



Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing

Executive Board

Date: 17 May 2006

Subject: Area Delivery Plans 2006/07

Electoral wards affected:

Specific implications for:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the gap

Eligible for call in

Not eligible for call in

(details contained in the report)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the Area Delivery Plans for 2006/07 that were agreed by the Area Committees in February/March 2006 and developed with the involvement of Council Departments and partner agencies. Area Delivery Plans will guide the work of the Area Committees over the next year setting out service priorities and improvement strategies for each area. The plans will also provide a mechanism for directing resources and a framework for investing Well Being budgets in each of the areas.

Agreed local priorities set out within Area Action Plans form a key part of the Area Delivery Plans and enable Committees to address local priorities which are specific to their area. Appendix 2 highlights the priority areas for action in 2006/07 and shows how priorities emerging from the locally focused work of the Area Committees connect clearly to the themes of the Corporate Plan.

The report asks the Executive Board to endorse the ten Area Committee Action Plans for 2006/07.

1.0 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the 10 Area Delivery Plans for endorsement by the Executive Board.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 Annually each Area Committee is required to prepare an Area Delivery Plan for endorsement by the Executive Board after the Council's budgets have been set. A key component of these plans is an Area Action Plan which intends to reflect corporate as well as local priorities.
- 2.2 All 10 Area Delivery Plans will be posted on the Leeds City Council website. All of the Committees have produced a shorter version or summary leaflet for agencies, service providers, local groups and the public. These set out key priorities in each area over the year ahead.
- 2.3 The process to develop Area Delivery Plans for 2006/07 started in the summer of 2005. All 10 Area Committees have agreed to continue with the key priorities agreed in 2005/06 in order to sustain their impact on the areas.

3.0 Area Action Plan Progress

- 3.1 A summary of achievements against Plan priorities in 2005/06 is included as Appendix One. An example taken from each of the Area Committees gives an indication of the breadth of activity underway:
 - **Inner East:** The Area Committee has invested £90,000 to boost the number of Neighbourhood Wardens in Inner East. It now has a five strong team in each ward.
 - **Outer East:** The Area Committee funded and supported a Designated Public Places Order in Garforth. This was introduced in December 2005 and is helping to combat anti social behaviour fuelled by alcohol.
 - **Inner North East:** The 'Open Door' partnership centre in Brackenwood opened in September 2005. It is used as a base by the Neighbourhood Policing Team and feedback from residents shows an increased level of reassurance in the area. Activities run by the Youth Service and the Police are reducing levels of anti social behaviour in the locality.
 - **Outer North East:** Young people in Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby are meeting Councillors, the Police and Youth Workers to discuss matters of concern. The new Youth Forum was established with young people to ensure they get a say in services which affect them, meet peers from other areas and encourage capacity building.
 - **Inner North West:** A door to door community consultation with over 1400 households in Little London was carried out to gauge opinion on regeneration options for the area. 967 responses were gained. Funding is now in place to start neighbourhood management work in the area.

- **Outer North West:** The committee invested £40,000 into a scheme delivered by CASAC which provided target hardening to 320 properties in the area to help reduce burglary. Alongside this, 800 additional policing hours across all the wards were funded, feasibility work into the CCTV needs of Otley Town Centre commenced and match funding was allocated for a dedicated Police Community Support Officer for Horsforth.
- **Inner South:** European Funding was secured to support priorities in the Area Delivery Plan - £370k has provided a Learning Links scheme in Beeston Hill and Holbeck to promote parental involvement with children's education and training for parents. The investment of £317k in the development of Social Enterprise Solutions in South Leeds created 27 jobs.
- **Outer South:** The Committee targeted over £50,000, nearly a third of its resources, to improving community facilities in the area. This included the refurbishment of West Ardsley Committee Centre to allow for the development of increased community use including the provision of a child care facility.
- **Inner West:** A Regeneration Framework Document was commissioned and completed for West Leeds Gateway. A number of actions were taken to improve local areas including the demolition of a derelict building in New Wortley, funding secured for improvements on Stanningley Road and approval granted to demolish Mistress Lane maisonettes with a planning brief being prepared for the future use of the site.
- **Outer West:** A monthly Farmers Market was established very successfully in Pudsey with more than 3,000 people attending the opening market day. Alongside this, consultation took place on plans to re-develop Pudsey's bus station, car parking and markets area.

3.2 Area Management Teams established a system of monitoring performance against actions detailed in the action plans in 2005/06. This forms part of the quarterly performance reporting process in the Neighbourhoods and Housing Department and is used to give regular progress reports to the Area Committees. There were almost 600 actions across the 10 plans in 2005/06. At the end of March 2006 progress was as follows:

Area Action Plan - Actions	2005/06 Year end position
GREEN - Progressing as expected/ action completed	83%
AMBER - Minor delays or issues to address	14%
RED - Significant delays or issues to address	3%

4.0 Area Action Plan Priorities for 2006/07

4.1 Appendix Two highlights the priority areas for action in 2006/07 for each Area Committee and identifies links to strategic themes in the Corporate Plan. All three core Area Committee service areas continue to be reflected in the priorities: community safety, streetscene and children and young people. Other priorities covering the regeneration of specific priority areas, transport, community facilities, older people and health are included. Better service co-ordination, community engagement and partnership working are also included reflecting part of the wider function of Area Committees.

4.2 Area Committees will receive regular progress reports on the Area Action Plans over the year and the plans will direct how the Committee's resources will be deployed.

5.0 Implications for council policy and governance

- 5.1 Under the Council's constitution each Area Committee is required to prepare an Annual Area Delivery Plan for endorsement by the Executive Board after the Council's budgets have been set. The work described in this report and the recommendation fits with existing Council policy and governance arrangements.

6.0 Legal and resource implications

- 6.1 Work to date has been based on an understanding that the main resource implications for the Area Delivery Plans will be met through existing resources by improving mainstream services. New schemes and priorities will be met largely from Well-Being revenue budgets in 2006/07 and the three-year Well Being capital allocation.
- 6.2 External funding is also being sought to drive Area Delivery Plan actions across some areas, including funds such as the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, National Lottery, European Funding and the West Yorkshire Sub Regional Investment Plan.
- 6.3 Area Management Teams will also work closely with Town & Parish Councils, Voluntary Groups and District partners in order to deliver priorities and resource actions.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 Each of the Area Committees has made considerable progress in 2005/06 overseeing the effective implementation of their Area Action Plans. Since the summer of 2005 work has been done to produce new Action Plans for each for the Area Committees for 2006/07 and these were agreed at the Committees in the February/March Area Committee cycle. The plans will guide the work of each of the committees over the next year and provide a mechanism for directing local resources. Executive Board endorsement is therefore requested for all 10 Area Action Plans for 2006/07.

8.0 Recommendation

- 8.1 The Executive Board is asked to endorse the ten Area Committee Action Plans for 2006/07.