



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 7 September 2009

Subject: Area Delivery Plan Update 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 relating to priorities and work of the Area Committee since the Area Committee meeting in June 2009. It also provides information on current ongoing projects. A full report to update on progress against the Area Delivery Plan will be provided to the October Area Committee.

Purpose of this report

1. Members will recall that the refreshed Area Delivery Plan was approved at the March Area Committee with ward meetings serving to focus on ward specific actions within the plan. It was agreed that a full progress report was to be submitted to the October Committee.
2. This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements around the Area Delivery Plan since the last Area Committee meeting, it also provides members with an overview of the current projects that the Area Management Team are working on.

Background Information

3. The ADP for 2008/9 – 2010/11 has been developed following the headings contained within the Vision for Leeds. It is a local expression of the city's commitment to the Local Area Agreement and partnership working. The themes of the ADP are:
 - Culture
 - Stronger Communities
 - Enterprise and Economy
 - Transport
 - Environment
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Thriving Neighbourhoods
 - Learning and Young People.
4. The Area Delivery Plan for 2008 -11 was approved by this Area Committee and a refreshed version of the plan was endorsed by the Area Committee on 16 March 2009.
5. Members also agreed at the June meeting of the Inner North East Area Committee to the production of a 'community charter' which will offer a user friendly interpretation of the ADP.

Updates by Theme

Culture

Community Centres

6. The Mandela Centre and Palace Youth Centre were transferred to Environment and Neighbourhoods Department on 1 February 2008. The responsibilities for the management of the centres now fall to the Area Management Team. It is currently envisaged that budgets and an operational pricing and discount policy will be in place from October 2009. Full information relating to the new pricing letting policy is on display in all centres and work is ongoing to advise user groups of the changes and implications for them. At this point the Area Committee will have responsibility to oversee the financial management and effective operation of the centres. A full report relating to community centres will be presented to the area committee in October 2009.

Mandela Centre

7. The Young Person's Steering Group has been re-established and work is ongoing with a core group to widen the membership further and ensure that a true representation of the users of the centre and the wider community. The group meet on a regular basis and are developing ideas on projects that they wish to lead on. The main steering group will provide further direction and a plan of projects for the young people's steering group to lead on under the direction of Area Management.
8. Internal painting and refurbishment for the centre was funded through a successful LS Cash bid by the Area Management Team and the painting of all rooms is now complete. New furnishings and equipment for these rooms is currently in storage and will be installed to make the area fully operational within the coming weeks. New signage for the outside of the building is currently being procured and work to provide new flooring and seating on the main reception and entrance area ongoing.
9. Work is ongoing with facilities management to rectify maintenance issues that have been raised by the user groups including investigations into a door entry system and repairs to the CCTV system.
10. A celebration day is being planned to be held at the centre on 28 October in celebration of 25 years of the Mandela centre and to coincide with black history month.

The Palace

11. The Area Management Team have actively been seeking proposals from organisations about how the rooms in the building can be better used and have met with a number of organisations based in the local area. This includes the Youth offending Team, People in Action, Somali Family Services, Deen Enterprises and East Street Arts. An assessment of the building is also taking place around health and safety and to establish rental costs for rooms.
12. The painting of two rooms within the Palace has now been completed through volunteering groups (co-ordinated by Leeds Ahead) and the remainder of the rooms will be painted during September.
13. Meetings have been held with various cultural groups who are in their infancy to look into the feasibility of them working together and using top floor rooms as office 'share' space. They are being encouraged to work together to source funding and equipment. Work is ongoing to scope out what activities the groups will provide and times that they require the building. They are looking to use rooms on the top floor, which will compliment services provided and seeks to assist in Community Cohesion in the area. User groups have been identified to occupy all rooms on the top floor and work is ongoing to support them moving in to the building over the coming months.
14. The Invisible Circle Education Team are now based in the Palace building and work is ongoing to support the group in session development.
15. Work is ongoing by the Area Management Team to secure quotes and planning permission for new signage for the building.

16. Lettings forms for all users of the building have been renewed and signed in line with the new pricing lettings policy, work is ongoing with groups where there are discrepancies to support the transition.
17. A steering group for the Palace will be established with all users in late September to ensure ongoing development and support.

Parks and Open Spaces

18. Work is ongoing to the improvements to Meanwood Park with funding now approved via Children's Big Lottery and section 106 monies. Consultation on equipment planned for the site is ongoing with a view to the scheme being completed by March 2010. If approved additional funding through Play Builders will provide extra facilities for the 15-19 year old users.
19. Phase 1 of the Stonegate Road playing field developments are underway with plans being drawn up and consultation with nearby residents will take place. It is anticipated that this phase will include a Gaelic football pitch and MUGA installation and refurbishment of the changing facilities. Work is ongoing with Parks and Countryside to develop plans and funding for the site, including potential use of 106 monies.
20. Groundwork has now completed proposed plans for the 'Bumps' project in Roundhay, consultation and engagement with local residents has been undertaken to shape the plans. Funding through Play Builders and Groundwork is now being considered and an application for Well-Being Funds is covered in the Well-Being Report to the committee, work will start on site as soon as all funding is finalised.

Enterprise and Economy

Oakwood Town & District Centre Scheme

21. The Oakwood Town & District Centre scheme commenced on site on 31 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.
22. Phase 2 of the project started work on 17 November 2008 and will address construction of the new parking area on Roundhay Road, lighting of the clock car park and replacement of street furniture. This work is on-going and there no issues to report. Street furniture has now been agreed with Ward Members and a contemporary design has been chosen. Agreement has been reached with that seating and litter bins for the site will be installed once final designs and plans for environmental improvements to the area surrounding the clock are complete.

Chapel Allerton Tree Lighting

23. Work to install the feeder pillar to power uplighters has now been completed and the lights are due to put in place shortly. The switch on of the lights is hoped to take place during the Chapel Allerton festival. Subsequent to this the colour of the lights will change alongside the change of season. It is anticipated that this project will

raise the profile of the area and assist in supporting the evening economy, thus supporting businesses in the economic downturn. The Area Management Team is following up sponsorship of the lights with local businesses.

Chapelton Joint Service Centre

24. The Chapelton Joint Service Centre (JSC) is being built on Chapelton Road, the centre will provide state of the art access to health and local services for the residents of Chapelton. Building work commenced on site in July 2009 and is anticipated to be completed in 18 months.
25. Working arrangements and services to be provided from the centre are being formalised with the PCT and partners along with interior designs for the building. Consultation and development of the landscaping to the area to the rear of the site will be undertaken with the community once the village green application has been resolved. Regular updates will be provided to members of the Area Committee as work on the JSC progresses.

Chapelton THI

26. The Chapelton Townscape Heritage Initiative was launched in March 2009. The £1.1m scheme is funded by Leeds City Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund and offers grants to prominent properties on Chapelton Road to fund essential repairs, reinstate architectural features and traditional shop-fronts, and help bring vacant historic floor space back into use. The THI Officer will be attending to give a brief verbal update on how the scheme is progressing.

Learning

27. Work is ongoing with various groups interested in using space at Palace community centre to support homework and after schools learning activities. Proposals for use of the space are being gathered and collated with a view to setting up rooms to be shared and used by various groups. Community and faith groups are being actively encouraged to use the space together to assist in tackling community cohesion issues.
28. A programme of activities continues to be delivered through the Networks and Chess clusters and booklets publishing these are circulated around the area through schools, community groups and partners to encourage uptake.
29. Following on from approval of well-being funding, during the new school term Leeds Ahead will be working with three local primary schools to develop and deliver 'World of Work' days for children. The aim of the project is to raise aspirations of young people, further updates and feedback will be provided upon completion of the project to the Area Committee.

Environment

30. Also please see actions within Priority Neighbourhoods update below for additional projects which link to this theme.

Roundhay Tree Management Project

31. The Forestry team are in the process of producing work schedules and costing for the next phase of category 3 works. A schedule and costing for works is now being focussed on and will be submitted to members in due course. Meetings with Roundhay ward members to discuss options and funding and further outcomes of the project will be provided to Area Committee. All category 3 works have now been completed.

Oakwood In Bloom

32. The first steps are being taken to try and set up an Oakwood in Bloom group following the model used across the city. It is hoped to have the first meeting in early Autumn with a bulb planting session following shortly after. Consultation is underway with local schools and other community organisations to see if they are interested in being involved and it is hoped in the future the group can clearly direct the floral ambitions for Oakwood.

Probation Services

33. At the March Area Committee it was approved to fund the scheme for a further 12 months following a successful trial period. The scheme is developing well and attracting positive feedback from Councillors, residents and groups who have utilised it. Further work is ongoing to develop and increase the number of referrals using new posters and letters in communities. A breakdown of referrals and work completed in June and July 2009 is attached as appendix 1 to this report. Regular meetings to ensure effective and efficient management of the project are being held and discussions on how systems may be improved are ongoing.
34. A dedicated contact to coordinate the probation work has been identified within the Area Management Team (Nick Clarkson) and work is ongoing to develop the referral and feedback processes across the two Area Committees that have commissioned this extra service in the East North East, thus ensuring greater consistency and efficiency.

Health and Wellbeing

35. Support is ongoing to the schools sports partnership to ensure that there is a comprehensive programme of sporting activities for young people across the area particularly during the school holiday periods. Feedback on activities and outcomes will be provided to the Area Committee once all evidence has been gathered at the end of the programme.
36. Work is ongoing with the NHS Leeds Health Improvement Specialists for the area to develop projects and events promoting health including 'Winter Warmth' and 'Sloppy Slipper'. Local community, voluntary and faith sector groups are being engaged to hold events for their client groups throughout the year and a full schedule of planned events will be produced and included in the community engagement planner.

Thriving Places

37. Multi agency operations and operation champion days are ongoing, further information can be found within the priority neighbourhoods update below.

38. Work to look at the branding for Oakwood is ongoing with the possibility of working with local school children, residents and an artist.
39. Improvements to the area around the Oakwood Clock are ongoing and the report on the findings from the clock survey are awaited. Decisions on how progress on the project can be made once this had been received and funding options considered.
40. Work to the JSC site in Chapeltown has now commenced with the demolition of buildings to the front of the site and land clearance. It is anticipated that the build will take 18 months to complete. Following on from the outcome of the Village Green application a group will be set up with invitations to local residents to consult on and plan for the greenspace area.

Harmonious Communities

Priority Neighbourhoods update

41. The Area Committee will be aware that three neighbourhoods in the north east have been identified as priority areas for multi-agency action to help narrow the gap between these areas and the rest of the city. This is based on deprivation indicators. All three neighbourhoods are wholly or partly 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 supported by a Neighbourhood Manager currently paid for by locally managed Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) monies. The following are progress updates from the partnership groups.

IMPACT

42. The Chapel Allerton Neighbourhood Tasking successfully undertook the "Street Shapers" initiative in the Granges area of Chapeltown during 2 weeks in May. During the 2 weeks, a number of different organisations came together to combine 4 different pieces of work. The aim of combining the work was to make life easier for the organisations involved, and cut down on the number of times people knock on resident's doors. The four pieces of work were required by the police, housing associations, and Leeds City Council, and involved delivering Neighbourhood policing team (NPT) leaflets and UV pens, advertising the local PACT (police and community together) meetings, completing an environmental audit, and finally asking residents to take part in a survey about the police and the area.
43. In the past all this work would have been done separately, especially environmental audits which would have been done by different housing associations, but this time everyone joined together to undertake one big audit called Streetshapers. The result was that over 2 weeks 40 people achieved 150 completed surveys, every household received an NPT leaflet, a UV pen and a postcard advertising PACT. 96 environmental actions were logged, from overgrown hedges to fly tipping, the actions of which were completed by 15th July.
44. A piece of targeted clean-up took place at the former Frankland Place Nursery. The site was been raised through Chapel Allerton Neighbourhood Tasking as an area of concern. Officers from the Neighbourhood Police Team, Corporate Property Management (CPM) Management came together with the Area Management Team and probation to undertake a joint clean up which was completed (in the main) by 15th June. CCTV signs were fitted, trees removed, and the site was cleared. There

are still some outstanding issues which CPM have agreed to complete by Friday 21st August which are; removal of internal fences, clearance of grass area at back and fitting a padlock to external gate. Needle finds and ASB in the area have significantly reduced, although have experienced a small increase in the last month due to incomplete outstanding actions by CPM.

45. Regeneration, Area Management and the Arts and Regeneration Unit are working together to commission a community art project to create a waymarker which will welcome people to Chapeltown. The community element of this project is key. Chapeltown is a diverse and vibrant place and we want to see this reflected in a 'Waymarker' which will become a positive icon for the area.
46. The piece will complement the Townscape Heritage Initiative work which aims to reinstate traditional shop fronts and restore buildings along Chapeltown Road to their former glory, whilst enabling the community and artist to have a stake in the creation and look of the piece. Application closing date is 21st August, shortlisting by 28th August, presentation by 3 shortlisted artists at next IMPaCT meeting 10th September with publicised display in Leeds Media Centre Café and voting boxes available in the café for 2 weeks post meeting. Votes will be counted Thursday September 24th with winning artist notified Friday 25th September.

Beckhill Implementation Group

47. Area Management successfully contributed to the ENEHL Beckhill Big Bash on Saturday 8th August by trialling an aerial map to collect resident feedback on grime issues. 30 new resident contacts were collected, along with 55 environmental action points. Area Management then undertook a joint environmental walkabout with ENEHL, the results of which are currently being collated. This information, in addition to resident feedback will be used to draw together an estate wide list of environmental issues. These issues will be prioritised and actioned both in the short term (referrals to probation) and the long term at a strategic level where necessary and with resident involvement by possibly reinvigorating and supporting a resident group (in partnership with BIG) to be part of the solution.
48. The Beckhill Bash also gave Area Management opportunity to consult on the location for a notice board. More consultation is needed, and issue is being discussed at the BIG meetings to take forward.

Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP)

49. Moor Allerton priority neighbourhood 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 Persons;
- Worklessness;
- Environmental;

50. The Moor Allerton Partnership Action Plan has been under review and a new plan has been agreed for 2009/10 which is structured under the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan. The priorities for the Moor Allerton Partnership are:

- Improve housing and the environment;
- Support the extended schools programme;
- Tackle youth related anti-social behaviour;
- Reduce crime levels and the fear of crime and increase public confidence in the statutory agencies;
- Ensure vulnerable people have access to services and support;
- Ensure the long term viability of the community and voluntary sectors;
- Help to develop and sustain cohesive communities;
- Increase adult learning and employment opportunities;

51. MAP partners have agreed that there is a need to promote the joint working that takes place. An information leaflet is in development to provide information about the Moor Allerton Partnership which sets out the priorities for MAP, who the partners are, and some of the key achievements.

52. Operation Champion took place in the Moor Allerton Partnership area (Cranmers, Lingfields, Fir Trees and Queenshills) on 10 July.

Community Engagement

53. Community Engagement events were held in each ward over the summer:

- Moortown Ward - 13 June – Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods Fun Day
- Chapel Allerton Ward - 11 July - Chapeltown Development Trust Launch event
- Roundhay Ward – 18 July – Oakwood Farmers Market

54. The Purpose of the events were:

- To inform residents about the work of the area committee
- To give residents an opportunity to meet their councillors and local government officers
- To give residents the opportunity to comment on the area – this included environmental problems that probation services could deal with
- To inform residents about grants that were available from the area committee

55. The Gledhow Valley Woods Fun Day was a popular event which was attended by several hundred people. Area Management gave away free plants on the Area Committee stall to residents who could suggest a job for Probation Services and this worked well, with lots of suggestions coming in. There have been forwarded to Probation Services. In Total 25 people signed up to the mailing list.

56. The Chapeltown Development Trust event was well attended and Area Management gave away free 'I Love Chapeltown' bags to residents who gave comments on the area. These were very popular and residents liked the I Love Chapeltown brand.

Only 8 residents signed up to the mailing list but we received over 70 comments via flags on a map of Chapeltown. The comments from residents will be used to feed into the Area Delivery Plan.

57. The Oakwood Farmers Market was well attended and Area Management gathered suggestions for Probation Services and gave out funding advice. Nothing was given away at this event as it was felt that giving away free plants would be detrimental to other stalls selling plants.
58. Dates for events during the Autumn have now been set and the purpose of these will be to ensure that residents are involved in the setting of priorities to feed in to the Area Delivery Plan and Service planning processes for other |Service areas for the 2010/11 financial year.
59. A copy of the Community Engagement Planner is attached as appendix 2 to show events scheduled to take place across the area. This document is shared with partners and community groups to increase attendance and provide a joined up approach to engagement.

Community Charter

60. Members will recall that the committee agreed that a new, easily accessible version of the ADP, which could be understood and held to account by residents, should be produced. This “community charter” would contain a report back of last year and a list of priority actions/pledges for 2009/10. It would provide a way for local residents to monitor and hold accountable the work of the Area Committee and a link with the committee’s engagement strategy. Included will be a calendar wall chart of key local events such as PACT meetings, school fairs, community galas, area committee meetings/engagement events etc.
61. Approval to fund the production of the charter was agreed at the Area Committee meeting in July and it was agreed that a final draft would be circulated to members for approval prior to the production and distribution. A copy of the final draft has been circulated to members and copies will be provided at the Area Committee meeting for consideration and final approval. It is anticipated that this will then be printed and distributed to residents and to locations such as doctors surgeries in the area by mid to late September.

Recommendations

62. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - note the contents of this report and
 - approve the Community Charter document for production and distribution.

Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2009/10