



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 1st December 2008

Subject: Actions and Achievements Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

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

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

Executive Summary

This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements of the Area Management Team since the Area Committee meeting in September 2008. It also provides a quarter 3 summary of progress against the Area Delivery Plan 2007/08.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements since the last Area Committee meeting. Members will recall that they have agreed to receive quarterly, detailed reports giving progress on the individual actions in the Area Delivery Plan this year. The quarter 3 summary report is provided at this Area Committee meeting. Appendix 1 provides a summary of issues raised in ward members meetings.

Highlights

Oakwood Town & District Centre Scheme

2. Phase 1 of the Oakwood Town & District Centre scheme commenced on site on 31st March 2008. The primary aim of the scheme is to contribute towards increasing the economic vitality of the district centre through having an impact on business activity. The scheme proposes to do this through making improvements to the environmental appearance of the area and by improving car parking facilities. Phase 1 consisted of resurfacing and remarking of the bays in Oakwood Clock car park and junction improvements to the car park. This work was completed in February 2008.
3. Phase 2 of the project started work on 17th November 2009 and will address construction of the new parking area on Roundhay Road, lighting of the clock car park and replacement of street furniture. The work is due to be completed by the end of the financial year.

Community Centres

4. The Mandela Centre and Palace Youth Centre were transferred to Environment and Neighbourhoods Department on 1st February 2008. The responsibilities for the management of the centres have been delegated to the Area Committee.

Mandela Centre

5. The Young Persons Steering Group has been re-established and will meet on the 26th November. It will be made up of two members from each of the core user groups and will initially come up with a development plan for the games room and kitchen area upstairs. They will work with young people from the Leeds College of Building who have agreed to carry out the work on these rooms. Proposals for the steering group will be presented at the next steering group to guide the development of the group and will consider team building and leadership courses.
6. A business plan for the centre is being developed in partnership with the steering group and the young persons steering group. This document will inform the future development of the centre and act as the basis for future funding bids. Initially the group will seek to decorate the building, improve storage facilities and improve sports equipment.
7. A regular system of reporting the number of people who use the building has been established. This will help inform any future funding bids and will provide baseline data to measure the success of development plans.

The Palace

8. The boiler in the Palace has now been replaced as part of the priority backlog maintenance fund. Catch-22 (previously Junior YIP) are now renting office space in the building and are working with the Area Management Team to attract other users to the building. Discussions have been held with the Youth Offending Service and an organisation called Invisible Circle Education.
9. The Youth Service have been working with Groundwork to provide develop a plan for the outside patio area of the Palace. A consultation exercise has been done and Groundwork have been asked to provide a quote for this work. The Youth Service have put six young people on a painting and decorating course and are developing plans for the refurbishment of the building.

Open Door

10. The Open Door has been open since March 2008 as a youth and community centre with a customer service point for ENEHL. The project is now staffed by ENEHL on Mondays and Thursdays and Police Community Support Officers Monday to Friday 1-3. A new computer system has been installed to allow any member of staff from ENEHL to work from the centre, which now also hosts a benefits advisor, the Bracken Woods TRA and Lidgett Towers TRA. The management committee are currently seeking to become a registered company and will seek to apply for charitable status.

Probation Services

11. The contract with Probation Services has now been signed and the first job will be the St Martins Avenue ginnel in Chapel Allerton Ward. Probation Services will attend Tasking Meetings and will obtain referrals from these meetings. Councillors are invited to begin highlighting areas and jobs in their wards for Probation to address. The agency requesting the work will need to pay for the cost of extra materials such as skips and waste removal.

Volunteer Thank You Event

12. This year's Thank You event will take place on the 15th December between 6pm and 8.30pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Mixed Voices and Church of God the Prophecy Gospel Choir, RJC Dance and the Children's Circus. The event will be attended by the Deputy Lord Mayor who will be asked to present awards to voluntary groups who members believe have gone the 'extra mile,' subject to Member approval.
13. Fourteen tables will be laid out and groups are able to request a stall at the event to publicise their group. This year, organisations such as Voluntary Action Leeds and Leeds Voice have been invited to provide advice to groups and access to volunteer networks. Area Management will record the event and play it on the Big Screen in Millennium Square.

Priority Neighbourhoods update

14. The Area Committee will be aware that three neighbourhoods in the north east have been identified as priority areas for multi-agency action to narrow the gap between these areas and the rest of the city. This is based on deprivation indicators. All three neighbourhoods are in the inner area – Chapeltown (IMPACT partnership), Beckhill (Beckhill Implementation Group) and Moor Allerton (MAP). Area

Management staff are responsible for driving forward action in these areas through partnership arrangements. The following are progress updates from the partnership groups.

Beckhill Implementation Group

15. ENEHL have completed a Decent Homes upgrade on the estate. This included the installation of new kitchens and bathrooms and re-wiring. Of the 273 homes identified, 215 were upgraded. 30 households refused ENEHL access, while ENEHL were unable to gain access to 23 households. A mop-up scheme will be organised and members of BIG will assist ENEHL with contacting residents.
16. An Operation Champion has been organised between 1 – 3 December. The main focus of the operation will be the Police and their relationship with local residents. The aim is to encourage more residents to come forward and report crime such as drug dealing on the estate. Feedback will be provided to residents in the next Beckhill newsletter. Other agencies will be involved, an environmental audit has been completed and work will be done to clean up hotspots.
17. The Beckhill newsletter has recently been relaunched and delivered to all houses on the estate by PCSO's. This is being coordinated by Vanessa Brown at the Three Churches Project and will include information from the Tenants and Residents Association.
18. A new draft action plan for the estate was handed out to partners at the November meeting. It is a six month plan and focuses on quick wins and actions that can be achieved by the partnership. For example, the issue of street cleansing has been removed as this will be tackled through Tasking meetings.
19. The Area Management team successfully applied for £4,000 from the NHS Healthy Living Grant. A sub group has been formed to coordinate how this money is spent and a bank account has been set up.
20. In August the Area Management Team organised access to the Beckhill MUGA for local residents. This area is now being cleaned by the local PRIDE team, together with wardens and the Youth Service.

IMPACT

21. IMPACT organised a week of multi-agency outreach work in the Scott Hall area with the Childrens Centre, Jobs and Skills and ENEHL to address parenting, employment, skills and training issues. Officers went door-to-door to conduct a questionnaire, which was followed up with an event at the end of the week. The project engaged with 44 people and generated referrals to skills and training providers, which are currently being chased up.
22. At the September meeting the NHS highlighted the issue of infant mortality in the Chapeltown area. The NHS has formed an operational group to investigate this issue further and includes IMPACT. The figures below are comparative Infant Mortality rates (IMR) per 100 live births per year.

National IMR = 5
Leeds IMR = 6.8
Leeds Deprived IMR = 8
Chapel Allerton Ward IMR = 10.3

This rate is likely to increase again when broken down to the Chapeltown area alone.

The Locality Enabler (Childrens Services) is also involved in the work to look into this issue and will ensure linkages are made with relevant strategic partnerships and working.

23. A series of mini cleanups have been conducted since August in Scott Hall Drive and Avenue, Francis Street, Louis Street, Hamilton Gardens and Spencer Place. It involved wardens, the PRIDE team and estate wardens. Rubbish was cleared from gardens, streets and houses with funding provided from the Well Being and IMPaCT Funds.
24. The festive lights funded by IMPaCT on Chapeltown Road have now been switched on.
25. Three additional litter bins have been installed on Spencer Place in response to a request from local residents.
26. IMPaCT attended the Invisible Circle Edutainment event on the 22nd November to conduct a community engagement exercise. Feedback will be provided at a later date.

Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP)

27. The MAP area spans the outer and inner area. Area Management staff are responsible for driving forward action in these areas through partnership arrangements. The Moor Allerton Partnership includes the following sub-groups:
 - Mini MAP – Community Safety
 - Moor Allerton Children and Young People (MACY)
 - Community Engagement and Communications
 - Voluntary Community Faith Sector Forum
 - Moor Allerton Older Person's
 - Worklessness
 - Environmental
28. A review of the Moor Allerton Partnership action plan is being undertaken in consultation with partners, to bring the plan up to date, and streamline the actions to ensure they effectively address the needs and priorities of the local community and the partners involved, and can support the Area Delivery Plan.

Recommendations

29. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.