

1.0 Purpose Of This Paper

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide the Outer West Area Committee with an update on progress and achievements to date that have occurred in the Outer West's Priority Neighbourhood Areas (also known as Local Area Management Plans – LAMPS). In addition, it outlines the next steps in the work plans that support them.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Two Priority Neighbourhood Areas exist in Outer West Leeds, the Bawns and the Gambles/Heights (combined as one). These areas were deemed to be Priority Neighbourhood Areas as a result of their ranking in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation¹ (IMD) Super Output Areas (SOAs), as compiled by the Social Disadvantage Research Centre at the Department of Social Policy and Social Work (university of Oxford), in 2004 and 2007. Nationally, the Bawns and Gambles estates were ranked by the IMD as being in the most deprived 10% nationally, and the Heights, in the most deprived 5%.
- 2.2 Consequently, as a result of the IMD the Bawns and Gambles and Heights Lamps were established in 2005 and 2008 respectively, and have been included in the Outer West Area Management's Area Delivery Plans as priority action points, and therefore, formed a key part of the Outer West Area Management Teams work programme as they have been co-ordinated, facilitated and monitored by Area Management, and Chaired by Ward Members.
- 2.3 The aim of the Lamps was to address the areas of deprivation identified by the IMD, by drawing together the relevant agencies on a regular basis (over a period of time 2/3 years) to tackle them e.g. West North West Homes Leeds (WNWHL), Jobs and Skills, Neighbourhood Policing Team, Neighbourhood Wardens, National Health Service Leeds, Streetscene Environmental Services, Tenants and Residents Associations etc. The intention being to ultimately remove these Priority Areas from the most deprived 10% nationally, and in turn help to meet the Council's narrowing the gap, and improving community cohesion agenda.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 The main issues in terms of deprivation for both Priority Neighbourhood Areas have centred around crime and grime, environmental issues and jobs and skills, with the Gambles/Heights Lamp also concentrating on health and wellbeing and young people.
- 3.2 The two most important achievements for each Lamp, which should not be underestimated, are the partnership working between agencies to fulfill a common goal and the confidence that this has created within communities that their needs are being listened to and addressed.
- 3.3 Specifically for the **Bawns Lamp**, to date the achievements have been:

¹ IMD collate information on employment, income, education, skills and training deprivation, living environment, crime and disorder, health deprivation and disability, barriers to housing and services, income deprivation affecting children and older people.

- Bringing routine estate management issues to the fore by regular monitoring of improvements/repairs and the holding of Environmental Clean up events;
- The Strategic development of a green space improvement strategy driven by WNWHL and Groundwork, with a view to alleviating anti-social behaviour in the area;
- Environmental Improvement works to Stonebridge Lane (which for years had been a source of resident complaint as an aesthetic eye-sore);
- Sustainable links for the community and agencies with the Extended Services Plan for Farnley;
- Improvements to household waste collections and a decline in dumping on the estate, with the introduction of fridge magnets to houses, which held information on refuse collection dates;
- Collation of local intelligence regarding criminal and anti-social activities.

3.4 A detailed report appears elsewhere on this Committee's agenda, highlighting the Bawns Lamp achievements and next steps.

3.5 Specifically for the **Gambles/Heights Lamp**, to date the achievements have been:

- Bringing routine estate management issues to the fore by regular monitoring of improvements/repairs;
- Environmental Improvements, in particular the re-instatement and re-surfacing of the Gambles Tannery Path (footpath), and bringing back into use the Gambles "stone circle" area for youth activity;
- The holding of an intergenerational event "Winter Warmer Supper" aimed at building community relations and from which a Young People's Sub Group has been formed with the remit of improving communication around relevant activities for young people, physical activity and influencing the delivery of a permanent youth base in the area;
- The holding of a "Health and Wellbeing" event which brought relevant health and wellbeing (in its widest sense, egg financial, physical, educational) agencies together to map salient issues on the estates, from which a health and Wellbeing sub group has been formed which has the remit of improving communication, parenting support, worklessness, financial capability and physical activity;
- Collation of local intelligence regarding criminal and anti-social activities.

3.6 **Next Steps for the Priority Neighbourhood Areas**

3.7 Work will continue in the Gambles and Heights Priority Neighbourhood in its current format into the new year of 2011. However, following on from this, as the work of the LAMP group has been on-going for over 2 years (the expected life of a LAMP), an exit strategy will be developed, along the lines of the one created for the Bawns, which will create sustainable links for the community and partner agencies.

3.8 The next steps for the Bawns LAMP is for the working group which supported it to continue meeting around issue based priorities in the area e.g environmental or youth issues as opposed to meeting to look holistically at the estate which was the remit of the LAMP working group. This will ensure that the work achieved by the LAMP to date has some sustainability.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

4.1 The work of the priority neighbourhoods helps to work towards achieving the Council's priorities of narrowing the gap, community cohesion and regeneration.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

5.1 There have been no legal implications arising out of the work in the Priority Neighbourhood Areas. Resource implications have revolved in the main around Officer time, and to a lesser extent, some financial support for the work from the Area Committee's Wellbeing budget to assist with associated projects.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 Bawns improved 106 places between 2004-7, awaiting next IMD figs for 2010 in 2011. action plans show improvement, agencies and Tenant and Residents Associations report it. Consequently, the cessation of the formal LAMP working group is justified as improvements have been made in the area.

6.2 It is intended to formally end the Gambles and Heights LAMP at the start of 2011, with a view to implementing a similar exit strategy to the Bawns i.e issue based meeting of relevant partners.