



**Report of the South East Area Manager**

**South East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009**

**Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 – Annual Refresh**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**  
 Beeston & Holbeck  
 City & Hunslet  
 Middleton Park

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 presents a refresh of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) 2008-11 to ensure that priorities and actions meet with current local needs. It explains the context for the plan including its links to the Leeds Strategic Plan and actions planned relating to responsibilities delegated to Area Committee by the Executive Board, both around Council functions and partnership working.

## **Purpose of this report**

1. This report presents a refresh of the Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 for approval.
2. It explains the context for the plan including its links to the Leeds Strategic Plan and actions planned relating to responsibilities delegated to Area Committee by the Executive Board, both around Council functions and partnership working.
3. The report presents the Inner South area priorities around which the work of the Area Management Team will be focused in 2009/10 on behalf of the Area Committee (see appendix A for the revised ADP and the shaded column for the Inner South priorities).
4. The Area Committee is asked to comment on the refresh.
5. It is important to note that the ADP is a live document. Actions will be added to it as the year progresses; for example through issues raised at ward member meetings and project proposals that come forward for Wellbeing budget.

## **Background**

6. The Area Committee will recall previous reports giving information on the development of the Leeds Strategic Plan (LSP). This sets out the Council's priorities for Leeds for the next three years and what the Council will do itself and in partnership with others to deliver these priorities.
7. The Leeds Strategic Plan brings together the themes in the existing Vision for Leeds, Local Area Agreement and Regeneration Plan, to provide an integrated framework geared to tackling neighbourhood needs and priorities. The Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 was agreed by the Area Committee in June 2008, this plan has been refreshed as part of an annual review to ensure that priorities and actions meet with current needs.
8. Following an audit of actions in the 2008/09 plan, and considering the feedback from resident consultation, a number of changes are proposed to develop a more robust plan for 2009/10. The refresh of the plan has been undertaken with service managers and partners who have put forward suggestions to update and revise the plan to meet current conditions and strategic priorities. The 2009/10 plan translates the city-wide local improvement priorities in the Leeds Strategic Plan to specific priorities relevant to the Inner South.
9. A full report to update progress against the Area Delivery Plan will be provided to the September Area Committee.

## **Delegated functions**

10. The Executive Board agreed a number of recommended changes to Area Committee responsibilities and working arrangements at their meeting in November 2007 and changes to the constitution took effect following May 2008. There is an increase in the range and number of service and function responsibilities the Area Committee now have which include:

- Community engagement and facilities
- Community safety
- Environment (e.g. green and open spaces, Streetscene, environmental action teams)
- Children and young people (e.g. youth services)
- Adult social care and healthier communities
- Regeneration and development including neighbourhood management coordination and management of Safer Stronger Communities Funds monies to support an Intensive Neighbourhood Management approach)

11. The ADP reflects these additional responsibilities presented within the themes of the Strategic Plan. It includes any priority actions the Area Committee may want to progress relating to these responsibilities, including priorities that can be assisted in achievement through the Well Being Fund that the Area Committee administer.

### **Area Partnerships and developing local actions**

12. The Area Delivery Plan will be the local expression of the Leeds Strategic Plan and therefore it will be a partnership document, and partners are involved in putting it together. This is a development from previous ADPs which have concentrated primarily on local priorities linked to delegated council services which the Area Committee have influence over.
13. This builds on the move away from District Partnerships to thematic based area partnerships set up under the umbrella of the Leeds Institute, with increasing accountability and direct links to Area Committees.
14. The following is a list of the partnership groups in the south east area:
- South East Divisional Community Safety Partnership
  - South Health & Social Care Partnership (to be established in 2009)
  - Children Leeds South East Partnership
  - South Leeds Enterprise, Employment and Training Partnership ( SLEET)
15. The ADP refresh begins to make clearer which partnership will be responsible for reporting performance against which ADP priority. The area committee have nominated a Member representative to participate in the work of these partnerships and act as the link between the partnership and the area committee. A separate report to this meeting outlines this further and requests that the Area Committee confirm these nominees.
16. In addition, the area committee have identified Members to act as champions for the specific themes of the ADP. Members are asked to confirm if they wish to continue in their role as theme champion. This role falls outside of the Appointment to Outside Bodies as outlined in the separate report to this meeting.
17. The ADP will continue to include local priorities and actions as identified by elected members and residents through local engagement activity, including the allocation of well-being funds. Where these do not naturally sit within a themed partnership, the ADP will make clear which service will report progress to the Area Committee on that particular action.

18. The Area Management Team will work with members through their individual ward member meetings on further actions they would like to see included in the plan. Where these are ward specific actions, progress will also be reported at ward member meetings and included in Actions and Achievements reports at every Area Committee meeting rather than wait for the 6 month ADP review.
19. It is generally acknowledged that there is a need to develop a simpler, more user-friendly and accessible document or “charter” for household distribution. It is suggested that this could set out service standards and priorities for action that can be easily understood and monitored. Along with a calendar of local engagement opportunities the “charter” could be delivered to every household. In this way it is felt that the understanding of the work of the area committees, local councillors and public service providers can be better understood and held accountable to local residents. In effect this will be the resident-friendly version of the ADP.

### **Community Engagement**

20. The Area Committee has a community engagement strategy which is based around a cycle of ward events. The aim is to create opportunities for local people to influence service planning and ensure that residents are informed of how their views have been listened to and what will be delivered as a result.
21. Two community engagement events have been held so far in Middleton and Beeston which provided an opportunity for residents to comment on the Area Delivery Plan. Similar consultation will be undertaken at the Hunslet festival. The Area Management Team will soon begin planning for the autumn community engagement activity that will be undertaken to inform the 2010/11 ADPs and service planning.

### **Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

22. The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan mirror the priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan. This will enable local interpretations of the priority outcomes for the area to be developed and delivered against. Actions in the plan were formulated based on consultation with key stakeholders in the local area.

### **Legal and Resource Implications**

23. The Well-Being budget delegated by Executive Board is used to finance projects which meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan, which links to the delivery of Leeds Strategic Plan outcomes. Members of the Area Committee are keen that wherever possible the use of well-being brings in additional match funding to the area.
24. The Area Management Team will be responsible for organising and co-ordinating community engagement activity from within their existing resource and use of well – being funds where agreed.

### **Conclusions**

25. The Area Delivery Plan refresh sets out the key priorities for 2008 - 2011 for Inner South East Leeds.

26. The focus of the refresh is on actions to be delivered and developed during 2009/10, for which the Area Committee will expect progress reports and performance information from the relevant partnership or service.
27. The Area Management Team will support partnerships and local services in this process and continue to champion the role of the Area Committee through the ADP.
28. The refreshed ADP represents another step forward in the increasing role and influence of the Area Committee but further work is needed in the year ahead to strengthen the performance monitoring information available at area level for the outcomes in the ADP.
29. The introduction of a resident friendly version of the ADP through a “charter” will be a significant step in improving the transparency and accountability of local services and promoting the role of the Area Committee and elected members in influencing local services and holding them to account.

### **Recommendations**

30. The Area Committee is requested to;
  - a) Approve the annual refresh of the ADP 2008-11
  - b) Note the intention to use ward member meetings to bring forward and track any new local actions that relate to the agreed priorities
  - c) Note the continued connectivity with the annual cycle of ward based engagement events
  - d) Note the intention to provide a 6-month review of performance against the agreed ADP priorities at the September meeting
  - e) Agree the proposal that a charter be developed as the public facing, resident friendly version of the ADP
  - f) Confirm Member nominees to act as champions for the specific themes of the ADP.

### **Background papers**

South (Inner) Area Committee - Area Delivery Plan 2008/11, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009