



**Report of : Director of Environments & Neighbourhoods**

**Area Committee : Inner North East**

**Date: 21st June 2010**

**Subject: Priority Neighbourhoods – Progress Report and Action Plans for 2010/11**

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p><b>Chapel Allerton Moortown</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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## **Executive Summary**

This report provides the Area Committee with a quarterly update on activity/actions in the agreed priority neighbourhoods within the Inner North East area.

The report also provides initial action plans for the Chapeltown/Scott Hall and Meanwood priority neighbourhoods. These show how actions are being developed and delivered to address the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priorities agree by the Area Committee at the March meeting.

## **Purpose of This Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Area Committee with:
  - a) a quarterly update of partnership actions and activity in the three Inner NE priority neighbourhoods
  - b) action plans for the Chapeltown/Scott Hall and Meanwood priority neighbourhoods. These show how actions are being developed and delivered to address the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priorities agreed by the Area Committee at the March meeting.

## **Background Information**

2. The Area Committee has agreed to establish and support three priority neighbourhoods in the Inner North East area with effect from April 2010. These are:
  - ✓ Beckhill and Miles Hill (Meanwood)
  - ✓ Chapeltown and Scott Hall
  - ✓ Moor Allerton
3. These priority neighbourhoods have also been agreed at city level through the corporate Neighbourhood Policy Group, at the East North East Office Coordination Group and through area based partnerships such as the Divisional Community Safety Partnership and Children Services Leadership Teams.
4. Each priority neighbourhood represents a gathering of super output areas (SOAs) that fall in the 10% most deprived according to the latest statistics.
5. The three priority neighbourhoods build on existing arrangements which saw the establishment of partnership groups in each of the areas described. In Chapeltown's case the partnership group to date also included an element of Harehills so as to follow Safer Stronger Communities funding boundaries. Now that the funding is no longer available and therefore an issue, a new priority neighbourhood for Chapeltown and Scott Hall has been established and new arrangements required.
6. To support the development of new arrangements and the implementation of action plans for each priority neighbourhood, the Area Committee approved funding to continue the existing Neighbourhood Manager post within the Area Management team to report to the Area Committee. This is an annually reviewable funding agreement.
7. At its March meeting the Area Committee approved Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priorities for each of the priority neighbourhoods from which action plans would be drawn up and delivered through local partnership arrangements.

## **Neighbourhood Improvement Action Plans for 2010/11**

8. The Neighbourhood Manager is responsible for pulling together annual Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) for each of the priority neighbourhoods. Each NIP identifies the key domains that the Neighbourhood Index is evidencing as having the most urgent need to address and where appropriate target the super

output areas (SOAs) that are demonstrating the greatest inequalities. The Area Committee has agreed these as the key priority headings for the development of local actions.

9. Provided in appendix A are the current 2010/11 Neighbourhood Improvement Action Plans for the Chapeltown/Scott Hall and Meanwood priority neighbourhoods. The Area Committee is asked to note the progress being made and advise on where it feels greater progress should be being made.
10. The Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) has an existing Action Plan in place which will be reviewed and incorporated into a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan in line with the other priority neighbourhoods.
11. The existing Beckhill Implementation Group (BIG) meeting has agreed to cover the extended Meanwood priority neighbourhood as the delivery group for that area.
12. There have been two meetings of the IMPaCT partnership in Chapeltown which have focused on the proposed partnership delivery and engagement models. These discussions have delayed the establishment of delivery group which has had an impact upon developing some of the actions, however the first meeting of the delivery group is planned before August 2010.

### **Proposed Framework for Overseeing Delivery of NIPs**

13. The Community Engagement Strategy report to be considered at this Area Committee meeting includes a framework to help the Area Committee oversee and monitor the NIP. This includes the establishment of new Community Leadership Teams consisting of local residents and ward councillors with the main role of providing a reality check for the Area Committee on whether the agreed priorities are successfully being addressed through local partnership working and actions.
14. The proposal creates a consistent framework for the priority neighbourhoods in Inner North East and builds on lessons learnt from the SSCF led "Impact" approach and local partnership work taken forward by the Beckhill Implementation Group (BIG).
15. It is important to make clear that the Area Committee approves the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priorities and will continue to receive progress reports and six monthly Action Plan updates.

### **Quarterly Progress Report (March – May 2010)**

#### **Chapeltown and Scott Hall Priority Neighbourhood**

16. Key activity in the last quarter and planned for the next quarter:
  - NEET's – Information has been sought around levels of activities to be developed for the priority areas in Chapeltown (notably the Granges). Activities have been initiated through Leeds REACH project which has completed some detailed work with young people. A particularly promising intervention has been initiated by the Chapeltown Youth Development Centre who are working with approximately 30 people aged in the 20-30 age range who are in the NEET category from this area and have previously been very difficult to engage with.

Plans are being developed to provide assistance through statutory providers to support this group.

- Young Peoples Action Plan – the first meeting of the new Chapeltown Youth Work Partnership has taken place, terms of reference agreed and links made to the NIP for this area. Initial gaps in provision have been identified (both employment and training requirements and diversionary activity) and actions for agencies to develop projects to initiate new activity has started. Of particular interest the link between local providers and Leeds City College has resulted in a solution to a previously contentious issue relating to young peoples access to college courses due to CRB requirements.
- Infant Mortality – the Chapeltown Health and Wellbeing partnership and Infant Mortality group have been operating and investigating activity to reduce the Infant mortality rate in Chapeltown. In addition, the statistics are being analysed in more detail and brought up to date. These are indicating significant improvements to previous sets of results. Activities have included running advice sessions around financial inclusion, promotion of the Healthy Start voucher schemes, linking with Care and Repair to promote insulation grants to reduce fuel poverty, developing a partnership with Leeds City College around the MEDACT information pack to better inform residents there are language issues.
- Environmental Improvements – There have been a number of clean up operations undertaken within the Chapeltown area including a particularly successful operation in the Savilles and Mexboroughs. The neighbourhood tasking team have been coordinating local activities following both partner and resident concerns about issues in the Sholebrokes, Granges and Spencer Place in Chapeltown. This has resulted in communications with residents about waste removal services and enforcement activity by the EAT's against those responsible for fly tipping. Probation have also been in active in Chapeltown through a number of clean up operations and painting the street furniture along Chapeltown Road.

### **Meanwood Priority Neighbourhood**

17. Key activity in the last quarter and planned for the next quarter:

- Environmental Issues – This is one of the primary concerns for residents living in the Meanwood priority neighbourhood. From visual environmental audits the major area of concern remains the Beckhill estate and although other works have been developed this promises to be the most impactive. The pilot small area clean up operation took place in May and five local agencies made a significant improvement into the look of the estate, this was coupled with information handed out to residents and enforcement action being completed and planned in after the event. It is hoped that this will continue throughout the summer months with at least a further five taking place this year.
- Improve Youth Provision – The local partners have developed a large range of youth activities together over the summer months with partners including Zest For Life, ENEHL and NETWORKS extended services as well as local VCS organisations (based at Stainbeck Church) including two summer gala days, a mini breeze and a full breeze on tour event. The play pod which has been funded by the extended services has been sited and will be the focus for new and existing provisions on the Beckhill and Miles Hill estates. The Area Committee have funded community sports to run the cage football project in Chapel Allerton over the summer and it is anticipated that by placing the site at a

number of venues including the nearby Prince Philip Centre, young people will be encouraged to get involved on a longer term basis. Works are progressing with ENEHL and partners to establish the venue of the house on Beckhill Avenue. Agencies have agreed to attend and now funding for utilities is being sought from local partners. It is anticipated that this will be open for the summer.

- Community Safety – there have been some notable improvements made in this area following information provided by members of the public through the operation Champions that have taken place in previous months alongside ongoing intelligence gathering exercise. The tasking partners have developed a new ASB group to improve coordinated activities targeting perpetrators of crime and ASB and this has resulted in the recent operation Bewhisker which has resulted in many of the nominals receiving ASB interventions from Leeds City Council ASB Unit, ENEHL and West Yorkshire Police. There has been targeted work supporting victims of Race Hate offences on Scott Hall Road and arrests have been made with court dates imminent.
- Health and Wellbeing –Promotion of activities for young people and improved access to healthy foods is being run by all partners but noticeably NHS Leeds through ZEST for life and works are ongoing with local agencies to make best use of the 'Change For Life' marketing campaign through local schools, VCS agencies and local partners to promote a healthy lifestyle. These will also be forming part5 of the range of fund days and gala days in the Meanwood area throughout the summer. The issues relating to high cancer mortality rates is being examined at a higher level than the NIP and actions are awaited for any interventions that local partners can deliver. The major thrust of activities in this area will be relating to poverty and low incomes and HS Leeds neighbourhoods team are looking to promote support networks available and work with local partners to raise awareness of these mechanisms.
- Low Income and Worklessness – Job Centre Plus already run one session per month from the local childrens centre and opportunities are being investigated to increase the frequency and have an alternative location for this type of activity as it is fully booked every session. In addition opportunities for front line staff training to be rolled out to increase officers awareness of how agencies supporting people back into education and employment have been discussed.

### **Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood**

18. Key activity in the last quarter and planned for the next quarter:

- Culture - Northcall have produced a film about family life in the community which will be shown on the Milleneum Square big screen;  
A fashion and body image course involving 8 young girls at Northcall;  
Bollywood dance sessions at Northcall culminating in dancers performing at the Town Hall;  
Feel Good Factor running informal play sessions at Open House;  
A programme of activities is being developed through the Activities Fund Arts Champion, based on the outcomes of consultations with young people over what they would like to do which includes:  
After school clubs at all schools – arts, dance, sculpture, drama;  
Performance poetry for girls who are vulnerable or have low self esteem;  
(Summer 2010 term);  
Urban arts tracker project for KS2 boys with challenging behaviour; (Summer 2010 term);

Arts week during the summer holidays;  
Multi sports camp in the summer holidays;  
There will be opportunities for young people involved in these activities to get involved in the citywide Firebird Project.

- Enterprise and Economy - Job Centre Plus sessions held monthly at Alwoodley Children's Centre;  
Jobseekers sessions started in Moor Allerton Library from 7 May;  
Northcall have recruited a volunteer co-ordinator who will offer basic skills training to assist in finding employment;  
A new home for adults with learning disabilities built on the site of the former Cranmer Bank pub has created 20 job vacancies which have been targeted at local people; Interviews were held locally at Northcall.
- Learning - Alwoodley Children's Centre offering learning opportunities including ESOL, and confident women courses.  
STEPs parenting courses proving successful with many of the attendees moving on to further training and development and becoming involved as volunteers with Northcall.  
Maecare run silver surfer sessions;
- Transport/Environment - Funding is being sought for a pilot project to give better access to and through local woodland by improving cycling and walking routes through Tynewald Woods.
- Thriving Places - 13 off-licences participated in Operation Buzzer. Test purchases are continuing and local shops have not failed.  
Trembler alarms and smart water being offered to repeat burglary victims.
- Harmonious Communities - Intergenerational Projects have taken place at Alwoodley Primary and Brodetsky Primary in partnership with Moor Allerton Elderly Care and Leeds Jewish Housing Association. ES Leader brokered partnerships and linked all organisations to free training. Over 35 pupils and 15 "Golden Friends" took part. A third project is planned with St.Paul's and Moor Allerton Elderly Care.  
Moor Allerton gala planned for 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> July, being co-ordinated by local residents groups with support from LCC, ENEHL, WYP.

## Recommendations

19. The Area Committee is asked to:
- (a) note and comment on the initial action plans for the Chapeltown/Scott Hall and Meanwood priority neighbourhoods.
  - (b) note the framework for overseeing the development and implementation of the NIPs and Action Plans in each priority neighbourhood and the link with the community engagement strategy.
  - (c) note the progress made in each of the three priority neighbourhoods in the quarter covering March 2010 to May 2010.

## Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and functions 2010/11  
Priority Neighbourhoods Report March 2010