



Report of the South East Area Manager

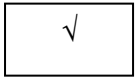
South (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 24th March 2010

Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 – Annual Refresh

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



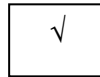
Narrowing the Gap



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for Call In



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Executive Summary

This report presents a refresh of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) 2008-11 to ensure that priorities and actions meet with current local needs. It explains the context for the plan including its links to the Leeds Strategic Plan and actions planned relating to responsibilities delegated to Area Committee by the Executive Board, both around Council functions and partnership working.

Purpose of this report

1. This report presents a refresh of the Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 for approval.
2. It explains the context for the plan including its links to the Leeds Strategic Plan and actions planned relating to responsibilities delegated to Area Committee by the Executive Board, both around Council functions and partnership working.
3. The report presents the Inner South area priorities around which the work of the Area Management Team will be focused in 2010-11 on behalf of the Area Committee (see Appendix 1).
4. The Area Committee is asked to comment on the refresh.
5. It is important to note that the ADP is a live document. Actions will be added to it as the year progresses; for example through issues raised at ward member meetings and project proposals that come forward for Wellbeing budget.

Background

6. 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.
7. 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. The Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 was agreed by the Area Committee in June 2008, this plan has been refreshed as part of an annual review to ensure that priorities and actions meet with current needs.
8. Following an audit of actions in the 2009/10 plan, and considering the feedback from resident consultation, a number of changes are proposed to develop a more robust plan for 2010/11. The refresh of the plan has been undertaken with service managers and partners who have put forward suggestions to update and revise the plan to meet current conditions and strategic priorities. The 2010/11 plan translates the city-wide local improvement priorities in the Leeds Strategic Plan to specific priorities relevant to the Inner South.
9. A full report to update progress against the Area Delivery Plan will be provided to the June Area Committee.

Delegated functions

10. The Executive Board agreed a number of recommended changes to Area Committee responsibilities and working arrangements at their meeting in November 2007 and changes to the constitution took effect following May 2008. There is an increase in the range and number of service and function responsibilities the Area Committee now have which include:
 - Community engagement and facilities

- Community safety
- Environment (e.g. green and open spaces, Streetscene, environmental action teams)
- Children and young people (e.g. youth services)
- Adult social care and healthier communities
- Regeneration and development including neighbourhood management coordination and management of Safer Stronger Communities Funds monies to support an Intensive Neighbourhood Management approach)

11. The ADP reflects these additional responsibilities presented within the themes of the Strategic Plan. It includes any priority actions the Area Committee may want to progress relating to these responsibilities, including priorities that can be assisted in achievement through the Well Being Fund that the Area Committee administer.

Area Partnerships and developing local actions

12. The Area Delivery Plan will be the local expression of the Leeds Strategic Plan and therefore it will be a partnership document, and partners are involved in putting it together. This is achieved through thematic based area partnerships set up under the umbrella of the Leeds Institute, with increasing accountability and direct links to Area Committees.
13. The following is a list of the partnership groups in the south east area:
- South East Divisional Community Safety Partnership
 - South Health & Well-Being Partnership
 - Children Leeds South East Partnership
 - South Leeds Enterprise, Employment and Training Partnership (SLEET)
14. The ADP refresh begins to make clearer which partnership will be responsible for reporting performance against which ADP priority. The area committee have nominated a Member representative to participate in the work of these partnerships and act as the link between the partnership and the area committee.
15. In addition, the area committee have identified Members to act as champions for the specific themes of the ADP. Members are asked to confirm if they wish to continue in their role as theme champion. This role falls outside of the Appointment to Outside Bodies as outlined in the separate report to this meeting. Ward member briefings will be used as an opportunity to pick up any issues and monitor progress on the ADP themes with the relevant champions. The current member champions under each theme are as follows:
- Culture – Councillor Iqbal
 - Enterprise & Economy – Councillor Davey
 - Learning – Councillor Driver
 - Transport – Councillor Nash
 - Environment – Councillor Ogilvie
 - Health & Wellbeing – Councillor Coupar
 - Thriving Places – Councillors Blake and Gabriel
 - Harmonious Communities – Councillor Gabriel
16. The ADP will continue to include local priorities and actions as identified by elected members and residents through local engagement activity, including the allocation of well-being funds. Where these do not naturally sit within a themed partnership, the

ADP will make clear which service will report progress to the Area Committee on that particular action.

17. The Area Management Team will work with members through their individual ward member meetings on further actions they would like to see included in the plan. Where these are ward specific actions, progress will also be reported at ward member meetings and included in Actions and Achievements reports at every Area Committee meeting rather than wait for the 6 month ADP review.
18. It is generally acknowledged that there is a need to develop a simpler, more user-friendly and accessible document or “charter” for household distribution. It is suggested that this could set out service standards and priorities for action that can be easily understood and monitored. Along with a calendar of local engagement opportunities the “charter” could be delivered to every household. In this way it is felt that the understanding of the work of the area committees, local councillors and public service providers can be better understood and held accountable to local residents. In effect this will be the resident-friendly version of the ADP.

Community Engagement

19. The Area Committee has a community engagement strategy which is based around a cycle of ward events. The aim is to create opportunities for local people to influence service planning and ensure that residents are informed of how their views have been listened to and what will be delivered as a result. Community engagement events have been held across all wards which provided an opportunity for residents to have their say on the development of the Area Delivery Plan for 2010/11. The content of the refreshed ADP also links with the priorities which have been identified through the annual Leeds Residents Survey - findings of the 2009 survey have recently been published.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

20. 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

21. The Well-Being budget delegated by Executive Board is used to finance projects which meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan, which links to the delivery of Leeds Strategic Plan outcomes. Members of the Area Committee are keen that wherever possible the use of well-being brings in additional match funding to the area.
22. The Area Management Team will be responsible for organising and co-ordinating community engagement activity from within their existing resource and use of well – being funds where agreed.

Conclusions

23. The Area Delivery Plan refresh sets out the key priorities for 2008 - 2011 for Inner South East Leeds.

24. The focus of the refresh is on actions to be delivered and developed during 2010/11, for which the Area Committee will expect progress reports and performance information from the relevant partnership or service.
25. The Area Management Team will support partnerships and local services in this process and continue to champion the role of the Area Committee through the ADP.
26. The refreshed ADP represents another step forward in the increasing role and influence of the Area Committee but further work is needed in the year ahead to strengthen the performance monitoring information available at area level for the outcomes in the ADP.
27. The introduction of a resident friendly version of the ADP through a “charter” will be a significant step in improving the transparency and accountability of local services and promoting the role of the Area Committee and elected members in influencing local services and holding them to account.

Recommendations

28. The Area Committee is requested to;
 - a) Approve the annual refresh of the ADP 2008-11
 - b) Note the intention to use ward member meetings to bring forward and track any new local actions that relate to the agreed priorities
 - c) Note the continued connectivity with the annual cycle of ward based engagement events
 - d) Note the intention to provide a 6-month review of performance against the agreed ADP priorities at the September meeting
 - e) Note that a community charter is to be developed as the public facing, resident friendly version of the ADP
 - f) Confirm Member nominees to act as champions for the specific themes of the ADP.

Background Papers

Inner South Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 annual refresh report – June 2009