

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to South Leeds (Inner) Area Committee

Date: Wednesday 15th May 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 3rd May with the minutes being approved at the next meeting of the group and reported to a future Area Committee.

4.0 Updates by theme: Children & Families – Cllr Angela Gabriel

4.1 Children & Young People's Sub-group

- 4.1.1 The next meeting of the working group is not yet scheduled but, is expected that discussions will focus on the development of the activities brochure and a review of the terms of reference and membership.

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

5.1 Inner South Environmental Sub-Group

- 5.1.1 The last meeting of the group took place on the 2nd May, 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 the development of SLA3. The final draft version of SLA3 will be presented at the June Area Committee for consideration and approval.

- 5.1.2 The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March are attached as **Appendix 1** for noting.

5.2 Community Safety – Cllr Kim Groves

5.2.1 Crime and Grime Partnership

The April meeting of the South Leeds Crime and Grime Partnership was postponed and the new date has yet to be confirmed. The focus of the rescheduled meeting will be looking at the community impact of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and updating the action plan.

5.2.2 Burglary Reduction

Middleton Park ward has experienced a significant increase in burglary offences over the year. An OBA workshop was held in March that was well attended by a range of partners and allowed some good discussions to take place. An action plan is being prepared with one of the key actions focussing on how to encourage residents to respond to crime reduction messages as over a third of burglaries in Middleton are through insecure doors and windows. An update on burglary activity will be presented to the Middleton NIB in June and further updates to the Area Committee at future meetings.

5.2.3 South Leeds Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership

Members have been advised in previous reports of the partnership that has been established to address the impact of alcohol on community safety and health and wellbeing. A review has taken place of the activity and a summary of achievements is presented at **Appendix 2**. The group has agreed three areas of work for 2013/14 and these are:

- Developing a Local Licensing Policy in south Leeds to reduce the availability of alcohol.
- Reducing the level of alcohol-related domestic violence
- Establish multi agency case conference to identify and support High Intensive Users.

6.0 **Updates by theme: Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Paul Truswell**

6.1 The South East Health and Wellbeing partnership last met on the 23rd March 2013, the minutes are attached as **Appendix 3**.

6.2 **Reducing Smoking rates in Belle Isle**

6.2.1 Following the OBA session a partnership working group has been formed to co-ordinate the work programme of the Reducing smoking rates in Belle Isle action plan.

6.2.2 Actions being progressed include: a new smoking cessation clinic will be open from the 3rd May 2013 every Friday from 1 – 3pm at the Belle Isle Family Centre and promotional activity to engage residents is underway; the Leeds smoke free homes initiative has now been launched in Belle Isle and Middleton area.

6.3 **Health is Everyone's Business Training**

6.3.1 Health is Everyone's Business training has been offered to individuals working in inner South Leeds with the following aims:

- Increase local workers knowledge of health & wellbeing in South Leeds.
- Increase understanding of a workers role in health improvement.
- Increase workers confidence to talk about lifestyle issues through brief opportunistic conversations with people.
- Increase knowledge of healthy living & support services and where to signpost people to.
- An understanding of Public Health's role within Leeds City Council.

6.3.2 Staff from four local children centres and from one extended service school cluster in inner South Leeds have now attended the Health is Everyone's Business training.

6.4 Niche Tobacco Project Update

- 6.4.1 The niche tobacco project was set up to add value to work to reduce smoking related deaths. It is aimed mainly at BME communities known to be regular users of chewing tobacco products and Shishas (water pipes) both with high levels of nicotine content.
- 6.4.2 Awareness raising sessions have now been set up and run at community venues within Beeston for local residents. Also to increase capacity on getting messages out sessions have been run with frontline staff working in this area. The project officers delivering this activity are working closely with the Hamara Centre, and have so far delivered 10 sessions and are waiting for Leeds Smoking Services to work with them in order to support people wanting to stop using a variety of niche tobacco products.
- 6.4.3 West Yorkshire Joint Services are looking to assign Trading Standards staff to visit retailers in the area to raise awareness of what products are sold and the potential health effects of these products. Many of these products are not labelled properly and retailers seem to have little knowledge of exactly what they are selling.
- 6.4.4 A multi agency enforcement meeting has also been arranged for the 25th April to look at other issues relating to niche tobacco use within the community. This is to be attended by Trading Standards, Public Health, West Yorkshire Police, HMRC, Community Safety, Environmental Health and West Yorkshire Fire Service.

6.5 Reducing Infant Mortality

- 6.5.1 Work to engage fathers and fathers to be in antenatal education is underway with support from South Leeds community radio, who are putting together a production of a 6 part radio dramatisation to be aired on local community radio stations. This will involve local men being volunteers to voice the parts which cover topics such as; access to Birth and Beyond antenatal classes and local children's centres; breastfeeding; men's involvement during and after the birth; behaviour change; postnatal depression; and hazardous co-sleeping. The recording will also be available on CD from midwives in South and East Leeds. The work will be launched in June to link with men's health week and father's day. Birth and beyond resources will be used at ESOL classes and many partners will be out and about promoting the resources.

6.6 Reducing Obesity

- 6.6.1 An in depth piece of work on understanding and tackling obesity was undertaken by the south east area health and wellbeing partnership and final report outlining challenges was endorsed in March this year. One of the recommendations was to develop some new approaches and test these within Middleton as a neighbourhood with high prevalence rates.
- 6.6.2 To take this forward a steering group has been established locally and key activities proposed include restricting numbers of take aways around schools; improving access to services through improved referral pathways between providers; increasing take up local

provision such as bodyline subsidised costs to using leisure centres and refreshing childhood obesity programme.

- 6.6.3 At a citywide level in response to the area partnerships review confirmation has been given on addressing gap on adult obesity lead and for this is being actioned by the Director of Public health along with an acknowledgement of the need to strengthen links between children's and adult obesity.

6.7 International Day of Older Persons

- 6.7.1 The International Day of Older Persons is celebrated annually on 1st October, aimed at recognising the contribution older people make to society and examines issues that affect their lives. The Area Committee is asked to consider supporting an event to coincide with this celebration in 2013. It is proposed that the South East Area Support Team will support a small organising group and engage with neighbourhood networks and other interested groups to plan an event. Members are asked to consider ring-fencing £1,500 from wellbeing funds to support such an event.

6.8 Welfare Reform – Public Health Funding

- 6.8.1 Members will know that £20,000 funding has been allocated to address issues around Welfare Reform. The aim of the funding is to engage and support individuals and families in South East Leeds in relation to the promotion of welfare reforms and managing the impact of the welfare reforms on individuals and families. A specification based on the following was developed and circulated to groups that it was felt could deliver projects against it:

- Briefing sessions for frontline staff groups, including the voluntary & community sector working in South Leeds to enable them to better understand the impact of the welfare reforms
- Activity that informs tenants in the private rented sector and in priority Neighbourhood's in South Leeds about the welfare reforms.
- Activities that increase local staff and public awareness in relation to accessing affordable credit and safe savings, how to report an illegal money lender, how to refer to independent impartial money advice and avoiding scams and fraud to reduce the potential impacts of welfare reforms on an individuals/family income.
- Activities that promote signposting and referral through to other services which provide financial support.
- Activities providing budgeting advice and debt management.
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- 6.8.1 The South East Welfare Reform Group considered 5 expressions of interest and agreed the following actions:

- Two bids were highlighted for further work. The group felt other bids did not fit criteria or offer best value.
- Public Health to consult further to ensure best value, identify any additional funding and no duplication of service. As part of this process Area Committee Chairs were briefed along with Councillor Truswell Inner Health & Wellbeing Champion. Following this round of consultation the 2 projects highlighted are agreed for implementation:

- 6.8.2 £17,000 has been allocated to West Yorkshire Trading Services to run the Financial Fitness Leeds Project. This project aims to improve the financial health and wellbeing of residents in the South East. A delivery programme will be drafted with Trading Standards and shared with Members before implementation. It is likely that the focus will be on Inner South East Wards. Workshops will be delivered in key community “hubs” providing residents with a better understanding of the potential impacts of the impending Welfare Reforms, increasing knowledge, skills and understanding of banking, budgeting and money management, empowering them to make more informed financial choices, enabling them to become more confident consumers, using preventative concepts to avoid financial difficulties. **Appendix 4** highlights a case study on the programme.
- 6.8.3 Area Committee is asked to consider whether they would like to allocate Wellbeing funds to buy-in to this programme of work and establish an enhanced Financial Fitness Project Programme in their respective areas.
- 6.8.4 £3,000 has been allocated to the Aware Group, Aire valley Homes to introduce new free internet access points in Cottingley Towers which will increase engagement with services, especially of those not currently represented as part of a community or voluntary group and build on the capacity of residents to cope with the changes of the Welfare Reform.
- 6.8.5 The South East Area Leadership Team (ALT) and the South East Welfare Reform Group will monitor implementation and provide evaluation of the projects, with updates to Area Committees through Summary of Key Works.

7 Integrated Locality working

7.1 Beeston, Holbeck & Hunslet Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB)

- 7.1.1 The latest meeting of the group took place on the 14th January and the minutes are attached as **Appendix 5**. The next meeting of the board is planned for the 24th May 2013.
- 7.1.2 Further to the meeting on 14th January the Area Leader has undertaken a review of this NIB in consultation with the Chair and Ward Members. It was recognised that to date the board has operated with mixed success. This was in part to do with the approach and also the challenges associated with a 2 Ward NIB which has clouded the focus of the discussions with regard to issues in some parts of the Wards. The Area Leader has agreed with ward Members to create separate boards for each Ward. This will be discussed in more detail by the board on 24th May 2013. Further update will be brought to the next Area Committee meeting.

7.2 Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

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

7.3 Belle Isle & Middleton Neighbourhood Improvement Board

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

7.4 Priority Neighbourhood Worker

7.4.1 A 6 month update to be presented at next area committee in June.

8.0 **Localism**

8.1 Holbeck Neighbourhood Planning Front Runners Pilot

8.1.1 The workshops held at the last Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum meeting held in February (reported on at the March meeting of the Area Committee) have now been written up and developed into an emerging outline of the Neighbourhood Plan. The content of the Plan task group has now met to develop this outline further, which includes both planning and non-planning issues. This outline will be presented to a future meeting of the Forum for discussion to ensure that the Plan meets residents' priorities. The next meeting of the Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum is planned for Saturday 22nd of June 2013.

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. It is hoped that an Elected Member will attend these meetings in future. Representatives from DCLG have attended a meeting of the Support Group recently. The publicity task group continues to meet to develop publicity to promote the Plan and the Forum. This task group will also promote the Plan to businesses with the aim of having more businesses involved. The acting chair of the Forum is being provided with continuing support by LCC Officers.

8.2 Celebration Event

8.2.1 The Celebration Event took place at the Civic Hall on 1st May 2013. The event was hosted by the Inner South Area Committee in partnership with local community groups and Community First panels. It provided an opportunity for Area Committee to say thank you to the organisations and partners for the work that is done in local communities. Over 60 people attended and the groups had the opportunity to meet other community groups, Councillors, funders and voluntary sector organisations to share best practice and find out about services and support available to them. Feedback from the event was generally positive. Members are asked to consider ring-fencing £1,000 from wellbeing funds to support the event.

9.0 Local Updates

9.1 Middleton Skills Centre

9.1.1 Through the Middleton Park Ward members meeting, discussions have taken place regarding the transfer of Middleton Skills Centre to Children's Services. A short note is attached as **Appendix 6** explaining the justification for this move. Middleton Park Members supported this action and the note is for information only.

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.