

**Report of the Director of Environments and Neighbourhoods**

**To the Inner South Area Committee**

**Date: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

**Subject: I Love South Leeds Festival 2008 proposal**

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p>Beeston &amp; Holbeck City &amp; Hunslet Middleton Park</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p><b>Specific implications for:</b></p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion x</p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This cover (summary) report refers to the attached detailed proposal for I Love South Leeds Festival 2008. This has been prepared by the Director of South Leeds Health for All following the request from the Area Committee meeting that took place in November and which had considered the evaluation of the 2007 Festival and options for next steps.

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 At the November meeting of this Area Committee, Members considered an overview and evaluation of the Area Committee's 'I Love South Leeds Festival 2007' which was presented by the Director for South Leeds Health For All, the organisation which managed the Festival on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 1.2 The report at the November meeting also indicated improvements for I Love South Leeds Festival 2008 should this take place and suggested some options for next steps.
- 1.3 Following consideration of the above. Members deferred the decision on how much to allocate for the Festival to the December meeting. Members requested additional information on a proposal which included costs and addressed points raised by

Members. Consequently the attached sets out a detailed proposal for the 2008 Festival.

## 2.0 THE PROPOSAL (in summary)

2.1 The attached proposal includes, (depending on the option chosen), organising up to five significant events, each attempting to:-

- Engage local people, (predominantly young people) in a range of arts, including music, photography, sports
- Promote community cohesion both between cultures and generations
- Involve individuals and groups not previously engaged/served by existing groups as well as those within existing groups
- Have a significant impact
- Provide value for money

2.2 The five suggested events the 2008 Festival could cover are:

- **Battle of the Bands** – for newly formed and existing music bands and music groups of all types and cultures
- **Stars in their Eyes** – ‘South Leeds has Talent’ – for children and young people
- **South Leeds Olympics** – a programme of sports and physical activity for all ages
- **Dig It!** – a project engaging young people in different projects and at different community festivals/galas in the use of *digital* technology
- **Celebrating culture and community** – engaging and celebrating the diverse communities in Inner South Leeds, culture, traditions, food, music

2.3 The attached proposal outlines three options based on 3 different costings totalling: either up to 48k (for all of the above events spread across the Wards), 34k (for 3 of the above events – one held in each Ward) or 24k (for 2 of the above events one held in LS10, one held in LS11). The costs are broken down to further detailed estimates as well as an indication of different timescales for each option.

2.4 South Leeds Health For All proposes to raise up to 12k from other sources to reduce the amount of Area Committee funds but requests the Area Committee to underwrite the amount as other funding sources are not guaranteed as yet.

## 3.0 CONCLUSION

The Area Committee are requested to consider the attached proposal. In order for any of the options to proceed and within the timescale proposed, the Area Committee are requested to determine the next steps for the Festival 2008 at this December meeting. Should a decision be deferred again to the next meeting (19<sup>th</sup> February) this would prove to be too short a timescale for South Leeds Health For All to make effective arrangements for the Festival.

## 4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

To determine the proposal for I Love South Leeds Festival 2008 from South Leeds Health For All. In particular to express preference for one of the costed 3 options, state a preference for any or all of the proposed events and to indicate support for underwriting up to 12k of other funding which South Leeds Health For All will seek.