



Area Achievements 2006/07 - Delivering Better Outcomes for Local People Across Leeds

Summary of Area Delivery Plan Achievements

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- The 5 Tasking Teams produced £69,000 worth of improvements to the locality ranging from: environmental action e.g. community clean-ups, tree pruning, fencing and paths; community safety e.g. hate crime operations, additional temporary CCTV, Smart Water, alley gating, graffiti removal and domestic violence action; community facilities e.g. improvements to community centres.
- A year long community engagement arts project culminated in an exhibition of 70 street and house signs in the Thackeray Museum and their subsequent installation on the streets of Harehills.
- Alongside the more traditional community safety activity (CCTV, operations Caford and Beacon), this work stream produced an anti-crime broadcast with radio East FM and 200 anti-burglary educational DVD's.
- Young people in East Leeds benefited from additional football and multi-sport camps, summer play schemes and extra educational support for BME students. Activities for young Kurdish residents were also established.
- Small grants have been awarded to a number of voluntary and community organisations, covering themes as diverse as language tuition, road safety instruction, physical improvements to venues, equipment, safety features and cultural awareness days.



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- A sports coaching project unique to Outer East Leeds saw ALL Year 3 to Year 6 Primary School pupils at Schools in Outer East Leeds (around 1,500) receive coaching in a multitude of sports including rugby, netball, football, athletics and racket sports. This culminated in an event, held at the respective High School in each Ward, to celebrate young people and sport. The project was managed by LCC's sports division and funded by Outer East Area Committee. Running alongside this the Area Committee provided cricket coaching for 9 to 15 year olds during the summer holidays with coaching provided by Yorkshire County Cricket Club.
- The Area Committee funded a 'pilot' Community Payback scheme in partnership with West Yorkshire Probation Service. Feedback from the scheme has been excellent with land being cleared and brought back into use; facilities being painted and various community clean ups being carried out across East Leeds.
- Community facilities in Outer East Leeds had a boost with support being provided by the Area Committee to improve the Miners Welfare Hall in Garforth, St Wilfrids Church Hall in Halton, Great Preston Parish Hall and St Theresa's in Cross Gates. A new skate park opened in Garforth - a state of the art feature that is proving incredibly popular with young people.
- Neighbourhood Management 'tasking teams' continue to operate across Outer East Leeds. This provides an excellent opportunity to share information and agree how priority issues are tackled amongst partners. The Area Committee provides a budget for each of its 4 'tasking teams'.
- 'Get Kippax Active' is a scheme funded by The Coalfield Regeneration Trust, Leeds PCT and Outer East Area Committee. Its aim is to get people, initially living in Kippax but then spreading to the wider ex-coalfield areas, involved in healthy activity and healthy living. It can be anything from dancing to walking to visiting the gym. PCT figures illustrate problems in ex-coalfield areas with high levels of depression and inactivity. This project has started to address this and will continue to be a priority in 2007-8.

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- 7 multi-agency operations took place in the area with results including 117 arrests, 147 properties referred for improved security measures, 400 ASB letters distributed, 1 ABC warning and 1 ASBO warning.
- A Volunteer Thank You event funded by the Area Committee celebrating the positive difference voluntary and community groups make in the area took place in December 2006 at the Civic Hall. Over 100 community groups attended the event which offered an opportunity for them to showcase their work and to engage with the Area Committee.
- Chapeltown Job Shop opened in May 2006 following a successful bid by Area Management for Neighbourhood Renewal Funding. Since

opening, the Job Shop has been able to secure 62 employment opportunities for local people living in Chapeltown and 21 other outcomes into further training.

- Following a review of community facilities in Chapeltown, work is now underway with providers of the existing facilities to improve coordination, marketing, alternative management arrangements and options for consolidation.
- A range of community safety projects were delivered including fencing to prevent access through gardens, applications for Gating Orders for the temporary closure of ginnels in the Carrholm and Wensley Green areas and distraction burglary theatre performances to better inform local residents.

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- To enhance the work of the 'In Bloom' groups and Parish Councils and to encourage other community organisations to become involved in environmental projects, an 'Environment Fund' was set up. Altogether eighteen groups benefited from grants from the £30,000 fund.
- Wetherby is enticing new shoppers into the town centre through the Market Square's recent face-lift. This regeneration follows a successful application for funding through the £10 million Town and District centre scheme underway across the City. Further funding has also been secured to undertake pedestrian improvements to the Horsefair thoroughfare in Wetherby.
- The Moor Allerton Partnership was established in May 2006 to 'narrow the gap' and improve the quality of life for people living in Moor Allerton. An action plan was developed and continues to be implemented.
- There were 4 multi-agency Operation Arrows whereby 22 vehicles were stopped, 4 arrests made, 18 x intelligence reports submitted, approximately 35 stop checks conducted, 15 x VCRAT forms submitted (items left on view in vehicles), £1750 fine warrant money recovered, approximately 10 areas of graffiti removed, 900 Anti-Social Behaviour leaflets and letters distributed, 500 leaflets on 'crime and grime' and letters distributed by neighbourhood wardens on fly tipping and untidy gardens, 1 ABC agreed, 1 empty property secured, 1,500 bulbs planted, overgrown areas cut back and reported fly tipping and waste removed.
- Neighbourhood Tasking Groups were established in partnership with the police to bring together front line staff dealing with intensive 'crime and grime' issues. Partners have dealt with such incidents as 5 cases related to substance misuse, 12 cases of youth nuisance, 3 cases of ASB, 3 incidents of graffiti, 3 break ins and car thefts, 19 cases of vandalism/ arson, 5 investigations of sub-letting, with four evictions and two tenants now residing full-time in their properties and 1 suspected drug dealer evicted and investigations into noise, parking obstructions and neighbourhood disputes.

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- The Area Committee allocated £50,000 for the installation of three CCTV cameras in hotspot crime areas around Hyde Park. Cameras were installed and became operational in March 2007.
- The Little London PFI scheme was approved, with £95 million credits awarded by DCLG.
- A Shared Housing Strategy was produced and a Shared Housing Action Plan agreed by the Shared Housing Group, including actions to manage the social and environmental impact of a high concentration of students, specifically crime, ASB, noise nuisance and community relations.
- Through the work of a multi agency planning group the impact on local communities of Freshers' Week was minimised. Particular attention was given to addressing issues of litter, noise nuisance, anti social behaviour and crime.
- A Neighbourhood Manager was appointed to establish and co-ordinate neighbourhood management activities in Little London. Projects focusing on crime, grime, education, health and training were funded in the area, along with work undertaken to ensure the survival of a valuable community space resource in the area.
- An alley gating scheme in the Blenheims, Hyde Park and Woodhouse has been completed, securing properties frequently the target of crime and anti social behaviour. Safe play zones are now being planned for the younger occupants of the streets.
- Over 300 properties were targeted for receipt of anti-climb paint, aiming to reduce rates of domestic burglary.
- A way ahead was agreed over the future of the former Royal Park Primary School. The property has been marketed for refurbishment, retaining the existing structure with provision of a community space and library. Several viable proposals were received.

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- Funding was provided for Groundwork Leeds to work with 16 primary schools across the area on environmental awareness issues. The work is focusing on litter, waste and recycling and gives children the opportunity to be involved in practical projects. The Committee also supported environmental enforcement days in each ward to tackle litter and environmental crimes.
- 26 small grants were given to voluntary and community groups to support local neighbourhood initiatives.
- Two proposals for Town & District Centre investment schemes in Otley for the market place and Yeadon High Street were given the go ahead to progress detailed work.

- The Committee invested £90K capital funding into developing a new skate park at Micklefield Park, Rawdon. A mobile youth van was leased to be used across the area to deliver youth work.



- 400 hours of additional policing were funded, along with the lease of off road motorcycles to enable parks and woods to be more easily patrolled. Four mountain-bikes were purchased for PCSOs to patrol the areas more effectively. £40,000 was awarded to CASAC to carry out target hardening work to approximately 320 properties.
- The Area Committee identified 5 priority neighbourhoods for which neighbourhood improvements plans will be developed.

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- The 'Signpost' multi-agency project tackled anti social behaviour issues with 29 families and 34 young people in Beeston Hill.
- A mobile youth provision was launched to provide advice, information and a range of activities for young people who typically hang around on some of the streets across inner south. Over 1,000 young people aged 8 to 19 benefited from the provision as did local residents.
- Neighbourhood Improvement Plans in Middleton, Cottingley and Normantons estates have tackled many priority issues and involved local people in helping make improvements.
- An Intensive Neighbourhood Management Programme started this year in some of the most deprived neighbourhoods. 1,700 residents gave ideas on spending £336k capital projects money which has made a visible difference in the area. To date there has been a 20% improvement in cleanliness in the area.
- The regeneration of Beeston Hill and Holbeck continues to gather pace with further capital schemes completing during the year, including the stunning New Bewerley Community Primary School and Children's Centre which has been entered for a national award for its contribution to regeneration. Another private sector development has started to renovate

the derelict Shaftesbury House. A regeneration board was established in Middleton.

- 3 multi-agency initiatives to tackle crime and grime resulted in 48 arrests, 20 unlicensed or abandoned vehicles recovered, 170 properties security marked. 3,000 properties were offered either fire safety checks or security measures with 29 properties referred for improved security measures and 75 receiving fire safety assessments. 291 people were stopped by the police for questioning and over 200 sites were cleared of rubbish.

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- The Area Committee and Morley Town Council launched the Town Centre Management Initiative for Morley and Rothwell with the appointment of a Town Centre Manager. A major Summit, 'What's the Big Idea', was held in both towns which engaged traders and the public about the future of each town.
- Improvements begun on Marsh St car park, Rothwell, and Morley Bottoms.
- New investment in 9 neighbourhoods took place with the appointment of a Neighbourhood Worker and 6 Neighbourhood Improvement Plans to address priority issues in Eastleighs/ Fairleighs, Newlands/Denshaws, John O'Gaunts, Wood Lane Estate, Fairfaxes and Oakwells and the Harrops. 19 community groups received small grants totalling £10,518 with 19 Skips loaned to community groups for clean ups.
- In partnership with others, the Area Committee staged the inaugural Morley Literature Festival providing a range of activities and events for all ages, including headline performances by Ian McMillan and Gervaise Phinn. Over 1,000 people attended the festival.
- A forum was started up in Ardsley Robin Hood & Rothwell helping the voluntary sector and co-ordinating a range of youth activities.
- Over £25,000 of community safety projects got off the ground, including the 'Rothwell Shopwatch Scheme' and the 'Morley Pubwatch Scheme'. 3 multi-agency initiatives tackled crime and grime in neighbourhoods resulting in 70 arrests, 104 properties having fire safety checks and 6 receiving security measures; several people stopped by the police for questioning and 117 sites cleared of rubbish.

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- Successful completion of Fairfields first year of INM SSCF projects, allowing some projects to be fully completed and other initiated for next years works.
- Wyther Improvement group were successful in the Community City Pride Awards in the Partnership category.
- The Maisonettes on Mistress Lane have been demolished to improve the aesthetics of the entrance to Armley and to provide space for a residential development.
- Stanningley Road Shops have had a full face lift and redesign
- Bramley Fire Place phase one completed, publicity to follow with phase two.
- Local Area management plans in 5 areas are being run well with numerous positive outputs
- New Wortley Community Café has been doing so well that they are now in a position to take on outside catering opportunities in the local area.
- 'Know your neighbor day' was very well attended and future events are planned using this model.
- Restoration works have begun to Bramley Pump and Horse trough in light of it being fully restored for a grand opening in 2007.

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- Community clean-ups took place in Tyersal and on the Bawns estate in Farnley & Wortley, involving local partner agencies, schools and residents.
- Improvements to parks across Outer West including Farsley Recreation Ground, Calverley Victoria Park, Westroyd Park, Western Flatts Park, Pudsey Park took place.
- A Youth Development Worker was employed to improve links between the Youth Service and voluntary sector to boost provision across the area, particularly for 9-13 year olds.
- The 2nd I ♥ West Leeds festival was held engaging over 20 local schools and groups across West Leeds, culminating in an event in Bramley Park which was attended by over 3,000 people.
- Increasing numbers of young people accessed the Youth Service via the mobile unit funded through the Area Committee.
- A Designated Public Place Order for Pudsey town centre was introduced.
- Multi sports camps took place during the summer holidays at local high schools.
- Funding was secured through the Town & District Centre Regeneration Scheme to improve Pudsey and Farsley. Work in Farsley has already started whilst work in Pudsey should start on site during 2007/8.

