and antisocial behaviour, with a particular focus on reducing burglary rates	Deliver and review Armley and Bramley burglary reduction plans. Wok with the tasking partnership to solve priority issues and hotspot concerns.	Divisional Community Safety Partnership	The police trialled Operation Optimal in the inner West Area to reduce burglaries to predict burglary patterns using technology.	Burglary rates dramatically reduced in 2012 compared with the previous year, by 38% in Armley and 65% in Bramley & Stanningley.
Consult local people on changes that may affect their lives and support them to get involved in local decision making.	Hold community forums and meetings across the ward. Ensure significant developments are appropriately communicated to the public.	Area Support Team	Community forums are held in Bramley and Armley. AST officers attend the New Wortley residents' association public meeting to consult and update on current initiatives.	A range of actions are raised and followed up at forum meetings from tidying up a war memorial to introducing new parking restrictions. Both forums are well attended and often reported on in the local paper.
Support the development of strong networks of community groups who contribute to improving their neighbourhood. Support local events that bring people together.	Support local voluntary, community and faith organisations to play a lead role in the development and implementation of neighbourhood activities.	Area Support Team West North West Homes	Resident representatives invited to sit on the Neighbourhood Improvement Board and Neighbourhood Partnerships. AST supported family events in the Broadleas and Fairfields to survey local residents about their neighbourhood.	Residents from three out of four priority neighbourhoods have been recruited to the Board, and work is ongoing to find a representative from the Fairfields. AST surveyed residents at the Broadleas funday in August and the Fairfield Halloween event. Both were organised by the local multi-agency meetings.

<p>Support volunteering within our local communities</p>	<p>Engage volunteers to work within local communities and support the development of community assets.</p>	<p>Area Support Team Community Centre Consortium</p>	<p>The Area Committee funded Business and Social Enterprise Manager has increased the number of volunteers at the Community Centres and put in place a development and training programme.</p> <p>The Friends of Bramley Baths have been supported by Barca and the Council to take over the running of Bramley Baths</p>	<p>Volunteers at the community centres are learning new skills and feel supported by the paid staff and Board.</p> <p>Asset transfer of Bramley Baths was completed in January 2013.</p>
<p>Improve the local environment and our parks and open spaces</p>	<p>Work through the environmental delegation and local tasking to tackle environmental hotspots</p>	<p>Locality Team Tasking</p>	<p>Members approved the service level agreement with the locality team and are regularly updated at the Area Committee and General Purposes Sub Group.</p>	<p>Members have complemented the Locality Team on their swift response to referrals.</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing</p>				
<p>Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities</p>	<p>Complete the New Wortley Health Needs Assessment and work with partners to deliver health related programmes of activity in priority neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>NHS Leeds Health Living Network Barca Fairfield & New Wortley Community Centres</p>	<p>New Wortley HNA completed and being used to target resources. HLN are continuing their successful referral project in local pharmacies and are planning sessions to promote men's health. Barca are running a number of sessions in Fairfield including fitness classes and family cooking session.</p>	<p>Increased number of well-being activities in New Wortley.</p> <p>Secured additional funding from NHS on the back of the Health Needs Assessment.</p> <p>New projects in the pipeline from Healthy Living Network to tackle mental health and harm reduction.</p>

Children and Families				
All children and young people in Leeds have access to out of school activities.	Work with partners to target and deliver diversionary activities for young people.	Youth Service Barca Clusters	Area Committee funded three youth projects – Tuesday night football and Saturday night project in Armley and summer sports sessions across the two wards.	Attendance at sessions: Football - 12 Saturday night project - 50 juniors & 15 seniors Summer sports sessions – 800
Housing and Regeneration				
Improve public service co-ordination working together with local residents to improve our most deprived neighbourhoods Support partnership working around Priority Neighbourhoods.	Review priority neighbourhood working.	Area Support Team NHS Leeds LAMP meetings	The LAMP meetings were reviewed and a new Neighbourhood Improvement Programme has started for the four most deprived neighbourhoods in the inner West. The programme is lead by an improvement board with newly strengthened Neighbourhood Partnership meetings delivering the front line service improvements. A neighbourhood improvement plan is being drafted.	Increased awareness among partner agencies about the challenges in the priority neighbourhoods. Clear focus on priority themes that contribute most to the deprivation in the neighbourhoods. Closer working between agencies through the new Neighbourhood Partnerships.
Ensure efficient use of available resources such as Wellbeing in order to address both local and citywide priorities.	This priority was not in the Committee's original Business Plan. Actions for this priority will be included in the 2013/14 refresh.			