

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

EAST OLDHAM AREA COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2003/2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To review the work of the Area Committee during 2003/4.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 This report summarises the work of Area Committee under 3 headings:

- Public Question Time
- Influencing Services / Promoting Community Cohesion and
- Using Area Committee budgets to support the community and voluntary sector and other priorities.

2.2 The report was endorsed by East Oldham Area Committee on 6 May 2004.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 Appendix 1 summarises the main issues covered and the actions / outcomes.

3.2 If question time accurately reflects the views of local people, it is clear that anti social behaviour is the biggest single issue of concern to local people.

3.3 Environmental issues also figure prominently, confirming the results of the Area Planning survey work.

4.0 INFLUENCING SERVICES / PROMOTING COMMUNITY COHESION

4.1 Appendix 2 summarises the work of the Area Committee in relation to service provision and community cohesion.

4.2 Committee has received a number of presentations during the year and has been invited to comment on several issues.

5.0 USING THE AREA COMMITTEE BUDGETS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY / VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND OTHER PRIORITIES

5.1 Appendix 3 provides a summary of how the various budgets have been used and attempts to link projects to the Area Committee priorities and the themes of the Council's Corporate Plan.

5.2 The summary confirms that most projects have a strong community cohesion theme. There are also clear links between the projects and the Area Committee priorities and Corporate Plan themes.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 To note the report

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APPENDIX 1

| PUBLIC QUESTION TIME | |
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| ISSUE | ACTION / OUTCOME |
| Woodland under threat from development proposals, Moorside | Planning application refused |
| Travellers, Shaw Road, Oldham | Action by Environmental Services. Travellers moved on. Site cleaned up. |
| Motorbikes, anti social behaviour, Oldham Edge | Ongoing action by Police. Plans being drawn up by Environmental Services |
| Anti social behaviour, Littlemoor, Watersheddings | Multi agency action via Operation Triangle |
| Anti social behaviour, crime problems, Cranbrook Street. | Ongoing action by Police. New lighting installed at car park. |
| Litter in Alleyways, Derker | Alleyways cleaned up by Derker Clean up Team |
| Request for crime statistics | These to be provided on regular basis by Police / Community Safety Unit |
| Request to visit CCTV Centre, Derker | Visit arranged. |
| Request to hold Area Committee meetings in all parts of area. | Venues reviewed. Meetings moved around the 3 wards. |
| Objections / questions about Housing Market Renewal programme, Derker. | Issues being addressed by Derker Renewal Team. |
| Weavers Arms, Huddersfield Road – request for support to join brass band Contest. | Letter of support sent, but request rejected. |
| Wimpole Street, Higginshaw – anti social behaviour | Ongoing Police action through St Mary's Reassurance project |

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| St Mary's Estate – anti social behaviour | Ongoing Police action through St Mary's Reassurance project |
| Sickle Street, Glodwick – anti social behaviour | Ongoing Police action through St Mary's Reassurance project |
| Objections to Budget cuts affecting various service areas, including Area Committee Delegated Budgets | Letter expressing concerns sent to OMBC Treasurer and Chief Executive |
| Concerns about loss of Neighbourhood Rangers, East Oldham | Letter expressing views of Area Committee sent to OMBC and Oldham Partnership |

APPENDIX 2

| INFLUENCING SERVICES / PROMOTING COMMUNITY COHESION | |
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| SERVICE / ISSUE | ACTION / OUTCOME |
| East Oldham Area Plan | Several presentations and meetings held. Area Committee's comments incorporated into Plan. Action Plan to be prepared. |
| Community Cohesion | <p>Two presentations given. Community cohesion a theme influencing all the Area Committee's work.</p> <p>Community development work supported through Delegated Budget.</p> <p>Festive lights scheme used to celebrate diversity of area.</p> <p>Area Committee represented on the Oldham Good Relation project, facilitated by Mediation Northern Ireland</p> |
| Community Safety | Several presentations given. East Oldham Community Safety Panel set up. Crime Prevention budget of £7,500 allocated to East Oldham. |
| Street Cleansing | Presentation by OMBC Street Cleansing Manager. Comments made. Sub Group established. Litter Plan being developed. |
| Youth Service | Presentation by Head of Youth Service. Comments made. Sub Group |

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| | to meet in April 2004. |
| Oldham Vision | Presentation by URBED consultants, Comments made. Final document being prepared. |
| Unitary Development Plan (UDP) | Presentation by OMBC officers. Comments made. Public Inquiry awaited. |
| Primary Care Trust LIFT programme | Presentation by PCT officers. Comments made. Planning permission granted for 2 new health centres at Moorside and Sholver. |
| Town Centre Alcohol Ban | Presentation by OMBC officers, Comments made. Scheme implemented. |
| Children's' Centres | Presentation by OMBC officers, Comments made. |
| British Telecom Payphones – consultation on removal of payphones | Letter opposing removal of payphone near Mumps station sent, but all 3 payphones removed. |
| New Opportunities Fund Fair Share Initiative | Several presentations made. Funding confirmed. Delivery Plan being drawn up. Projects to be implemented during 2004/5. |
| St Mary's Police Reassurance Project | Presentation made. Continuing involvement. |
| Greenacres Youth Inclusion Project | Presentation made. Letter of support sent to LSP |
| Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) | Progress Reports given. Comments on priorities made. Letter of support for Stoneleigh Youth works and Greenacres YIP sent to LSP |
| Groundwork Prince's Trust | Presentation welcomed. |

APPENDIX 3

| DELEGATED BUDGET GRANTS TO THE COMMUNITY / VOLUNTARY SECTOR | | | | | | | |
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| Applicant | Project | Grant Offer | Link to Area Committee Priorities | | | | Link to OMBC Corporate Themes |
| | | | Community Cohesion | Street Cleaning | Youth Service | Community Safety | |
| Clarksfield Tennis Club | Security fencing | £1,778 | * | | * | * | Community cohesion Healthy well cared for people |
| Waterhead ARLC Under 9's | New kit and equipment | £600 | * | | * | | Community cohesion Healthy well cared for people |
| Oldham Cricket Club | Security measures and score box | £3,000 | * | | * | * | Community cohesion Healthy well cared for people |
| Littlemoor Juniors FC | New kit and equipment | £1,200 | * | | * | * | Community cohesion Healthy well cared for people |

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| St Anne's RLFC | Improved access for disabled people | £3,000 | * | | | * | Community cohesion Healthy well cared for people |
| Community Solutions | Secure recycling facilities in Glodwick and Sholver | £2,200 | | * | | * | Improved environment |
| Oldham Parish Church | Repairs to bell tower | £3,000 | * | | | | Improved environment Community cohesion |
| St Thomas's Church | Refurbishment of church and hall | £2,000 | * | | | | Improved environment Community cohesion |
| Hodge Clough School | ICT activities | £1,000 | * | | * | * | Community cohesion Well educated people |
| Clarksfield school | Playground improvements | £2,000 | * | | * | | Community cohesion Well educated people Improved environment Healthy well cared |

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| Oldham and District Citizens Advice Bureau | Derker Advice Centre | £2,293 | * | | | * | for people Community cohesion Well educated people Healthy well cared for people |
| Roxbury and Roundthorn Residents Association | Leaflets, equipment, costs of setting up Association | £500 | * | | | | Community cohesion |
| Friarmere Cricket Club | Practice facilities | £1,000 | * | | * | | Community cohesion Healthy well cared for people |
| West Indian Association | Under 16 disco and Saturday Club | £3,000 | * | | * | * | Community cohesion Healthy well cared for people |
| St Barnabas Amateur Dramatic Society | New curtains / blinds for stage | £1,200 | * | | * | | Community cohesion |
| Pakistani Community Centre | Christmas / Eid party | £750 | * | | * | | Community cohesion |

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| Higginshaw Community Group | Computer, printer and scanner | £713 | * | * | | | Community cohesion |
| Sholver Millennium Green | Management Plan | £1,500 | * | | * | | Community cohesion Improved environment Healthy well cared for people |

| DELEGATED BUDGET FUNDING FOR OTHER PROJECTS | | | | | | | |
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| Applicant | Project | Grant Offer | Link to Area Committee Priorities | | | | Link to OMBC Corporate Themes |
| | | | Community cohesion | Street Cleaning | Youth Service | Community Safety | |
| East Oldham Area Committee | Festive lights | £15,000 | * | | | | Community cohesion Improved environment Prosperous borough |

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| East Oldham Area Committee | Summer events in 3 parks | £3,000 | * | | * | | Community cohesion |
| East Oldham Area Committee | Cranbrook Street car park lighting | £3,500 | * | * | | * | Community cohesion Improved environment |

MINOR GRANTS TO THE COMMUNITY / VOLUNTARY SECTOR

| Applicant | Project | Grant Offer | Link to Area Committee Priorities | | | | Link to OMBC Corporate Themes |
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| | | | Community Cohesion | Street Cleaning | Youth Service | Community Safety | |
| Oldham First Scout Group | Camping equipment | £1,500 | * | | * | | Community cohesion Healthy well cared for people |
| Sholver Rangers | Computers, photocopier and laminator | £1,786 | * | | * | | Community cohesion Healthy well cared for people |

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| Oldham Cricket Club | Score box | £2,500 | * | | * | | Community cohesion Healthy well cared for people |
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| CRIME PREVENTION GRANTS | | | | | | | |
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| Applicant | Project | Grant Offer | Link to Area Committee Priorities | | | | Link to OMBC Corporate Themes |
| | | | Community Cohesion | Street Cleaning | Youth Service | Community Safety | |
| Lees and District Pub Watch | Radio scheme | £1,500 | * | | | * | Community cohesion Improved environment |
| East Oldham Area Committee | Cranbrook Street car park lighting | £2,328 | * | * | | * | Community cohesion Improved environment |
| Mario's | Car park barrier | £2,700 | * | | | * | Community |

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| Yorkshire Street | | | | | | | cohesion Improved environment |
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