
Report of the East North East Area Manager

East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 11th September 2008

Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2007/08 Update

Electoral Wards Affected:

All Inner East Wards

Ward members consulted
(referred to in this report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report provides Members with an update of progress on actions in the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan during period (June - August).

EAST INNER HIGHLIGHT REPORT

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements since the last Area Committee meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS

Culture:

2. In order to enable more people to take part in sport and cultural activities, four week long football camps were commissioned over the summer break; 2 weeks in East End Park and 2 weeks in two different locations in Seacroft. Streetwork Soccer run the activities for children and young people aged 8-16 who attend school and/or live within the catchment areas. Particular effort was made to engage young people at risk of social exclusion through poverty or disadvantage, ensuring they are given the opportunity to participate by offering the places free of charge. Additional sports programme funded through the Wellbeing budget was carried out at the Fearnville Sports Centre by the Sports Development and included a number of taster sessions for all ages.
3. To focus on developing local talent in music, poetry and practical media skills, the Area Management teamed up with East Leeds FM, the local community radio station, for a number of initiatives. This collaboration is planned to continue throughout the year and so far has produced:
 - **Monthly Pod Casts** – training sessions for all ages to develop and record a programme to pod cast on the web site.
 - **Internet Broadcast from community galas** – Live broadcast and archived on web site
 - **Live FM Radio Broadcast** – lots of pre-broadcast training and activity, followed by a week of live broadcasting for volunteers of all ages and with the involvement of Area Management staff concentrating on messages of community engagement and community safety.

Enterprise and Economy

4. The Area management are aware of two introductory meetings held to explore a possibility of establishing a Development Trust in the area. Initial discussions have centred on the long term future of Rise, an enterprise hub in Seacroft. A full report to appraise the Members with these developments will be requested for a future meeting of the Area Committee.

Learning

5. The last 4 weeks of the summer term saw the Truancy Project in action. (A full review and assessment are a subject of another report). The work of the truancy officer resulted in 58 children throughout the inner East Leeds being stopped and follow up action undertaken.

Transport

6. Parking conditions in the area are a permanent problem for Inner East communities. A meeting with Highways, Planning and Development was held to try and resolve parking problems in Harehills and Lincoln Green localities, caused largely by the extension to the St. James' Hospital. A long term solution is being developed, with resident parking, parking meters, time restrictions and white lines, all being considered.
7. Two parking schemes: Fearnville Close and Monkwood Rise, are being developed in partnership with Highways and ENEL. Both will resolve problems where, at times, emergency and cleansing vehicles are not able to pass due to obstructions.

Environment

8. Twenty bin yards in the Bayswater's area are being renovated. The project costing £37,000 is run by Groundwork and involves solutions on a number of levels from a simple gate installation, through renovation of walls and fencing to removal of bin yards all together to create a usable space. There will be planting and work with local residents to follow.
9. Tasking was instrumental in organising 11 clean up operations in June/July/August, throughout the Inner East with 2 additional extensive actions as a part of Champion (July in Seacroft and August in Harehills). 3 primary schools in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill enhanced their environment by taking part in planting.
10. Another £39,000 worth of bin yard improvements is being planned for the Clarks. Work is in progress to produce a specification and issue a contract.
11. Wardens patrolled the area looking for bulky items and fly tipping, talked to residents, supervised litter picks and clean-ups and issued Waste in Gardens letters. They also took part in all community events across the patch. Wardens attended tasking meetings, community forums and worked closely with the enforcement and police colleagues.
12. Community Payback Scheme worked on environmental projects, sorting out green spaces, cutting hedges and undertaking small construction work (fencing, etc). It is worth reporting that, in June, the scheme won a national award at a ceremony in London.

Thriving Communities

13. As a result of the co-operation between agencies round the table, community safety issues covered through tasking included, among others:
 - Two operations Champion – actions included Customs and Excises, vehicle tax and insurance, environmental enforcement, licensing, anti-social behaviour, known nominals, young people's activities, empty property enforcement action and other. Outcomes are still being collected and analysed and will be available for distribution to Members when completed.
 - Two Drug and Robbery road shows providing information and raising awareness.
 - Closure of a cannabis farm.
 - Action against illegal scrap metal dealing.
 - Successful action against a number of known offenders.

- In Harehills, 10 most difficult families have been identified and a multi-agency approach, involving Signpost, police, ASBU, schools, wardens and others, as appropriate, is being used.
14. Young people throughout the area have benefited from £5,000 per ward of additional summer holiday programmes put on by the Youth Services and funded by the Wellbeing budget. The following, provides only some examples of activities: in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill - Street Dancing workshops, Family Learning Science Workshops, Healthy Eating, Arts and Crafts. In Gipton and Harehills – trips, caving, sailing, rock climbing and motor cycle maintenance sessions for multi ethnic groups. In Killingbeck and Seacroft – trips out, outdoor education and indoor sports.

Stronger Communities

Community Engagement Events

15. At the early summer round of community forums residents were involved in the development of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP). Exercises were conducted where by residents were invited to identify most pressing gaps, needs and aspirations within the strategic plan themes to include in the ADP.
16. **Seacroft Gala** – The Gala took months to prepare and organise but at the last moment it had to be cancelled due to the weather. The general disappointment was partly compensated by the fact that a Gala Committee has now been formed and are beginning to give some thoughts to the next year's event. Cheque for £250 for next year's event has already been donated by a Bellways' subcontractor. A winter raffle is being planned to raise further funds.
17. **Gipton Gala** – took place on 12th July 2008 and attracted in excess of 3000 people. The Wellbeing funding supported Gipton Together in the organisation of the event which became a showcase for local talent and information point for local groups and organisations.
18. **In Harehills:**
- Street party, helped by the Wellbeing funding, to celebrate the Repainting of the Bankside Street mural combined with Nelson Mandela's birthday attracted lots of local residents and art groups with music and activities for both, old and young alike.
 - In June a multi-faith cricket match took place bringing together youngsters of Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths. Harehills Youth in Partnership championed the event. The Area Management are working with the organisation to develop this activity further.
19. **In Burmantofts and Richmond Hill** a series of 10 smaller events were held throughout August in various venues across the ward. Wellbeing funding assisted Healthy Living Leeds in the organisation. They all proved very popular with local residents, providing activities for children, advice on healthy living, services in the area, information on EASEL, housing and organisations operating in the area.
20. As a result of the Bayswaters bin yard improvement programme, a new tenants and residents association has been established. So far, there have been three meetings of the new group. The Area Management, who have so far led on this development, are working with the housing associations in the locality, ENEL and Leeds Federated Tenants Association to help the group set itself up as an independent body.

21. In the last 4 months the Wellbeing Small Grants budget has supported the following activities:

St Gregory's Rainbows	Rainbows Outings
Iftiin Welfare Association	Somali Community Open Event
Learning Partnerships	North Gipton Brazilian Football Scheme
Pak Cando Youth Academy	Small grant towards self defence equipment
Leeds Irish Arts Foundation	Leeds Gathering 2008
St. Mary's Church	St. Mary's Church Centre running costs
Friends of East End Park	Portable Chairs
ALO	Craft Classes
Al Hassan Education Centre	APNA Luncheon Club
Shantona Womens Centre	Summer Playscheme
John Jameson school	Out of school activities – art, crafts, IT and gardening
Gipton Together	Gipton Gala

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

22. There are no additional implications for Council policy and governance.

Legal and Resource Implications

23. There are no additional legal or resource implications

Recommendations

24. The Area Committee are requested to note the report.

Background papers

1. Area Delivery Plan