



Report of the East North East Area Manager

Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 22 March 2010

Subject: Area Delivery Plan refresh

Electoral Wards Affected:

Alwoodley
Harewood
Wetherby

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in 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

The Area Committee agreed the three year Area Delivery Plan, 2008 - 2011 in March 2008. This three year plan is subject to annual refresh. This report presents the refreshed Outer North East Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for 2010 – 11. The ADP is the local expression of the Leeds Strategic Plan.

The report also provides feedback on the consultation which has taken place and has helped to inform the priorities for the Area Delivery Plan for 2010/11. Also included is a summary of the findings of the Residents Survey 2009, and a summary of the Leeds Neighbourhood Index.

Members are asked to endorse the refreshed ADP and note the information provided from the Residents Survey and Neighbourhood Index.

Purpose of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present to members the refreshed Area Delivery Plan for the Outer North East Area which includes actions for 2010-2011, and where possible 2011/2012. It also outlines the importance of partnership working arrangements and the role of the area committee.

Background Information

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The ADP is linked thematically and in terms of strategic outcomes to the Leeds Strategic Plan. It is the local expression of the LSP, setting out partners' priorities and actions which contribute towards securing the city improvement priorities set out in the LSP.

Area Delivery Plan

5. The Area Delivery Plan (ADP) 2008-11 was agreed by the area committee in March 2008, the plan has now been refreshed to ensure that priorities and actions meet with current needs and best fit with the economic climate that we are in. A copy of the refreshed plan is attached at appendix 1.
6. The ADP is the local interpretation of the Leeds Strategic Plan and as such reflects and shapes partnership activity in the area and forms the primary partnership plan for the area committee.
7. It is structured around the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan: Culture, Enterprise and the Economy, Learning, Transport, Environment, Health and Well Being, Thriving Places, and Harmonious Communities.
8. The priorities for the local area are set out for each theme and local actions are set against each theme for the next year, 2010-11. These priorities have been shared with members at their ward member meetings. The actions included in the plan support these priorities, acknowledge a continuation of support for projects and initiatives set out in the plan in 2009/10, and outline the services to be delivered in local communities in the Outer North East Area through partnership working.

ADP preparation

9. The ADP is prepared in consultation with ward members, officers from the council and partner agencies, local residents and voluntary and community groups. It is informed by community engagement activity and partnership working which is taking place in the Outer North East area which is detailed below.
10. Two community events were held in autumn 2009, one in Harewood Ward at Scholes Village Hall and one in Alwoodley ward at Open House Community Centre. Neither event was well attended. Those residents that did attend were generally happy with their neighbourhood, and found it useful to see what services were available in their community.
11. Generally the feedback from the Outer North East sample was positive and matched the conclusions of the Residents Survey detailed in paragraphs 19 and 20 of this report.
12. Two further events were held in March 2010. These events provided local residents with an opportunity to comment on the proposed priorities for the Outer North East area. The events took place on March 8th at Alwoodley Community Hall, and March 15th at Boston Spa Village Hall. A report on these events will be tabled at the Area Committee meeting as timescales for publishing of the papers do not allow for it to be included with this report. The two events held in March also served to promote volunteering in your neighbourhood which is the March theme for the Year of the Volunteer.
13. Cluster leadership groups have been developed for the three school clusters in the area: Alwoodley, Boston Spa & Villages South and Wetherby & Villages West. All three leadership groups have developed priorities for action in their area of benefit and these are reflected in the Area Delivery Plan. In addition to school staff, membership of the cluster leadership groups also includes representatives from Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police and the voluntary sector.
14. Tasking meetings take place 6 weekly for the two Neighbourhood Policing Teams covering this area – Harewood and Wetherby and Roundhay, Alwoodley, Moortown. They are attended by representatives from the council, West Yorkshire Police, East North East Leeds Homes and Aire Valley Homes. Those officers attending work closely with the local communities they serve and have a good knowledge and understanding of the area and its issues.
15. West Yorkshire Police run PACT meetings (police and communities together) which offer the public the opportunity to raise issues of concern with their neighbourhood policing team. In the Harewood and Wetherby NPT area, these are run in conjunction with Town and Parish Council meetings.
16. Meetings with ward members take place on a regular basis which offer the opportunity to discuss issues concerning local communities; Depending on the issues being

discussed these meetings may involve officers from the council, partner agencies, and representatives from the community.

17. Town and parish council forum meetings are held four times per year to enable Town and Parish Councillors to come together to discuss mutual issues of concern and interest. Agenda items over the past year have included Planning, Dog Warden Service, Highways, Grass Cutting and the Year of the Volunteer. A report is provided to this area committee after each forum meeting.
18. Moor Allerton Partnership includes representatives of organisations and agencies working in the Moor Allerton priority neighbourhood, including Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, East North East Leeds Homes, Groundwork, Northcall, Open House, MAECare, and Leeds Jewish Housing Association. An action plan has been developed for MAP which is structured under the themes of the Area Delivery Plan and includes practical actions for the neighbourhoods within MAP which are being delivered through partnership working.

Leeds Residents Survey 2009

19. The feedback from residents who attended events is borne out in the results of the Leeds Residents Survey 2009. This is a bi-annual survey of residents across the city of Leeds using face to face interviews. 3,491 interviews were conducted in Leeds, with 333 of these in the Outer North East Area. The key conclusions for the Outer North East Area are:
 - Feeling safe in the home is important in making somewhere a good place to live but is a low priority for spending compared to some other areas
 - Important factors in making somewhere a good place to live and priorities for spending compared to other areas indicate NEO is more affluent than other areas.
 - Residents perceive that anti social behaviour is not a big problem compared to those in other areas
 - Perceptions that people from different backgrounds get on well together are more positive than the overall Leeds figures.
 - Overall satisfaction with the way the council runs things is better than average.
 - Residents are overall more satisfied than average with all council services, and were more likely to agree the council gives value for money.
 - Residents were less likely to complain to the council than average, however they were less likely than average to be satisfied with the way their complaint was handled.

- Overall, residents are most likely to use About Leeds to get information from the council.

20. The survey concluded that overall respondents are satisfied with their area and with the Council. Their priorities and concerns are more likely to relate to aspects such as the environment rather than anti-social behaviour or safety.
21. A full copy of the Residents Survey 2009 results is available on 'Talking Point' on the council's website. Details of the survey results for Outer North East Leeds are also available from the author of this report.

Leeds Neighbourhood Index (LNI)

22. The Neighbourhood Index is an enhanced area profiling system which provides the Council and its partners with a robust evidence base by which to plan service interventions and to guide resources into the area of greatest need. It has been produced by the Council with the support of its partner organisations. The Index is grouped into seven domains: Economic Activity, Low Income, Education, Health, Community Safety, Environment, and Housing.
23. The neighbourhoods are defined using Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs); a range of data is easily available for these boundaries, and they meet government guidelines that a neighbourhood should contain between 5000 – 10,000 people. There are 108 MSOAs in Leeds, with an average population of 7000.
24. The Outer North East area covers nine MSOAs which are listed in the table below in order of ranking. The higher the ranking, the more successful the neighbourhood in terms of the seven domains.

Ref No.	Area	LNI Rank
E02002330	Wetherby West	107
E02002335	Bardsey/East Keswick/Collingham/Linton/Harewood	103
E02002341	Alwoodley West	102
E02002351	Scarcroft/Scholes/Shadwell	101
E02002334	Bramham/Boston Spa/Clifford	96
E0200233	Aberford/Barwick/Lotherton/Thorner	93
E02002344	Alwoodley East	92
E02002331	Wetherby East/Thorp Arch/Walton	80
E02002347	Moor Allerton	33

25. With the exception of Moor Allerton, the rankings are high, and the scores for the individual domains are higher than average for the city. For Moor Allerton the scores for the domains are close to the city average, apart from the Economic Activity and Low Income domains which are much lower than the city averages.

26. The Neighbourhood Index has been developed as a means of using small area data to increase the understanding of some of the key issues that impact on communities and neighbourhoods.
27. For most of the Outer North East Area the Neighbourhood Index, supports the findings of the residents survey and the community engagement events i.e. that the area does not have large areas of deprivation, although it should be remembered that there are still people in need of help and support in the area.
28. The concerns around economic activity and low income in the Moor Allerton area are being addressed through the North East Jobs, Enterprise and Training Partnership and through the Moor Allerton Partnership. The Partnership is aiming to improve the amount of advice and information which is available for local people who need support in accessing education, training and jobs.
29. A full copy of the Neighbourhood Index information for the Outer North East area is available from the author of this report.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

30. 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

31. The Well-Being Fund is used to finance projects which meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan. Area Management work with Council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to Well-Being Fund expenditure which ensures best use of the funding.
32. Area Management will be responsible for monitoring progress on the plan and for delivering the actions contained in the plan in partnership with partner agencies and organisations.

Conclusions

33. The priorities set out in the Area Delivery Plan are a local interpretation of the Leeds Strategic Plan. The refreshed Area Delivery Plan sets out the key actions for 2010 – 11 for Outer North East Leeds. It is based on consultation with key stakeholders, plus the findings of the Residents' Survey 2009 and the Leeds Neighbourhood Index.

Recommendations

34. Members are asked to endorse the refreshed ADP and note the information provided from the Residents Survey 2009 and Neighbourhood Index.

Background Papers

Leeds Residents Survey 2009, QA Research

Leeds Neighbourhood Index, June 2009 LCC Regeneration Services

Leeds Strategic Plan 2008 – 2011

Town and Parish Council feedback reports to Outer North East Area Committee