
Report of the West North West Leeds Area Manager

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 9th April 2009

Subject: Broadleas Neighbourhood Improvement Priority Area – 12 Month Review

**Electoral Wards Affected:
Bramley & Stanningley**

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Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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Council
Function

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Delegated Executive
Function available for
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Delegated Executive Function
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set out in the report

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Executive Summary

This report gives an overview of the progress, successes and challenges currently facing the Broadleas estate in Bramley Ward.

Taking into account the Indices of Multiple Deprivation statistics and partners local agencies statistics the main challenges for the future working practises on the estate include:

- Education
- Crime
- Living Environment

The Inner West Area Committee are asked to note the report and support the actions suggested in forwarding the future working methods.

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to brief Members on the progress, achievements and challenges currently facing the Broadleas estate and provide an overview of the partnership working approach that is currently in operation.

2.0 Background information

2.1 Indices of Multiple Deprivation

The Broadleas estate was been identified as a priority area in which to deliver Neighbourhood Improvement Priority Plans, this was due to issues at the time which ranked it in the top 7% of deprived Super Output Areas (SOA) in England and Wales. It was rated as 2297th out of about 32,482 localities, based on the 2004 Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). The estate currently ranks at 3032 based in the 2007 IMD figures. This highlights an improvement of 735 places, ranking this area at 3032, in the bottom 9.3%. Within the context of the other three LAMP areas where the Wythers is ranked in the bottom 4% nationally, the Fairfields in the bottom 3.8% nationally and New Wortley in the bottom 3.3% nationally, the Broadleas area is improving and its ranking of 9.3% nationally helping to narrow the gap. However there are still three domains whose individual rankings are low and need attention.

2.2 The three domains needing attention are Education, Crime and the Living Environment. The figures show that across all of the areas the theme is the same, attention needs to be given to these three concerns.

2.3 Previous and Recent Neighbourhood Funding

The estate was included as part of the SRB5 programme along with the neighbouring Ganners estate. This led to a programme of £70,000 of environmental works being delivered on the Broadleas.

2.4 Since then the estate has had investment from Leeds West Homes and subsequently West North West Homes Leeds, for the windows, doors and other internal improvements as part of the Decent Homes programme.

2.5 In recent months the estate has been taking part in a citywide pilot scheme around the allocation of funding to projects. Participatory Budgeting (PB) enabled four projects to be funded, with projects submitted and voted on by the community. Funding for the PB pilot was allocated from the Inner West Area Committee Well-being funds and funds from the Narrowing the Gap Group.

3. Partner Input

The Broadleas Improvement Group (BIG), co-ordinated by the WNW Area Management Team, has been running for the last three years looking at strategic working on the estate, bringing together partners such as:

- WNWHL
- BARCA Leeds
- Groundwork
- West Yorkshire Police
- Area Management Team

The meetings are Chaired by Area Management and minutes taken by West North West Homes Leeds. The meetings are focused on the delivery of actions that are highlighted both from the indicators of deprivation but also partner statistics that indicate more up to date trends.

4.0 Current initiatives

Over the last twelve months the majority of partners' efforts and resources have focused on the development and delivery of the PB pilot. Alongside this, a renew and update of the action plan is currently underway.

4.1 PB support and facilitation

The PB pilot scheme has been the focus of much of the group discussions recently. As the main support group for the project the achievements of the pilot will reflect on the estate and hopefully facilitate further improvements through the joint working, community engagement and development. Members of the group acted as mentors for the residents that came forward with projects, this allowed development and building of relationships between agencies and the local community.

4.2 Summer Fayre

This event has been held for a number of years prior to the establishment of BIG. However the additional support and resources of partners has enabled the promotion and attendance to be significantly higher. The day was a great success and the increased number of people becoming aware of the activities being developed in the estate was a great success. Hopefully the number of residents involved in future projects will increase as a result of this.

4.3 Partner focus on Community Safety

The crime figures for the estate do reflect the domain in the IMD 2007; this has led to increased engagement with the community by the local PCSO's. The additional patrols and face-to-face contact has improved both the relationship with the local people but also increased the number of people attending the residents meetings through an increased feeling of confidence.

4.4 Support of the Tenants And Residents Association (TARA)

Over the last few years the numbers of local residents attending this group have been low, and increasing the number of people being involved has been difficult. The recent engagement and development work through the PB project and the work carried out by the Police to try and improve the levels of reporting of crime in the area has had a significant impact on the level of attendees at the residents group meeting. The increase in numbers needs to be maintained to make sure the voice of this community is heard through the TARA and subsequently at the Bramley Housing forum.

4.5 Next Steps

Future work will focus on:

Crime

As can be seen from the figure of the last 24 months there is high levels of all six main indicators (Burglary dwelling, Vehicle Crime, Serious Violent Crime, Violent Crime, Anti-social Behaviour and Criminal Damage). All figures are higher than the Divisional, District and West Yorkshire averages. This supports the IMD stats which shows the estates being in the top 3.4%, 1.41% and 2.82% respectively. These figures need to be addressed as they will obviously be influencing other indicators and keeping the estate in its current position in the rankings. Projects could include the likes of Smartwater,

increased safety of homes through CASAC or a specific multi-agency action day. All of these will be looked at thought he BIG Action plan to identify which type of project would be most effective and what funding could be available.

Community engagement

The nature of the Broadleas estate means that not all of the community are fully represented at the TARA meetings. Looking at the language needs on the estate there are a number of needs but mostly they are individual families rather than groups of people. There is not any significant minority population on the estate but the statistics need to be monitored as if there is an increase in the BME population then appropriate methods will need to be taken to engage with them effectively.

Education deprivation

The Youth Inc Centre is currently working with 50 local young people who are at risk of exclusion. The alternative curriculum they offer along with the support to all local young people is allowing them to appreciate their surroundings and how their actions affect the community as a whole. This work will hopefully addresses some of the anti-social behaviour problems in the area. That said support needs to be increased, the indicators show a very high need to impact on the education deprivation.

5.0 Main Issues

- 5.1 From an SOA perspective the Broadleas estate covers parts of three Lower level SOA's. This means that the whole area needs to be taken into account rather than just the one SOA that covers the heart of the estate. The neighbouring estate that partly cover the Broadleas are the Ganners & St Catherines and the Landeers. Each of them are different in both appearance and demographic but as can be seen from the IMD data the issues are very similar.

5.2 Broadleas – SOA 046A

SOA - 046A	2004		2007		
Indicator	Ranking	%	Ranking	%	Variance
IMD	2297	7.07	3032	9.33	735
Health	3271	10.07	3223	9.92	-48
Education	182	0.56	179	0.55	-3
Crime	1740	5.36	1106	3.40	-634
Living Environment	1016	3.13	2618	8.06	1602

The most significant domain for the Broadleas is education which is ranking in the bottom 0.5% nationally. This element of the action plan will have to be enhanced to have an impact in the future. Through links with the local primary school and the Jobs & Skills Team projects will be developed and supported by BIG. Partnership working with Youth INC will hopefully allow for some additional working with young people to increase the levels of training etc.

5.3 St. Catherine's – SOA 046C

SOA - 046C	2004		2007		
Indicator	Ranking	%	Ranking	%	Variance
IMD	2531	7.79	1712	5.27	-819
Education	1299	4.00	672	2.07	-627
Crime	1149	3.54	457	1.41	-692

Living Environment	891	2.74	936	2.88	45
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The significant domain in this area is crime which is ranked in the top 1.41% nationally. This shows that crime has to be addressed in the action plan as the main priority for this part of the estate. With the Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings in the area focusing on the three crime related issues, hopefully any additional projects that are delivered through BIG will support and facilitate improvements to these actions.

5.4 Landseers – SOA

SOA - 046D	2004		2007		
Indicator	Ranking	%	Ranking	%	Variance
IMD	2617	8.06	2724	8.39	107
Education	1120	3.45	1061	3.27	-59
Crime	1436	4.42	917	2.82	-519
Living Environment	266	0.82	224	0.69	-42

The Landseers estate's main issues are around the living environment. This is a complicated domain that takes in a wide range of criteria. The estate has had Decent Homes funding to improve the windows doors and roofs. Investigations are needed to the specific criteria that would need improvement, this could then influence the way the action plan is led on this action.

5.5 As can be seen from the variance figures, on the whole the three areas have all got worse with respect to Education, Crime and the Living Environment. This is irrespective to the improvements to the IMD rankings in two of the three estates. To reflect these priorities the action plan is currently being re-developed and will reflect these indicators.

5.6 Alongside this, any issues relating to the environment, such as cleanliness, will be addressed through this partnership.

6.0 2009-10 proposals

To redevelop the action plan with smart actions specific to the indicators requiring attention, these will be crime, educational attainment and community development.

7.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

The Broadleas LAMP is part of the Narrowing the Gap agenda. And the community engagement activities associated with the work are a part of the new delegated functions of the Area Committees.

8.0 Conclusions

8.1 By focusing on the key issues on this estate it is hoped that through the sustainability of partnership working practices, maximising resources and opportunities that this area will continue to see improvements that lift it out of the 10% most deprived estates nationally.

9.0 Recommendations

9.1 The Inner West Area Committee Members are invited to:

- a) Note the contents of the report and comment on any aspect of the matters raised
- b) Support the continuation of the LAMP group and directly support the actions raised in it

Background Papers

None