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Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

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Subject: Area Delivery Plan Priorities 2007/08

Electoral Wards Affected: Alwoodley Harewood Wetherby	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity Community Cohesion Narrowing the Gap
Council Delegated Executive Function Function for Call In	X Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report

Executive Summary

This report provides information on the development of the priorities that will inform the Action Plan content of the Area Delivery Plan 2007/08.

Purpose of this report

This report provides information for members of the Area Committee on the development of the Area Delivery Plan for 2007/08. It highlights priorities, identified through consultation with members at ward meetings and through feedback from community forums, to form the basis for the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan (ADP). Members are requested to consider and comment on the priorities proposed for 2007/08.

Background

2. The Council's constitution tasks Area Committees to produce an Area Delivery Plan which sets out priorities and actions for the local area. The Area Delivery Plan will identify priorities for 2007/08 and will inform decision making in the allocation of resources and the work programme for the Area Management Team. The Council's Executive Board approves each Area Committee's ADP each year and in doing so provides the Area Committee with the authority to take decisions in line with the stated ADP priorities.

Priority Areas and Themes

- 3. The Area Committee's priority areas in previous years have been closely linked with the service themes which the Area Committee has most influence over the delegated functions of Youth Services, Community Safety and Streetscene. For the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan the development of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) offers an opportunity for the two to be linked together.
- 4. The LAA brings people and agencies together to deliver better, more co-ordinated results for the people of Leeds. The Agreement lasts for three years and is structured into four 'blocks':
 - Children and Young People
 - Safer and Stronger Communities
 - Healthier Communities and Older People
 - Economic Development and Enterprise
- 5. The LAA has a number of cross cutting principles that reflect the principles and policy of the council and the Area Committees. These are:
 - Empowering local people and building the role of the voluntary, community and faith sectors
 - Utilising the role of culture
 - Promoting equality, diversity and social inclusion
 - Community cohesion
- 6. Given these links the Area Committee is requested to consider developing the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan using the themes identified in the LAA. Existing priority areas fit well with these blocks.

- 7. The priorities below have been identified through ward Member meetings and feedback from community forums held over the past year. They have been set out under the theme headings of the LAA blocks.
- 8. The Area Committee is asked to comment on the priorities so that officers can develop the actions needed over the coming months to complete the ADP. It is anticipated that a draft Area Delivery Plan will be presented to the Area Committee in February 2007. Members are requested to note that some of the actions developed will be addressed through projects funded from the Well-Being Fund. At the same time, the Area Committee will promote a co-ordinated approach to service delivery to make the best use of available resources.

Proposed Priorities

Children and Young People

- Provision of activities for children and young people
- Ensure appropriate range of service provision available to meet the needs of Children and Young People, including mobile, static and detached work
- Initiatives to improve school attendance and achievement
- Involvement of young people in decision making
- To help prevent anti-social behaviour involving children and young people
- A reduction in re-offending rates

Safer and Stronger Communities

- Tackling 'crime and grime'
- Reduce crime and the fear of crime
- Improve the environmental appearance of outer north east Leeds
- Encourage environmental initiatives to promote resident responsibility and community involvement
- Support partnerships working to address deprivation issues in priority neighbourhoods
- Support the establishment of new Parish Councils
- Engage with local communities across outer north east Leeds
- Work jointly with Parish and Town Councils implementing the terms of the Parish and Town Council Charter

Healthier Communities and Older People

- Ensure that delegated community centres are fit for purpose and provide sustainable community benefits
- Establish a lettings policy for delegated community centres in outer north east Leeds
- Work with Town and Parish Councils to prioritise improvements to Village Facilities, Parish Halls and Community Centres

Economic Development and Enterprise

Town & District Centre projects; Horsefair and Market Place, Wetherby.

Recommendations

9.	The Area Committee is requested to comment on and approve the priorities proposed under each of the four blocks of the Local Area Agreement.