



## Report of the South East Area Manager

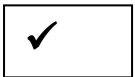
### South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010

### Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 – Annual Refresh

#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Ardsley and Robin Hood  
Morley North  
Morley South  
Rothwell



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 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. The report presents the Outer South area priorities around which the work of the Area Management Team will be focused in 2010-11 on behalf of the Area Committee. The report also presents an update on the Outer South 'Community Charter, the 'resident-friendly' document of the Area Delivery Plan

### 1.0 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report presents a refresh of the Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 for approval.
- 1.2 Members are asked 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.
- 1.3 The report presents an update on the 'Community Charter', the public-facing, 'resident-friendly' document of the Area Delivery Plan.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Area Committee will recall previous reports giving information on the development of the Leeds Strategic Plan (LSP). The document is an agreement between Leeds City Council its partners and sets out joint priorities for Leeds for the next three years.
- 2.2 The Leeds Strategic Plan brings together the themes in the existing Vision for Leeds and Local Area Agreement, to provide an integrated framework geared to tackling city wide priorities. The Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 was agreed by the Area Committee in July 2008 and a refreshed version was agreed in June 2009. The annual refresh has been completed to ensure that priorities and actions meet with current needs.
- 2.3 Following an audit of actions in the 2009/10 plan, Ward Briefings and 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 Outer South.

## **3.0 Delegated Functions and Enhanced Roles**

- 3.1 The Executive Board agreed a number of 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 which include:
- Community Engagement
  - Community Centres
  - 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.
- 3.2 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 we assist in achieving through the Well Being Fund.

## **4.0 Area Partnerships**

- 4.1 The Area Delivery Plan is the local expression of the Leeds Strategic Plan and is therefore 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 Initiative, with increasing accountability and direct links to Area Committees.

4.2 The following is a list of the partnership groups in the South East Wedge:

- South East Divisional Community Safety Partnership
- South Health & Well-Being Partnership
- Children Leeds South East Partnership
- South Leeds Enterprise, Employment and Training Partnership (SLEET)

4.3 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.

4.4 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:

<b>THEME</b>	<b>SOUTH EAST PARTNERSHIP</b>	<b>CHAMPION</b>
Culture	N/A	Councillor J Elliott
Enterprise & Economy	SLEET	Councillor L Mulherin
Learning	Children Leeds South Partnership	Councillor R Gettings
Transport	N/A	Councillor T Leadley
Environment	N/A	
Health & Wellbeing	Health and Well being Partnership	Councillor T Grayshon
Thriving Places	Divisional Community Safety Partnership	Councillor R Finnigan
Harmonious Communities	N/A	Councillor T Grayshon

4.5 The ADP will continue to introduce local priorities and actions as identified by elected members and residents through local engagement activity. Where actions 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.

## **5.0 Community Engagement**

5.1 Community engagement events have been held across all wards, providing an opportunity for residents to have their say on local issues to influence the actions and priorities 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 and were presented at the March Area Committee.

5.2 At the March Area Committee meeting, Members approved the Outer South Area Committee Community Engagement Plan for 2010/11. This will continue to provide a structure for engagement with residents to identify their local priorities to influence service planning for 2011/12.

## **6.0 ADP 2010/11**

6.1 The Outer South Area Delivery Plan (**Appendix 1a**) and the proposed ADP actions (**Appendix 1b**) are presented for Members to approve.

## **7.0 Community Charter**

7.1 The development of a 'Community Charter' as a resident-friendly version of the ADP was approved by Members at the June 2009 Area Committee. The main aim of a 'Community Charter' is to set out service standards and priorities for action that can be easily understood and monitored. 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 accountable by local residents.

7.2 A pilot Community Charter was undertaken by the East North East Area Management Team during the second half of 2009 (**Appendix 2**). The results were shared with all Area Management Teams via the Area Working Group on the 14th April 2010 and the format, with some changes, such as do not include calendar was recommended to all Area Committee's.

7.3 One major consideration is the cost implications of producing and distributing a Community Charter for the Outer South. The Chief Regeneration Officer has confirmed that the Community Charter produced across the 10 Area Committee's will be funded from a central budget and not the revenue Well being budget as previously reported.

7.4 **Appendix 3** outlines the proposed content for the Outer South Area Committee Community Charter 2010/11. Members are asked to agree that Area Management continue to work on this following approval of the ADP and to present to the chair of the Area Committee for approval before printing.

## **7.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

7.1 The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan mirror the priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan. Actions in the ADP also reflect the delegated functions and enhanced roles of the Area Committee.

## **8.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

8.1 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.

8.2 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.

## **9.0 Conclusions**

- 9.1 The Area Delivery Plan refresh sets out the key priorities for 2008 - 2011 for Outer South Leeds.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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.

## **10.0 Recommendations**

- 10.1 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 community engagement events and the setting of Area Committee priorities outlined in the ADP.
  - d) Confirm Member nominees to act as champions for the specific themes of the ADP.
  - e) Agree to continue developing the community charter as the public facing, resident friendly version of the ADP and for Area Committee Chair to approve the final draft before printing.

## **Background Papers**

- Outer South Area Committee; Area Delivery Plan 2008-2011 Update - June 2009