

Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods & Housing Department

Inner North West Area Committee

Date: 8th February 2007

Subject: Key Messages from Area Forums and Area Committee Themed Sub Groups

Electoral Wards Affected: Headingley Hyde Park & Woodhouse Kirkstall Weetwood	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity ☐ Community Cohesion ☐ Narrowing the Gap ☒
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Executive Summary

This report provides feedback on actions identified in past key message reports and updates Members on the key messages from ward forums and sub groups that have taken place since the last Area Committee.

1.0 Background Information

1.1 The following forums are covered by this report, if meetings have taken place since the last area committee.

- Headingley Forum
- Planning Group
- Kirkstall Burley Forum
- Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum
- Transport Group
- Streetscene Sub Group
- Community Safety Sub Group
- Children and Young People Sub Group
- Street Drinkers' Meeting
- Student Exodus Meeting

2.0 Key Messages

2.1 Details of issues for action and for information are identified below.

2.2 Planning Group

Key Messages

11th December

- The Planning Group is disappointed by the lack of relevance of the draft Core strategy of the emerging Local Development Framework to the complex issues affecting inner north west Leeds.
- The Planning Group is disappointed by the poor consultation in relation to the proposed developments at Becketts Park Campus and Leeds Girls' High School sites.

8th January

- The Planning Group received a presentation from Leeds Metropolitan University in relation to their proposals for new purpose built student residential accommodation at the Becketts Campus. The Planning Group considers that there are key issues which need to be resolved in terms of how the proposals sit within the context of the newly adopted Policy H15 (Area of Housing Mix) of the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) Review.

2.3 Headingley Forum

No meeting has taken place since the last Area Committee. The next meeting is arranged for 21st February.

2.4 Streetscene & Community Safety Joint Meeting

Key Messages

16th January

- Residents are asked to report all incidents of graffiti to the Council. This can be done by calling 0845 1240113, or online at: www.leeds.gov.uk
- Any initiatives or discussions regarding graffiti should include Sarah Weaver, Project & Partnership Enforcement Officer, whose role it is to focus on tackling graffiti.

2.5 Streetscene Sub Group

Key Messages

16th January

- Streetscene to undertake a sweep of areas with a high concentration of students with a view to reclaiming stolen road signage.
- A scheme to harden grass verges outside 4 homes on Silk Mill Drive has been agreed, spending approximately half the funding set aside for tackling nuisance verges. Full costing and feasibility to be carried out by Highways.

2.6 **Community Safety Sub Group**

Key Messages

16th January

- The sub group received an update on the Headingley DPPO funded additional policing, which has now ended. It was noted that the project has been successful, with positive feedback received by the Police from residents and community groups.
- A discussion took place regarding proactive ways of prosecuting graffiti offenders, including offering a reward of £500 for information that leads to a prosecution and also the possibility of the council pursuing private action through the civil courts to recover costs of cleaning up graffiti.
- The group reviewed the Community Safety actions within the current Area Delivery Plan and agreed which they would like to continue into next year and proposed some new actions.

2.7 **Children and Young People Sub Group**

Key Messages

25th January

- The sub group reviewed the Children & Young People's actions within the Area Delivery plan and agreed to add some new actions around closer working with the Universities including local young people accessing University facilities and University students as volunteers. Other new priorities include support for healthy living initiatives for young people and improving consultation.

2.8 **Street drinking meeting**

Key Messages

24th November

- The group discussed the proposal for a DPPO to cover much of Hyde Park and Woodhouse to alleviate the problem of street drinkers congregating in residential areas. Leeds Simon Community has carried out consultation with some of the street drinkers in the area to assess the impact of a DPPO. The feeling among the client group is that they would like to have an area where they could congregate safely, and the Lambeth model of a tolerance zone in a park or other location would be welcomed.
- The group has agreed to progress with an application for a DPPO and funding is also being sought to provide alcohol and drugs outreach work throughout the area.

2.9 **Student Exodus Meeting**

Key Messages

4th December

- Following the success of planning for the impact of Freshers' week, a meeting was organised to look at preparing for the issues that arise when students

vacate their rented properties at the end of the summer term. The meeting was attended by officers from Streetscene, enforcement, environmental health and the police. Representatives from both universities and landlords also attended. A number of possible actions have been identified to minimise the fly tipping and refuse collection problems and the landlords who attended gave their support to early communication with tenants over their obligations when vacating properties.

- A series of meetings will be held with the various partners and agencies to co-ordinate an action plan which will be agreed before Easter.

2.10 Hyde Park & Woodhouse Forum

29th November

- The first meeting of the reconvened forum took place on 29th November. It was a well attended meeting with a range of issues discussed including; illegal/inappropriate parking, car vandalism, streetscene issues, Woodhouse Moor and Planning issues.
- The next meeting was due to be held on 31st January. An update from this meeting will be included in the Key Messages report in March.

2.11 Kirkstall Burley Forum

Key Messages from the Kirkstall Burley forum will be included in the next report in March.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.