



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 6 September 2010

Subject: 2008/11 Area Delivery Plan Update Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

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 an update on the progress made against the promises set out in the Community Charter for 2010/11. It provides a headline report by exception of key areas for concern and significant achievements in addition to the key projects and areas of work ongoing in the north east inner area.

The report also provides feedback from the community engagement activity that has taken place during June, July and August 2010.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides members with progress made against the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) in the form of promises set out in the Community Charter for 2010.
2. The report also provides feedback from the community engagement events that have been attended during the summer period.

Background Information

3. The ADP for 2008-11 follows headings contained within the Vision for Leeds. It is a local expression of the Leeds Strategic Plan which identifies those priorities that the Area Committee feel need addressing the most in its area. The themes of the ADP are:
 - Culture
 - Stronger Communities
 - Enterprise and Economy
 - Transport
 - Environment
 - Health and Well-being
 - Thriving Neighbourhoods
 - Learning and Young People.
4. Each year the ADP is refreshed to take into account changing priorities and opportunities. A completely new ADP will be written for 2011-14 in line with the next Leeds Strategic Plan cycle.
5. The annual refresh is produced following analysis of evidence provided by updated neighbourhood statistics, community consultation through the Area Committees engagement events and Elected Member discussion on local priorities.
6. Further to this, negotiation and agreement is reached with local partnerships and service providers on what promises can be made in relation to each priority. This informs the refresh and makes clear the accountabilities for each priority in reporting back performance/progress to Area Committee during the year.
7. The refreshed priorities also provide a basis for which applications to the Wellbeing budget can be made.
8. The Area Delivery Plan for 2008 -11 was approved by this Area Committee and a refreshed version of the plan was approved by the Area Committee on 15 March 2010.
9. In 2009/10 the Area Committee piloted the production of a Community Charter. This helped present the ADP in a more user friendly and understandable format and provided clearer progress reports to Area Committee during the year.
10. Following positive feedback from the pilot the Area Committee asked that the charter be continued in future years.
11. The 2010/11 charter provides 35 promises for actions to be developed and delivered in the committee area during the year.

Charter Promises for 2010/2011

12. The charter has been championed at the area partnerships such as Children Leeds North East Leadership Team and partners have seen it as a useful document to strengthen the golden thread from the Vision for Leeds and Leeds Strategic Plan through to the various localised action plans. The charter provides the opportunity for partnerships to be accountable for shared priorities and assists in the reporting mechanisms back to the local community.
13. In revising the promises consultation has been undertaken with the various thematic partnerships and negotiations have taken place to ensure that their priorities are reflected within the charter. As a result the charter for 2010/11 will have clearer responsibility for actions and promises.
14. Some of the promises included in the 2009/10 charter remain priorities and as such have been carried forward in to 2010/11. Projects are ongoing to deliver action against these, including burglary initiatives, the delivery of community clean ups throughout the year and improvements to parks and open spaces.
15. New promises suggested for the coming year include delivery of three clean ups per year around shopping parades in the area as part of the Litter Free Leeds initiative, in addition to the normal cleansing schedules. The inclusion of Meanwood and Street Lane in improving the public realm in partnership with local businesses (promise 16) and under Healthy Living to encourage people to grow their own food through the BCTV Garden to Eat scheme and others as appropriate.
16. Residents views on the draft promises were sought through engagement events in February and comments made relating to the promises. This information will further assist in developing actions to deliver the promises through the various partnerships and community organisations.
17. Amendments to the promises have been made based on the feedback that was gathered, some key comments related to learning opportunities for older people and activities to support them.
18. A complete list of progress to date on each of the 35 promises is attached at appendix 1.

Key points to highlight

19. Work has been ongoing with various groups and organisations across the area. A coordinated programme of activities for young people was developed for the summer holiday period and commissioned with well being funding as well as other match funding. In addition vocational training programmes have been developed and commissioned to be delivered by Networks CLG and Youth Services targeted at those at risk of becoming not in education, employment or training (NEETS). The courses aim to assist young people to gain alternative qualifications in subjects such as first aid, CV writing, time management and sports leader award.
20. As part of the government's focus on developing the Big Society, Chapeltown played host to visitors taking part in the civil service's 'Top 200' leadership programme in July 2010. The session involved a visit to the Feel Good Factor to look at the partnership work to help improve the health of people in Chapeltown and address some of the health inequalities. It also included a discussion on the work of the Gang

Prevention Strategy with the police and CYFDC members and work with young people to divert them away from negative activities.

Priority Neighbourhoods Update

21. In the Meanwood priority neighbourhood work is continuing to tackle environmental issues on the Beckhill estate. In the last quarter, three multi agency operations have taken place to deal with the environmental issues on a street by street basis. This means half the estate has been covered in the last 6 months and it is hoped that the remainder of the estate will be completed by the end of September 2010. There has been a very positive response from residents living on the estate and a number have passed on their compliments about the work being undertaken to council and ENE Homes staff.
22. The action days have been well received by residents and they have succeeded in encouraging more people to maintain their own gardens which has been an issue. Agreement in principle has also been reached for ENEHL to maintain the improvements by carrying out regular cleaning and litter picking of the alley ways in this area.
23. At the last Area Committee in June it was identified that the Stonegates estate in Moortown would benefit from being included in the Meanwood priority area. It has been agreed to expand the remit of the local partnership group to include the Stonegates and an environmental visit has already taken place with Leeds Federated Housing, Unity Housing, the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Probation Services. Following the visit the Community Payback Team have started work cutting back vegetation, litter picking and generally tidying the area. There has also been a full environmental survey of the area undertaken and this has been passed on to Streetscene services for action.
24. Anti-social behaviour has also been identified as a problem in the area. To try and stop this from increasing during the school holidays, Cage Football sessions (paid for by the Area Committee) were located there for two hours every Friday and other youth provision in the area has been heavily advertised.
25. In Chapeltown POCA funding has allowed the Junior Youth Inclusion Project to take a number of young people on a healthy eating and cooking course including cooking tea for residents of the nearby Frederick Hurdle Day Care Centre. This was well received by both groups and the intention is to continue this after the project finishes.
26. There have been significant improvements to the Mobil and Jyoti sites on Chapeltown Road after the owners were served with section 59 notices that required them to clean up and secure the areas. Further action may be required and the monitoring will continue.
27. Works are also continuing for green space/land on Leopold Street to be brought back into use and there have already been a number of successful events taken place on the site arranged through the CHESS cluster of schools.
28. The Moor Allerton partnership continues to develop joint approaches to tackling issues in the area. Work is currently ongoing to move from the current action plan to a full Neighbourhood Improvement Plan to provide a consistent approach across the priority neighbourhoods. Activities and work delivered in the MAP area over the recent months include:

- Culture – permanent use of the Moor Allerton Library with varied activities taking place including reminiscence sessions with Maecare; 10 people have now participated and new sessions are being planned. Family Club meets there monthly on a Saturday. Arts Champion (this role is taken on by Space2 and funded from Activities Fund) resulted in performance poetry sessions, urban arts project, dance, sculpture and drama.
- Employment and Enterprise - Outreach workers in Moor Allerton are linking to Alwoodley Children's Centre and working with families with children under 5. Jobseekers sessions in Moor Allerton library started in May and take place once a week.
- Learning – Mums and toddlers swim group and confident women's sessions are on offer through the children's centre, as are ESOL courses. IT learning sessions are available at the library.
- Transport –potential project identified to develop walking and cycling routes in Tinwald Wood.
- Environment – A review of estate standards is taking place with local tenants involvement. This will help to establish the frequency of environmental audits to meet the needs of the area.
- Health & Wellbeing – Maecare Healthy Living Day planned for the end of August in Shadwell Methodist Church.
- Harmonious Communities – Community Queenshill Gala took place 9th – 11th July led by Tenants and Residents association from Cranmers and Lingfields and with the support from ENEHL and Area Management. To improve the communication between the MAP partnership and the local community a leaflet was produced and distributed.

Community Payback Scheme Update

29. The Inner North East Area Committee commissioned a project with the probation service to deliver addition work across the area through the community payback scheme.
30. This year is the second year of the project and feedback received through both elected members and local community groups is showing that the initiative is delivering visible results across the area now.
31. Projects that can be delivered on a cyclical basis to help local residents have been identified to provide additional services including leaf clearance in areas known to have a significant issue, gritting of pathways, and ginnel clearances.
32. Feedback from local groups suggests that as they are increasingly aware of the work that can be delivered they are taking up the opportunity to make referrals and see the positive outcomes, this has been particularly noticed by the Friends of Gledhow Valley Wood, and the work that has been undertaken by the service in the woods to compliment their work has been very positive and to the benefit of all 3 wards in the area.
33. Work that has been delivered over the last quarter includes: ginnel clearing, including hedges being cut back, litter picking, grass verges cleared back and reinstated, painting of bollards and railings, leaflet distribution, painting of community facilities and clearing of overgrown and unkempt pieces of land.

34. Appendix 2 provides a breakdown of the number of hours work delivered in the area from April to July 2010 and projects delivered as well as a value of the work.

Community Engagement Update

35. The revised community engagement strategy was approved by the Area Committee at the meeting of 21 June 2010. The revision of the strategy sought to improve the engagement methods used to increase residents' influence on the ADP/community charter and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.
36. It was agreed that during the summer months the Area Management team would attend various events across the area to publicise the work of the Area Committee and to advise the local community of funding opportunities and where funding had been spent. Events attended included:
- Gledhow Valley Woods Fun Day
 - Scott Hall Breeze
 - Beckhills Fun Day
 - Chapeltown Global Village Market
 - Oakwood Farmers Market
 - Chapel Allerton Cumulative Impact Policy & Street Lighting meeting
37. The events were all well attended and provided an excellent opportunity to showcase the work of the Area Committee. They provided opportunity to engage with people of all ages to seek views and raise specific awareness of the Area Delivery Plan, Area Committee Small Grants Scheme, POCA Awards and the role of local ward members on the committee.
38. A more in depth report will be provided to the October Area Committee meeting including planned activity for the autumn period and an update on the setting up of the Community Leadership Teams (CLT's).

Recommendations

39. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and:
- a. Note the intention to provide an update report on Community Engagement to the October Area Committee.
 - b. Note the intention of the Neighbourhood Manager to lead partnership work in the Stonegates Estate to address concerns and issues raised by members.
 - c. Note the progress made against the charter promises and remedial action against the promises highlighted.

Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2009/10