

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to South Leeds (Inner) Area Committee

Date: Wednesday 20th March 2013

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
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 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 last meeting of the group took place on the 1st March with the minutes being approved at the next meeting of the group on 3rd May.
- 3.1.2 The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January are attached as **Appendix 1**

4.0 Updates by theme: Children & Families – Cllr Gabriel

Children & Young People's Sub-group

- 4.1.1 The next meeting of the working group is being scheduled at the moment and will focus on the development of the activities brochure.

5.0 Updates by theme: Safer Stronger Communities Board – Cllr Ogilvie

Inner South Environmental Sub-Group

- 5.1.1 The last meeting of the group took place on the 5th March, the minutes of which were to be approved at the next meeting. The agenda included discussions on service performance, delivery of SLA2 priorities, and timetable for SLA3.
- 5.1.2 The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October are attached as **Appendix 2** for noting.

5.2 Community Safety – Cllr Groves

Crime and Grime Partnership

The most recent meeting of the South Leeds Crime and Grime Partnership took place on 30th January. The focus of the meeting was exploring how it could develop a Restorative Practice approach in how it delivers its activity. Restorative Practice is an approach to

partnership working and working with communities that has been embedded into the practice of Children's Services across Leeds. It is a conflict resolution model that emphasises the importance of strong relationships in order to promote better working and as a means of resolving conflict where it occurs. The next meeting is due to take place in April 2013.

5.2.2 Burglary Reduction

Middleton Park ward has experienced a significant increase in burglary offences over the year. In response to this, an OBA workshop is due to take place on 15th March involving key partners to develop an action plan for the ward. The workshop will make use of local intelligence and good practice from other parts of the city to "turn the curve" in relation to these offences. Aire Valley Homes remain committed to deploying their resources in an appropriate way to reduce the impact of burglary for their tenants. The strategic burglary meeting in April will identify the strategic localities of concern across the city for 2013/14 and through this process there may be further support available for local activity.

5.2.3 Reducing harm caused by alcohol by restricting availability

A key focus of the South Leeds Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership has been exploring how to limit the availability of alcohol in communities with high levels of alcohol related health and community safety issues. A multi agency group has now begun to develop a local licensing framework for LS10/11. This will involve the provision of information to licence applicants about alcohol related concerns in the neighbourhood. It has also forged a link with planning in order to better consult on new applications for takeaways. This will allow colleagues to consider the health impact of allowing new takeaways to open in areas where there is a density of those premises and where they are likely to also apply for a licence to sell alcohol. The February meeting of the Area Leadership Team endorsed this work. Members will be advised of progress at future meetings.

5.2.4 Hate Crime report

Members are asked to note the hate crime report attached as **Appendix 3**. Further updates will be provided in due course.

6.0 Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Truswell

6.1 Smoking OBA in Belle Isle

6.1.1 An Smoking OBA session took place on the 27th November to examine the topic of Smoking in Belle Isle. Attendance was high at the session from a variety of individuals working in the area and those working to address the agenda around smoking.

6.1.2 Videos were shared in relation to local residents and young peoples views in relation to:

- Why they think local people smoke.
- What they think would encourage local people to not start smoking / stop smoking.
- What would help individuals living in Belle Isle to become more healthy.

6.1.3 The following key themes came out of the session and work is currently being carried out to the develop work programmes under the key themes that emerged from the workshop:

- a) Demand for a local smoking cessation clinic.
- b) Need for involvement with local schools and youth service provision in order to promote smoking prevention and smokefree homes.
- c) Local promotion of key relevant messages.
- d) Addressing illicit tobacco sales.
- e) Healthy Belle Isle, carry out local activity to address other healthy lifestyle topics and the wider determinants of health in the Belle Isle area.

6.1.4 A copy of the action plan will be circulated and discussed at the Belle Isle & Middleton NIB, and will be presented to all members at a future Area Committee meeting.

6.2 Obesity Review

6.2.1 The obesity review document was signed off at the 24th January Health & Wellbeing Partnership. The next stage is for it to be circulated to relevant groups.

6.2.2 A pilot scheme is being developed to work in Middleton and will be coordinated through the Neighbourhood Improvement Board and associated sub-group led by Cllr Truswell.

6.3 Niche Tobacco project update.

6.3.1 The programme of work has now begun with project workers contacting all relevant agencies within the target areas (Beeston, Harehills and Hyde Park/Burley) to offer training sessions to frontline staff and direct delivery sessions to community groups.

6.3.2 The organisations contacted include faith groups, community groups, a range of community organisations, schools and children's centres. The first of these sessions are organised for early March with resources being produced during February.

6.3.3 Resources include posters and leaflets which will be distributed at the sessions and will also be displayed within GP Surgeries, Dentists, Pharmacies and a range of community venues that fall within the target areas.

6.3.4 Work is ongoing in terms of evaluating the project and looking towards the sustainability of the programme of work after December 2013.

6.4 Cottingley Update

6.4.1 The Cottingley Health & Well-Being group last met in January 2013 to consider the completion of the original action plan. The group agreed it has been beneficial to meet for both networking and partnership development purposes. The group will meet again in April to discuss future work programmes and share current challenges – it is hoped that a member of the group will take a lead in arranging future meetings. An exit plan and case study of the work is proposed to share best practice – it will be considered that this will happen in line with the completion of the Cottingley NIP.

6.4.2 Recent successes from the group include; the development of a youth forum; Space2 working with the primary school and childrens centre around smoke free places using a social norms approach; potential provision of CAB in the primary school; a hazardous co-

sleeping campaign within the childrens centre; change4life service and champion development working on the estate.

- 6.4.3 A copy of the full health needs assessment and subsequent action plan are available to members on request.

6.5 Hunslet update

- 6.5.1 On 28th January, a group of frontline professionals in Hunslet came together to discuss ways of working in partnership in the future to tackle issues of health inequalities in the area. The group were presented with data from the MSOA profiles around health inequalities and were asked for their own thoughts on priorities for supporting residents and service users.
- 6.5.2 The group agreed they would like to continue to meet to both network and share successes and challenges aswell as find out about other initiatives in the area that they could signpost, refer to or work together with.
- 6.5.3 A future meeting has been set for April where these conversations will continue. Some immediate actions identified have been around staff training, event planning, welfare reform briefings and mapping around services and contact details. It is hoped that strategic direction and priorities for the area will be considered in the future and the working group will have the foundations to take actions forwards.

7 Integrated Locality working

7.1 Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board

- 7.1.1 The most recent meeting of the board took place on the 14th January 2013, the minutes of the meeting will be presented to a future meeting.
- 7.1.2 The next meeting of the group is planned for the 22nd April 2013.

7.2 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board

- 7.2.1 The last meeting of the Neighbourhood Improvement Board was held on the 5th March 2013. Discussions took place on the following topics:

- Welfare Reform – update and actions since the last meeting
- Scams and frauds(education for residents)
- Middleton Park Neighbourhood Framework
- Seniors Network European Project
- Smoking in Belle Isle action Plan – Joanne Davis
- Tackling Obesity Plan – Joanne Davis
- Improvements to Middleton Leisure Centre
- Actions from Employment & Skills Board
- Apprenticeship programme
- Work clubs

- Learning Markets

7.2.2 The minutes of the December meeting are attached at **Appendix 4** for noting.

7.2.3 The next meeting of the group is planned for the 4th June 2013.

7.3 Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

7.3.1 The latest meeting of the NIP took place on the 15th March 2013, the minutes will be presented to a future Area Committee.

8.0 Localism

8.1 Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners Pilot

8.1.1 Around sixty people attended a meeting of the Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum held on Saturday 23rd February at St. Matthews Community Centre. Workshop discussions were held and those attending decided which of two of six themes they wanted to discuss particularly to set out what they wanted to happen in Holbeck. The six themes were; heritage and history; housing; traffic and movement; the environment; community facilities and services; business and employment. The group discussions will be written up and used to help develop the Neighbourhood Plan.

8.1.2 A support group continues to meet to support and guide the Holbeck work. The group includes representatives of the three residents' groups in Holbeck. The first meetings of task groups to progress publicity and the content of the Neighbourhood Plan have taken place and will continue to meet. The acting chair of the Forum is being provided with continuing support by LCC Officers.

8.1.3 Letters have been sent to businesses in the area encouraging them to get involved with the Plan and Forum, but so far no response has been received. Some personal visits will be carried out to try to involve businesses in the development of the Plan.

9.0 Local Updates

9.1 Inner South Christmas Trees & Lights for 2013

9.1.1 Site meetings have taken place in both Belle Isle and Holbeck to discuss the installations of trees for this year. Further details will be discussed with members on a ward basis.

9.2 Update to the merger of Joseph Priestley College and Leeds City College

9.2.1 Members have previously been presented with updates on the merger of Joseph Priestly College and Leeds City College. An update on the progress is presented to members for noting as **Appendix 5**.

9.3 William Gascoigne Community Centre

- 9.3.1 The William Gascoigne Centre, which is adjacent to the Middleton Leisure Centre, is in a poor state of repair. Middleton Leisure Centre is undergoing refurbishment which is due to be completed at the end of March 2013. Members agreed to the proposal to relocate William Gascoigne users in the leisure centre, following refurbishment, providing all users needs were met.
- 9.3.2 Further discussion with Middleton Park Members led to the agreement that the building will be declared surplus in due course. Demolition of the William Gascoigne Centre is expected to place within a reasonable timescale, following the decant of all users. This will reduce the risk of the building becoming an eyesore and attracting criminal or anti-social behaviour
- 9.3.3 A summary report is attached as **Appendix 6** for information.

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.