

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 9th December 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 provides an update on work to coordinate the Targeted Youth Work delegation to Area Committees.

Recommendations

3. The Inner North East Area Committee is requested to note the update on its Business Plan priorities and make any comments or suggestions as appropriate.
4. The Area Committee is asked to take an active role in shaping the targeted youth work SLA by attending member workshops and through the Chair and Children's Lead.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This 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.
- 1.2 The report provides an update on work in the Area Committee's priority neighbourhoods.
- 1.3 And updates Members on work to progress a targeted youth work offer.

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.

Main issues

3.1 Area Committee priority update

- 3.1.1 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.
- 3.1.2 As part of the Area Committee's Business Plan community engagement work has also been on going to shape the 2014/15 Business Plan and ensure that what are being delivered this year are the right priorities.
- 3.1.3 Building on previous years, a 9th annual Volunteer Thank You took place at Meanwood Valley Urban Farm on Saturday 14th September. 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 took the form of a marketplace style event for the community groups wishing to showcase their work, there were live music and dance performances, including some from groups supported throughout the year by the Area Committee, such as; Irish Arts and RJC Dance. A BBQ and drinks were provided and there were tours of the farm for those interested.

- 3.1.3 This was the second year the event has been held in the summer and in this style and has proven to be quite successful. The weather held to give us a very pleasant day and over 35 volunteers attended who all gave very positive feedback. It also gave us the opportunity to feedback to residents on Area Committee priorities for 2013/14.
- 3.1.4 A piece has been written about the day to be included in the Meanwood Valley Urban Farm Christmas newsletter which wishes all of the readers a 'merry Christmas from the Inner North East Area Committee'.
- 3.1.5 Building on this, it is intended to hold a similar event next year with a family funday directly preceding it so that family, friends and local residents also come down and engage with the Area Committee.
- 3.1.6 Further to this, consultation has been on-going with residents throughout autumn to determine priorities for the 2014/15 Business Plan. Questionnaires have been sent out through all of our community networks and via the different community meetings such as PACT in Roundhay and Moortown and the Community Leadership Teams in Chapeltown & Meanwood.
- 3.1.7 As part of the Roundhay Burglary Reduction Action Plan multi agency officers have been visiting a number of addresses in Roundhay and we have used this opportunity to promote the Area Committee and carry out door step priority consultation with residents. It is also intended for consultation to be carried out at the festive light switch on events taking place in November and December.
- 2.3.8 Emerging themes appear to be the Environment and Community Safety, but with a number of people also requesting that community events and festivals continue to be supported.

3.2 Priority Neighbourhood Update

- 3.2.1 Due to the need to appoint a new Neighbourhood Manager a new Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) for Chapeltown & Meanwood wasn't presented to the Area Committee until its September meeting this year. An update on progress against these NIPs will be brought to the Area Committee in January along with suggested priorities for 2014/15 and a new revised NIP for 2014/15 will be presented in March.
- 3.2.2 There are two further areas within the Inner North East also classified as Priority Neighbourhoods; these are the Queenshills estate in Moortown and the Brackenwood estate in Roundhay. Work has also been on-going by the Area Support Team to address issues in these neighbourhoods to improve life chances for the residents there.
- 3.2.3 The Queenshills estate is included in the Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) body of work and local partners meet regularly to look at improvements in these areas. As the majority of areas within the MAP partnership fall within the Outer North East Area Committee area it is felt that more focussed action is needed to address issues within the Queenshills.

- 3.2.4 Since the Area Committee's last meeting a postcode audit has been requested of all of the service providers working within the MAP boundaries to see how many residents from the Queenshill estate actually access these services. Although a number of services are available in the area, including help to return to work and money advice services, as these services are all within the Alwoodley ward it is possible that residents from the Queenshills are not accessing these services. A plan is being developed to look at how we can remove these access barriers and ensure that Queenshill residents have all of the advice and support necessary to improve their life chances.
- 3.2.5 A similar body of work is being started for the Brackenwoods, the RAM Tasking team and Networks Families First meetings are the only two partnership meetings which currently cover this area but the Area Support Team has links within both of these meetings and is working to ensure that work on the Brackenwoods is targeted and joined up.
- 3.2.6 Since the September Area Committee meeting a multi-agency day of action has been carried out on this estate with all properties surveyed as part of an Environmental Visual Audit. This involved officers looking for any environmental factors such as graffiti or broken street lights which would make the area seem more attractive to criminals and advising all of the householders on ways in which they can reduce their chance of being victims of crime. Householders were also given all of the useful contact numbers for services and agencies in the area and encouraged to take part in the Partners & Communities Together meeting.
- 3.2.7 The Heads of Terms have been agreed between the council and St Vincent's Charity shop regarding the former Open Door Community Centre on the estate. A lease is expected to be signed imminently which will also include St Vincent's making the space available for all of its previous community uses such as community meetings and as a police drop in centre.
- 3.2.8 Elsewhere on this agenda a funding application is being considered by the Area Committee to run a Youth Club at Brackenwood Community centre to provide positive activities for the young people who live there.
- 3.2.9 A more comprehensive Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for these two areas will be brought to March Area Committee for approval and Ward members will be kept up dated in the interim.

3.3 Targeted Youth Work.

- 3.3.1 Area Support teams are supporting Children's Services colleagues in their work to enable Area Committee's to influence and guide geographically targeted youth work in their localities. Following an initial meeting in November officers are planning a series of Area Committee based workshops in the Members Lounge at Civic Hall. The purpose of the workshops will be –
- To provide information to Members on the overall Youth Offer (including delegated Activity funds)

- To enable Members to shape a Service Level Agreement and have their say on how influence will work in practice

These meetings will take place in January 2014. Ahead of these meetings the Youth Offer team are meeting locally with Area Committee Chairs/Area Committee Children's Leads to discuss local priorities/ current youth work delivery. These local meetings will provide opportunities for Area Committee's to influence youth work delivery in advance of a final Service Level Agreement

- 3.3.2 Members of the Area Committee are encouraged to attend these workshops and dates will be circulated as soon as they are available.

3 Corporate Considerations

3.1 Consultation and Engagement

3.1.9 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.

3.1.10 The priorities identified are based on consultation that has occurred in the current cycle.

3.1.11 The sub-groups are not subject to any consultation or engagement needs.

3.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

3.2.1 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.

3.2.2 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.

3.3 Council policies and City Priorities

3.3.1 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.

3.3.2 The sub groups also reflect the delegated functions of the Area Committee.

3.4 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.

3.4.3 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.

3.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

3.5.4 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

3.5.5 There are no key or major decisions included in this report.

3.5.6 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

3.6 Risk Management

3.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

4 Conclusions

4.1 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.

This report updates Members on the work carried out in the third quarter 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, and work is being done to define what the Area Committee's priorities should be for 2014/15 to continue this progress.

5 Recommendations

6 The Inner North East Area Committee is requested to note the update on its Business Plan priorities and make any comments or suggestions as appropriate.

7 The Area Committee is asked to take an active role in shaping the targeted youth work SLA by attending member workshops and through the Chair and Children's Lead.

8 Background documents¹

8.1 None

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.