



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 5th July 2010

Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 Update

Electoral Wards Affected:

Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby

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 provides members of the area committee with an update of progress on actions in the 2008-11 Outer North East Area Delivery Plan, including activity in the Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood. It also includes a proposal to develop a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Moor Allerton in line with the other two priority neighbourhoods in North East Leeds. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and support the development of a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Moor Allerton.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides Members with an overview of activity in the Outer North East Area relating to the Area Delivery Plan including the Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood, and seeks support from members to develop the Moor Allerton Action Plan into a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan in line with the other priority neighbourhoods in North East Leeds.

Background Information

2. The ADP for 2008/9 – 2010/11 has been developed following the headings contained within the Vision for Leeds. It is a local expression of the city's

commitment to the Local Area Agreement and partnership working. The themes of the ADP are:

- Culture
- Enterprise and Economy
- Learning
- Transport
- Environment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Thriving Neighbourhoods
- Harmonious Communities

3. The Area Delivery Plan for 2008-11 was approved by this Area Committee on 15th September 2008. The plan has subsequently been refreshed, with the latest refreshed version endorsed by the Area Committee at the March 2010 Area Committee.
4. A public friendly version of the Area Delivery Plan has also been approved by the committee and has been circulated to libraries, parish councils, and community organisations in the area. Further copies are available from the author of this report.

Updates

Culture

5. Alwoodley Cluster of Schools was one of five areas piloting the Activities Fund in Leeds for 2009/10. The purpose of this Fund is to provide a range of art, film, dance and art activities through after school and holiday sessions, targeted at disadvantaged children and young people, and leave a legacy of arts provision and infrastructure in the locality. From April 2010 the Activities Fund was rolled out across the city.
6. The programme of activities for the Alwoodley Cluster of Schools includes:
 - Six after school art clubs at primary schools;
 - Holiday taster projects in dance and visual arts at Allerton High and Cardinal Heenan High Schools;
 - 3 after school dance clubs, holiday dance projects at Allerton High and Cardinal Heenan High Schools;
 - A cross cluster Urban Arts club for KS2 boys, targeting disadvantaged and challenging boys;
 - A cross cluster Performance Poetry club for vulnerable girls, bringing Year 6, 7 and 8 girls together to aid their transition to High School;
 - Professional development for teachers and support staff to sustain dynamic art clubs long term;
 - 6 taster days of performance poetry for all children;
 - Support and expansion of Northcall's Family Learning Fashion Project to enable children and young people to take part in various sessions around accessorising outfits, design, poster making, DJing and podcasting;
 - A summer holiday film project;

7. Links have also been made with City-wide arts providers which are starting to work towards long term provision and opportunities for local children and young people to get involved in large scale performance projects in 2011 and 2012 with Phoenix Dance, Yorkshire Dance and Leeds City Museum and Discovery Centre.
8. A programme of activities for the area covered by Elmet Partnership of Schools and Services is being developed and co-ordinated by the two Core offer co-ordinators who were appointed in April 2010. Their role is to ensure that the full Core Offer of extended services is being delivered and is accessible through developing and co-ordinating a programme of activities and provision for children and families. During the next few months they will be:
 - Mapping activities, resources and facilities currently available in order to identify any gaps, co-ordinate activities and signpost to relevant services;
 - Undertaking consultation children and young people, their parents and the wider community to further understand needs and to identify and target hard to reach families;
 - Producing a Summer Activity Program for children and young people in conjunction with other services and organisations;
 - Ensuring that the EPOS minibus is used to its full potential;
 - Publicise and promote EPOS through developing the website, producing an information guide, and develop the branding.
9. Summer sports activity weeks, supported by Well Being funding, are planned for Allerton High school and Wetherby Sports Association for children aged 8 – 12 years. These events will be targeted at children and young people living in the Outer North East area.
10. Readers groups are continuing at Moor Allerton and Wetherby libraries, there is also a teenage group at Moor Allerton library. A monthly Family Club takes place at Moor Allerton library and there are plans to launch a Family Club at Wetherby Library summer 2010.

Learning

11. The Alwoodley Cluster Parent Support Adviser (CPSA) has had significant impact in contributing to improving attendance both in school and at after school activities through engaging children and families in a number of ways:
 - Supporting families and schools with CAFs¹ by taking the lead where appropriate, undertaking home visits to supported families on a one-to-one basis and building relationships with hard-to reach families.

¹ Common Assessment Framework.

- Kidscope² sessions with a themed approach have resulted in increased participation from a range of professionals. These are regularly accessed by 2-3 families every session.
 - STEPS³ Courses facilitated by the CPSA are proving successful. Six parents attended the first course, and eleven targeted parents signed up to attend, this included three parents who have children with absenteeism problems – two of which have Parenting Orders.
 - Supporting and encouraging pupils with behaviour problems to take part in after school activities.
12. Boston Spa and Wetherby Children's Centres were designated in December 2009; both were operating from temporary facilities. The Centres offer a range of services to families with children under 5. Wetherby Children's Centre building, on the Wetherby High School site, is now complete. Construction of Boston Spa Children's Centre at Deepdale commenced in early June 2010, and will be completed by the end of November 2010.

Transport

13. Following the Wetherby Horsefair improvements which included a change of junction priorities at the corner of Walton Road and Nags Lane a road safety issue become apparent. Some drivers approaching from Hallfield Lane have been observed turning into Nags Lane without looking left down Walton Road. Despite improvements (new signs, the introduction of a flashing amber and strengthened centre-line road markings), a road safety audit has confirmed the problem continues.
14. To solve the problem, 'No Entry' signs are being erected at the entrance to Nags Lane from Hallfield Lane. This arrangement has been temporarily adopted on a previous occasion and proved popular. During the statutory consultation period three representations were received from local residents which were all in favour. Temporary No Entry signs have been erected and the permanent signs should be in place by the end of July.

Environment

15. The Community Conservation Team, Sustainable Development Unit, City Development, are undertaking conservation area appraisals and boundary reviews in the north east outer area which are being funded by the Area Committee.
16. A number of reviews have been undertaken over the past two years. The latest ones to be completed are Barwick in Elmet, Linton and Walton.

² Drop-in sessions offering individual, confidential advice to parents or carers on issues such as learning, behaviour, development, communication, eating, sleeping problems.

³ Systematic Training for Effective Parenting

17. Funding is also allocated for the designation of a new conservation area for Thorp Arch Trading Estate and a review of Aberford conservation area.
18. A Community Planning Officer, Sarah Hellewell, is on hand to provide advice and training to enable local councils to be more adept at commenting on planning applications in their community.

Health and Wellbeing

19. Up Front Health Drop-In service running at Boston Spa and Wetherby High Schools by the Youth Service in partnership with the Wetherby health team. The aim of the project is to inform young people on health issues that are relevant to their needs.
20. A range of sporting activities are available across the area to encourage a more active lifestyle. Support and advice is available to voluntary sports groups from the Council's Community Sports Officer.

Thriving Places

21. Local Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) continue to support the communities they serve. Officers have also recently taken part in a day of action in Alwoodley in conjunction with Customs and Excise and the Environmental Action Team. Road checks in Alwoodley have resulted in a £500 fine for a driver with a vehicle using illegal 'red diesel'.
22. A lot of work has been taking place with young people to help them find out more about the police and what they do:
 - Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Alwoodley have been involved in a community litter pick with ten children from the Lingfields and Cranmers area with support from East North East Leeds Homes and local residents. As a reward for their hard work the children were taken ice skating in Bradford.
 - Officers have also visited 22nd North Hillel Cub Pack in Alwoodley. The cubs learned to take fingerprints and obtain DNA samples, acted out a crime scene involving recovering of a weapon and were able to ask questions about police work.
 - PCSOs also visited children of Deepdale Pre-school recently. The young children learnt all about how Police can help them, what the police wear and why, and what they should do in an emergency. They also got the opportunity to speak to an officer on the police radio, try on their own police uniforms and sit in a police car.
 - Year 6 pupils at Scholes primary school recently took part in a mock up crime scene involving a dead body to help them with a creative writing project which produced some very imaginative ideas.
 - First Brownies of Boston Spa visited Wetherby Police station in May. They were given a tour of the police station and old courthouse, a talk on

Safety and Stranger danger and a demonstration of how a police dog can detain a suspect.

23. Youth clubs are running at Wetherby, Bramham, Aberford, Bardsey, the Lingfields and Wigton Moor. The youth service mobile unit visits Barwick, Boston Spa, Collingham, Aberford, Shadwell, and Cranmer Bank. Detached youth workers cover Wetherby, Clifford, Thorpe Arch, Walton, Wigton Moor and Moor Allerton.

Harmonious Communities

24. The first Moor Allerton gala is planned for 9th/10th/11th July. This is being co-ordinated by local residents groups with support from the council, East North East Homes Leeds, Alwoodley Extended Services and the police.
25. Wetherby Police Station Open Day takes place on Saturday 3 July.
26. The Harewood and Wetherby Town and Parish Council is continuing to operate quarterly and is well attended. The main topic for the May meeting was children and young people, further details are provided in a separate report.

Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood

27. Moor Allerton is one of a number of priority neighbourhoods identified across the city. These neighbourhoods have been approved by the area committees and endorsed by the Neighbourhood Policy Group and the Narrowing the Gap Board. The factors used to determine these priority neighbourhoods were:
 - evidence of deprivation using the new Neighbourhood Vitality Index and the Indices of Multiple Deprivation;
 - by the geography of a neighbourhood and resident perceptions of their neighbourhood;
 - the perspective of service providers and organisational effectiveness.
28. Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) is the multi-agency group offering a co-ordinated approach to improving the fortunes of this area which includes membership from the Police, East North East Homes Leeds, Leeds Jewish Housing Association, Leeds City Council, the voluntary sector, and Groundwork. MAP has an action plan which follows the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan, with specific local actions for the area.
29. The Moor Allerton priority neighbourhood spans the outer and inner area. Area Management staff are responsible for driving forward action in these areas through partnership arrangements.
30. The Moor Allerton Partnership Action Plan is structured under the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan. The priorities for the Moor Allerton Partnership are:
 - Improve housing and the environment;

- Support the extended schools programme;
- Tackle youth related anti-social behaviour;
- Reduce crime levels and the fear of crime and increase public confidence in the statutory agencies;
- Ensure vulnerable people have access to services and support;
- Ensure the long term viability of the community and voluntary sectors;
- Help to develop and sustain cohesive communities;
- Increase adult learning and employment opportunities;

31. Activity currently taking place in the MAP area includes:

- A film about family life in the community produced by Northcall which will be shown on the Millennium Square big screen. A fashion and body image course involving 8 young people (all girls) and Bollywood dance sessions which culminated in dancers performing at the Town Hall, also provided by Northcall.
- Informal play sessions at Open House run by Feel Good Factor which are proving very popular;
- A programme of activities is being developed through the Activities Fund Arts Champion, as outlined in paragraphs 5 – 7 of this report.
- Advice and support for people seeking employment available at Job Centre Plus sessions held monthly at Alwoodley Children's Centre and Jobseekers sessions at Moor Allerton Library. 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 opportunities including ESOL⁴, and confident women courses at Alwoodley Children's Centre. STEPs parenting courses proving successful with many of the attendees moving on to further training and development and becoming involved as volunteers with Northcall.
- Silver Surfer Sessions provided by MAECare.
- A pilot project to give better access to and through local woodland by improving cycling and walking routes through Tynewald Woods (subject to funding being secured).
- An Operation to tackle underage drinking (Operation Buzzer). 13 off-licences participated, the Operation has now ended but test purchasing is continuing and local shops have not failed.

⁴ English for speakers of other languages

- Trembler alarms and smart water being offered to repeat burglary victims.
- Intergenerational Projects have taken place at Alwoodley Primary and Brodetsky Primary in partnership with Moor Allerton Elderly Care and Leeds Jewish Housing Association. Over 35 pupils and 15 “Golden Friends” took part. A third project is planned with St. Paul’s and Moor Allerton Elderly Care.

Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

32. Moor Allerton is one of the three priority neighbourhoods in the North East area. The other two are in the Inner North East area – Beckhill/Miles Hill (Meanwood), and Chapeltown/Scott Hall.
33. Annual Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) have been developed for each of the priority neighbourhoods in the Inner North East area, and also for those in Inner East.
34. The Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) Action Plan is to be reviewed and incorporated into a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan in line with the other priority neighbourhoods. A draft NIP will be presented to the September meeting of the Area Committee.
35. Each NIP will identify 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.
36. The NIPs set out:
 - An introduction to the priority neighbourhood;
 - Key issues evidenced by the neighbourhood index by domain;
 - The top local priorities for 2010/11;
 - Map of the area;
 - An summary of neighbourhood index analysis;
 - A framework for roles and responsibilities in delivering and overseeing the NIPs in each priority neighbourhood that reports to the Area Committee;
 - The most up to date action plan and updates on activities.
37. The Area Committee is asked to support the development of a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Moor Allerton in line with the other priority neighbourhoods in the East North East wedge.

Area Committee Forward Plan

38. A forward plan for the area committee cycle of meetings for 2010/11 was agreed at the March 2010 area committee. This sets out the business of the area committee dictated by the strategic planning cycle, local priorities,

monitoring and evaluation of outputs and community engagement. The plan is added to and amended as appropriate throughout the municipal year. A copy of the latest plan is attached as appendix 1 to this report.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

39. The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan mirror the priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan. These improvement priorities are agreed between all the partner agencies and with government office as the local area agreement (LAA). Local interpretations of the priority outcomes for the area have been developed. Within each priority outcome actions are delivered in consultation with key stakeholders in the local area.

Legal and Resource Implications

40. 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 using the Well-Being Fund which ensures best use of the funding.

Conclusions

41. The Area Delivery Plan set out the key actions for 2008 - 2011 for Outer North East Leeds. Projects meeting the objectives of the Plan are funded through the Well-being fund. This report provides an update for members on progress in implementing the actions contained within the report.

Recommendations

42. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and support the development of a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan in line with the other priority neighbourhoods in the East North East wedge.

Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and Functions 20010/11