



Report of the South East Area Manager

South (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 11th November 2009

Subject: Actions and Achievements report

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 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.

Due to the short timescale between meetings, at the time of writing this report progress updates on the full range of the Area Committee's work is not available. This will be presented in full to the Area Committee at its meeting in January.

Purpose of this report

1. 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 is working on.

Background Information

2. The ADP for 2008/9 – 2010/11 has been developed following the headings contained within the Leeds Strategic Plan and 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
 - Harmonious Communities
 - Enterprise and Economy
 - Transport
 - Environment
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Thriving Places
 - Learning.
3. 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 23rd June 2009.
4. Due to the short timescale between meetings, progress is not available at the time of writing this report and not all themes of the ADP have progress updates. Full progress updates will be provided at the January meeting of the Inner South Area Committee.

Updates by theme

5. Culture

Community Centres – a separate report is submitted to this meeting

Thriving Places

6. Operation Champion – Beeston Hill

The operation took place on 8th - 10th September in Beeston Hill (focussing on the Lindens, Camberleys, Rowlands and Greenmounts). A range of agencies were involved. Officers attended a residents group and a young people's group during the operation in order to raise awareness of the work that had taken place.

7. Operation Champion – Far Beeston

The operation took place in October in the Cardinals area of Far Beeston. Due to the ongoing industrial action, the environmental activity was limited to cutting back shrubbery on Cardinal Crescent. The Aire Valley Homes mobile office was deployed for the first time as part of an operation Champion. ASBU carried out a surveillance operation in order to gather evidence for subsequent enforcement action.

Operation Flame

Operation Flame is a multi agency plan based around six objectives for reducing anti-social behaviour and nuisance calls between Halloween and Bonfire Night. It covers activity ranging from additional police patrols, targeting offenders and enforcing fireworks legislation. It is being communicated to residents via PACT meetings by NPT officers. Some of this activity has been funded by the Area Committee.

Neighbourhood Wardens

8. Neighbourhood Wardens have continued to work alongside a range of agencies in the area. Their environmental work has been limited as the industrial action has continued. Instead, they have been concentrating on community support including visits to vulnerable residents and groups.

Middleton Bright Ideas

9. An evaluation report for the Middleton Bright Ideas participatory budgeting project has now been completed. If members wish to receive a copy of the report, then a copy can be circulated outside the Area Committee meeting.

Intensive Neighbourhood Management

10. The INM programme is currently in the last year of the 4 year programme. Proposals to spend the 2009/10 allocation of Safer Stronger Communities Funding were agreed by the Area Committee at its meeting on 17th December 2008. Approval for the carry forward of funds from 2008/09 was agreed by the Corporate Leadership Team in June 2009. This resulted in an extra £23,966 available to spend in the inner south in 2009/10.
11. Members of the area committee will recall that at the last meeting in June they agreed an allocation of £18,310 to various projects. The Area Management Team have been working with partners to commission the remaining balance of £5,656 and have developed a project with St Lukes Cares to use the Urban Bar as a youth venue on a Friday and Saturday evening. This project has support from West Yorkshire Police and the Safer Leeds partnership in addressing anti-social behaviour. Young people access the urban bar from across the 2 wards. Members from Beeston and Holbeck and City and Hunslet wards have been briefed and indicated their support for this project. The Area Management Team will work with St Luke's and partners in community safety and the extended services clusters to discuss succession strategies for this project beyond 2010.
12. The Area Committee is requested to formally endorse these proposals and approve the allocation of £5,656 to St Lukes Cares to deliver the Urban Bar project.

Harmonious Communities

Priority Neighbourhoods

13. A separate report is submitted to this meeting. A summary of work undertaken by the Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker since September will be presented at the January meeting.

Community Engagement

14. Update on Autumn Events

Members will recall that at the meeting in November 2008, the area committee agreed a practical framework for community engagement that sets the foundation for consistency, good practice and that contributes to service planning. This framework has been used to develop and implement the “Planning for Real” events that took place this Autumn

16. At the time of writing this report, two events have taken place in the wards of Beeston & Holbeck and City & Hunslet. The section below provides a brief overview of these events. A full evaluation and feedback from the Middleton Park ward event will be reported at the January area committee meeting.
17. The “Planning for Real” events consisted of tables with large scale ward maps set around the room. Each table had a different theme to reflect the 8 themes of the ADP. Residents were asked to use flags to highlight where issues were located in the ward. There were officers in attendance from different council departments, also statutory and voluntary sector agencies. They helped facilitate residents to identify their issues and to provide general advice and information.
18. Over 300 issues were collated from the first two events. These will help inform the priorities for the 2010/11 ADP and will be evaluated in more detail in a report to the January area committee meeting. Feedback letters will be sent to all those resident who attended giving examples of how we are dealing with the issues they raised. Further evaluation will be fed back to the participants and the wider community at the Spring 2010 events.

Beeston & Holbeck

19. This event took place at Cottingley Primary School on Thursday 15th October. The total number of residents that attended was 50. A short evaluation form was handed out and 24 were completed and returned. 117 different issues were raised by local people. The most number of issues raised were 38 under the health & wellbeing theme. However, the single issue raised on the highest number of occasions was more access to resources for young people.

City & Hunslet

20. This event took place at New Bewerley Primary School on Tuesday 13th October. The total number of residents who attend was 46. 37 evaluation forms were completed. 185 issues were raised by local people. The theme which had the greatest number of responses was culture, for example access to community centres, improved promotion and awareness of activities and festivals.

21. Spring Events 2010

In order for South East Area Management Team to begin planning the spring cycle of community engagement events, it is suggested that the Area Committee agree dates for their events and also the format.

The proposed time table for the events is:

Ward	Date
Beeston & Holbeck	w/c 8 th March
City & Hunslet	w/c 15 th March
Middleton Park	w/c 22 nd March

- 22 It is suggested that the spring events provide an opportunity to feedback to people on what we have done so far with the issues they raised at the Autumn events and how they will inform the development of the 2010/11 ADP. Members are asked to consider the timing of the events to ensure maximum participation. The Area Management Team will come up with ideas for making the events as interactive as possible for residents, for example a road show style event where members and services hold a question and answer session, providing details about what's happening in their area, an interactive event in the style of "who wants to be a millionaire" where people vote for issues that are important to them with "fingers on the buzzers". The Area Management Team will liaise with individual ward members over the format of these events.

I Love South Leeds Festival

- 23 A separate report is submitted to this meeting.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 24 No specific issues are identified.

Legal and Resource Implications

- 25 No specific issues are identified

Recommendations

- 26 The Committee is asked to:
- a) Note the contents of this report
 - b) Approve the allocation of the SSCF carry forward funds as outlined in paragraphs 12-13

Background Papers

- Inner South Area Committee, Area Delivery Plan, 23rd September
- Inner South Area Committee, Community Engagement, 11th November 2008