

Report of Priority Neighbourhood Worker

Report to South Leeds Inner Area Committee

Date: Wednesday, 19th June 2013

Subject: Priority Neighbourhood Worker Project– Inner South

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Beeston & Holbeck	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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

1. To provide Members with an update on the Priority Neighbourhood Worker (PNW) project from September 2012 to May 2013.
2. To provide Members with an overview of work carried out through the Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.
3. To provide Members with future plans for involvement in Cottingley.
4. To note the development of the PNW's work in Holbeck, working with the Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan.

Recommendations

5. Members of the Inner South Area Committee are requested to:
 - a) Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate
 - b) Consider and agree to future plans for involvement in Cottingley
 - c) To note the development of PNW's involvement in Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update on the Priority Neighbourhood Worker (PNW) project from September 2012 to May 2013.
- 1.2 To provide an overview of work carried out in Cottingley, key successes and areas for continued development and work going forward.
- 1.3 The report outlines the development of the PNW's work in Holbeck, supporting the development of the Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan.

2 Background information

- 2.1 In September 2012 the PNW became a shared resource with the Inner South Area Committee. The PNW currently works 3 days in the Outer Area and 2 days in the Inner Area. The work in the Inner Area involves leading the Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan which commenced in May 2012 and providing support and guidance to the Tenants & Residents Association Cottingley (TRAC), developing capacity of residents to organise and represent their area, including supporting residents with training and developing their role in planning, organising and managing their community initiatives and projects.
- 2.2 This work was begun by Nicky Greening and facilitated by her until July 2012, when she left her post as PNW. At this point the project was managed by the Area Support Team from July to September. In September 2012, Ellie Rogers, started employment as PNW and took on the management of Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan and began to establish relationships with agencies and groups in Cottingley.
- 2.3 The role of the PNW had always involved developing community empowerment and the capacity of residents to organise and represent their area. It is recognised that this support is still required beyond the NIP to ensure continued representation. In Outer South areas this took the form of "Supported Areas" with the PNW continuing to offer support to Residents Associations in Priority Areas, offering them access to funding, training and support as well as supporting groups to take actions to improve their local communities and linking local community leaders, along with Councillors, and groups to local statutory services

3 Main issues

3.1 Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan Update Report

The attached monitoring report (**Appendix 1**) has been written by the Priority Neighbourhood Worker and outlines progress to date.

3.2 Cottingley as a Supported Area

- As outlined in **Appendix 1**, there are some outstanding actions from projects that the PNW is involved in to be completed.

- The PNW will convene, attend and administer further 3 monthly multi agency meetings in September and December, in order to continue effective monitoring of projects on going.
- The PNW will continue to support TRAC as a Supported Area, as outlined earlier, offering access to funding, support and training and supporting the group to maintain regular meetings, input into summer and winter fairs and progress children's work and café projects. This work will be reviewed on an on going basis.

3.3 Future Work – Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan

- It was agreed with Beeston & Holbeck Members at a Ward Based Briefing in January that on completion of the Cottingley Neighbourhood Improvement Plan, the PNW will offer support to the Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan.
- The PNW has begun to establish relationships with key community leaders in Holbeck and has been in attendance at Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan Publicity Group Meetings. The PNW has met with officers from the Area Support Team and Health Improvement Team to discuss previous work in Holbeck.
- The PNW will now be in attendance at both Publicity Group and Steering Group meetings.
- The PNW is working on the development of a role definition and action plan going forward in Holbeck but it is agreed that the PNW will be working with community members in Holbeck to build their capacity to be able to make effective contributions to the Neighbourhood Planning Process in order that it is a representative and successful project.
- Plans will be presented to Beeston & Holbeck Members at a Ward Member Briefing.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 This report is a product of consultation with members, residents and partners and presents a proposal for Members to consider.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

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

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The work outlined in this report contributes to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies.

- Vision for Leeds

- Children & Young People Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and value for money

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

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 Legal implications as a result of this report will be reflected in any subsequent Funding Agreements and Contacts to Tender that arise from projects funded from the Well being Budget.

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

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

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 All proposals requested Well being Funding complete a section in the application process outlining the risks associated with the project and how they will be managed.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The Cottingley NIP action plan has resulted in some key successes and increased partnership working. Services have better relationships with residents and as such can be more responsive.

5.2 The related issues of refuse collection, littering and fly tipping remain a key problem on the estate and more work is needed to resolve these problems. As such the PNW will convene meetings of the NIP Steering Group in September and December to monitor progress.

5.3 It is recognised that support is required beyond the NIP to ensure continued capacity building among residents. The PNW will continue to offer support to TRAC as a Supported Area, offering them access to funding, training and support as well as supporting them to take actions to improve their local communities and linking local community leaders, along with Councillors, and groups to local statutory services.

5.4 Building on their work, the PNW will begin to offer support to Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan, aiming to build the capacity of Holbeck residents to be able to make effective contributions to the Neighbourhood Planning Process in order that it is a representative and successful project.

6 Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- 6.1 Note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate
- 6.2 Consider and agree to the continued support of Cottingley TRAC as a Supported Area and to the convening of follow up meetings to Cottingley NIP
- 6.3 Note the development of work to support the Holbeck Neighbourhood Plan

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 There are no background documents 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.