

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 2nd September 2013

Subject: Area Update report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. This report contains an update on community engagement as laid out in the business plan and provides a comprehensive update on all priorities agreed by the Area Committee at the March meeting.
2. The report also sets out the proposals for consultation with local groups and residents to be undertaken during Autumn 2013 to identify the priorities for the 2014/15 Area Committee Business Plan.

Recommendations

3. The Inner North East Area Committee is requested to note the update on Community Consultation, Volunteer Thank You event arrangements, Moor Allerton Partnership and Area Committee priorities update.
4. The Area Committee is asked to agree the proposed method of consultation for the autumn round of consultation.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks Area Committee approval for the proposed method of consultation for Autumn 2013 and feeds back on community consultation and engagement over the last quarter.
- 1.2 The report gives an update on consultation and progress made in relation to addressing the 2013/14 agreed priorities and highlights their RAG (Red, Amber or Green)status.
- 1.3 The report also provides an update on work by the MAP (Moor Allerton Partnership) which is relevant to the Moortown ward.

2 Background information

- 2.1 At the March 2013 meeting a refreshed Area Committee Business Plan was presented and approved, this provided a complete set of papers relating to the area, including actions and priorities, to be performance managed by the Area Committee.
- 2.2 Included in the Business Plan was a Community Engagement Plan 2013-14, this strategy sets out how the Area Committee will ensure residents across the Inner North East area have opportunity to influence priorities set out in the Area Business Plan and other responsibilities delegated to the Area Committee.
- 2.3 The priorities for 2013/14 and the achievements from 2012/13 are publicised in the Inner North East Community Charter which is distributed via community contacts and networks throughout the inner north east area.
- 2.4 The Area Committee has held a Volunteer Thank You event every year for the past eight years to show community volunteers how much their work is valued. The event was initially held at the end of the calendar year, in December, but due to issues with attendance was last year moved to a summer date which was found to be much more successful.
- 2.5 The Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood includes the Lingfields, Firtrees, and Cranmer areas in Outer North East Leeds bounded by Harrogate Road to the east, Nursery Lane to the north, and Black Moor Road to the east. To the south it extends over the ring road to Stonegate Road to include the Queenshills/Leafields area which is in Inner North East Leeds.
- 2.6 Delivery of the NIP action plan is the responsibility of the Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP), a partnership of statutory and voluntary organisations. The MAP partners include Leeds City Council, East North East Homes Leeds (ENEHL), Leeds Jewish Housing Association, West Yorkshire Police, Job Centre Plus, MAECare, Northcall, IGEN , Churches Together and Groundwork Leeds

3 Main issues

3.1 Community Engagement

- 3.1.1 Building on previous years, a 9th annual Volunteer Thank You event is planned for Saturday 14th September to take place at Meanwood Valley Urban farm. Funded entirely by the Inner North East Area Committee it is the committee's way of celebrating people who give their time and goodwill through volunteering activities in Chapel Allerton, Roundhay and Moortown wards.
- 3.1.2 The event will take the form of a marketplace style event for the community groups wishing to showcase their work, BBQ with live music performances will be provided. As detailed in the Community Engagement Strategy, this event forms one of the two Community Engagement events promised as it will also provide an opportunity to feedback to the community on Area Committee priorities and consult on priorities for 2014/15.
- 3.1.3 Further to this, the Area Support Team will also hold a stall at the Rock the Clock event to be held in Oakwood on 7th September to feedback and consult on future priorities.
- 3.1.3 Links have been strengthened with partners at West Yorkshire Police and the Roundhay PACT (Partners and the Community Together) meeting, previously run by the police, has been expanded. Representatives from all of the active groups in the area have been invited to sit around a table with Councillors, Police, the Area Support team and other partners as requested by the group, to discuss priorities in the area and how we can work together to achieve them.
- 3.1.4 The PACT meeting also provides a networking opportunity for the groups and strengthens links with the Area Committee. The first meeting of this style was held on 7th August and attendance was nearly a seven fold increase on previous PACT attendance. It is intended to follow the same model with the Moortown PACT meeting.
- 3.1.5 It is hoped that this will in turn encourage more residents perhaps not currently involved in groups to attend as publicity and awareness is increased.
- 3.1.6 In the Chapeltown and Meanwood priority neighbourhoods a similar model of community engagement is being established by the Neighbourhood Manager, the Community Leadership Team (or CLT), as detailed in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan report elsewhere on this agenda.
- 3.1.7 It is intended to use these mechanisms to carry out the autumn series of consultation, necessary to set the overall themes and priorities for the Area Committee for 2014/15.
- 3.1.8 Below is a timetable of the consultation showing how it feeds into the priority setting for 2014/15

September-November	Priority setting discussions at CLT's and PACT meetings with resident group representatives
December	Report back on themes to Area Committee
January/February	Winter consultation with partners
March	Draft business plan presented

3.2 Area Committee Priorities Update

- 3.2.1 As agreed at the March 2013 Inner North East Area Committee an update on the Area Committee priorities is attached at **appendix 1**, which reports back on all priorities and shows a Red, Amber or Green status which reflects how far developed the actions are at this stage in the year.
- 3.2.2 Area Committee lead member roles were agreed at June 2013 Area Committee and discussions are currently underway to look at how these roles can best be supported to drive work under each of the themes within the Inner North East.
- 3.2.5 The Inner North East Area Committee Charter 2013/14 has also been produced on schedule this year and already gone out to all groups on the mailing list for distribution and promotion amongst their members and for display in public venues.
- 3.2.6 As agreed at the Area Committee's March 2013 meeting the Charter was this year produced at no cost, it has been designed 'in-house' and distributed electronically where possible with copies being printed by the Area Support Team if requested. Feedback so far has been very positive regarding this change.

3.3 MAP priority neighbourhood update.

- 3.3.1 Churches in North Leeds in partnership with The Trussell Trust (www.trusselltrust.org) will be starting a 'foodbank' to cover areas within North Leeds. The foodbank will provide short term emergency food items to help people in crisis, and will be based in Moortown Methodist Church. At the foodbank centre people will have access to other services such as signposting to local services, befriending and prayer for those who request it. All food given out by the foodbank is donated by the general public across North Leeds.
- 3.3.2 Local agencies and organisations have been approached to see if they will be willing to become a registered foodbank distributor. The distributors will hold vouchers which they can give to an individual or family in crisis to take to the distribution centre. The food bank provides three days food.
- 3.3.3 A new comprehensive programme of classes and workshops is being offered by Leeds Jewish Welfare Board. The launch of its new project 'The Venue@theMAZCC' on 28 July attracted close on 250 people to its taster showcase. The Open Day unveiling highlighted an all-embracing schedule of fifty classes which officially commences in September. The event raised awareness of the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Community Centre as a highly attractive and competitive venue for parties, events, conferences and meetings. On offer at the centre are classes that include guitar and ukulele classes open to all ages and abilities.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 As recommended in a report to the Area Committee in September 2011 the Area Committee's Engagement Plan is now included as part of the Area Business Plan and covers the Community Charter.
- 4.1.2 The priorities identified are based on consultation that has occurred in the current cycle.
- 4.1.3 The sub-groups are not subject to any consultation or engagement needs.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 Consideration is given to the equality impact of projects to deliver the priorities within the charter and in funding projects to local groups through light touch equality impact assessments and the completion of project planning documentation.
- 4.2.2 Where a negative equality impact is identified action will be taken to mitigate the impact or risk. Currently work is being progressed to ensure that groups reflective of the whole community attend the PACT meetings.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The themes in the Community Charter mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.
- 4.3.2 The sub groups also reflect the delegated functions of the Area Committee.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The Well-Being Fund is used to finance projects which support the priorities in the Area Business Plan and Community Charter. Area Support Team staff work with Council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to Well-Being Fund expenditure to ensure best use of this funding.
- 4.4.3 The Inner North East Area Committee also provides the funds for the community Charter. This year £3,000 has been allocated for Community Engagement and the community Charter.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.4 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.
- 4.5.5 There are no key or major decisions included in this report.
- 4.5.6 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The Area Business Plan sets out the key priorities for the year that links to city wide policies and provides a framework for the spend of the Wellbeing Budget.

The Community Charter translates this into a user friendly document that can be sent out to local groups to let them know what the Area Committee is focussing on in the current year.

This report updates Members on the work carried out in the first six months of 2013/14 to address these priorities. Although lots of good progress has been made the Area Support Team is aware that there is still more work to be done to achieve the priorities set out in the Business Plan as we move forward into the final two quarters of the year.

6 Recommendations

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9 Background documents¹

9.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.