



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 20th September 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 draft of a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Moor Allerton in line with the other two priority neighbourhoods in East North East Leeds. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and approve the draft 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. It seeks an approval of the draft Moor Allerton Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) drawn up on the basis of the former Moor Allerton Partnership Action Plan. The NIP is in line with the other priority neighbourhoods in East 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 drama activities through after school and holiday sessions, targeted at disadvantaged children and young people and to leave a legacy of arts provision and infrastructure in the locality.
6. Following an extensive consultation conducted by Space2 with local schools, an Arts Champion has been appointed and a range of activities and arts clubs throughout the cluster have been set up. The evaluation report on the work of the Arts Champion has been provided for the Alwoodley Councilors at the last ward meeting and a copy is available from the Area Management office.
7. To date 4 local dance clubs, 4 arts clubs, 1 performance poetry club and 1 drama club have been set up running after school in 6 primary schools for over 100 children to enjoy and connect with the arts.
8. During the holidays local young people have had the opportunity to 'taste' dance in all its diversity from street and reggae styles to contemporary, hone some new moves and get fit.
9. Over 350 children and young people have taken part in taster sessions and trips to give them a broader experience and help them decide what activities they want to see in their communities and schools in the future.

10. The success of the programme has meant that 8 after school arts clubs will be continuing in September 2010, funded directly by the schools, thus ensuring the sustainability of the scheme.
11. A programme of activities for the area covered by Elmet Partnership of Schools and Services(EPOS) 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. The summer programme included:
 - Mixed sports and arts sessions for 5 -11 year olds in Wetherby, Scholes, Boston Spa and Shadwell;
 - Family Fun Day at Boston Spa Children's Centre, which included a disco, party games, balloon modelling and face painting. As well as a coach trip to Kirkstall Abbey, where families were free to visit the museum, abbey or just enjoy playing in the park!
 - Family Day Out to Filey for 14 families - A coach trip for families to Filey seaside resort. Buckets, spades and games for families were available to borrow to play on the beach. People were free to enjoy their time in Filey. There was a free raffle and the winner received a box of Filey treats!
 - Activities for 11 – 18 year olds were less well attended but all those participating rated them highly. It will be important to promote the programme if run again.
 - Wetherby Autism Support group. This group consists of families/parents/carers who have children/young people with autism and provides advice, support and social interaction. Parents and children from the group took part in the summer activities.

Learning

12. 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.
13. Themed, fun activities were held throughout the summer in all Outer North East libraries.
14. A reading challenge "Space Hop" was run in local libraries from July 2010. This will be further promoted with schools in the new academic year.
15. There are 3 Children's Centers in Outer North East area. They all provide a range of activities for children and parents, support and training for parents and carers and respond to local families' needs as identified. The Alwoodley centre has been opened for a while. Boston Spa centre is in the process of construction (appendix 1 illustrates the work in progress).The Wetherby centre opened in May 2010 but the formal launch is scheduled for 18th September 2010.

Transport

16. Sandringham Drive in Alwoodley ward has been identified as a parking problem. Residents park on both sides of the road making access by delivery vans or emergency services very difficult. Residents have started to park on the grass verges directly in front of their houses/flats churning up the verges, making them muddy during wet weather, causing complaints from other residents in the street. After discussions with Highways and funded by them, it has been decided to pilot the use of an experimental surface called a “grass road”. If successful, more parking improvements will be introduced elsewhere in the locality, as required.



The tough, durable interlocking grid system is designed to provide ground reinforcement, turf protection and erosion control. Two verges which have been completely destroyed are to be evenly flattened, two to three inches of sand laid and the “grass road” embedded. Once settled, it will be filled with top soil and grass seed to allow grass to grow through. This will then stop the damage to the grass verges, provide sturdy ground for parking on and still allow for grass cutting to take place.

17. Plans have been drawn up for a zebra crossing at Crossley Street in Wetherby to improve road safety in the area. A period of public consultation is about to start.

Environment

18. Work has gone on to prepare a request for a new conservation area in Scholes and a review of Shadwell conservation area. Proposals have been discussed at ward member meetings and are supported by both, the ward and parish councillors. The Community Conservation Team, Sustainable Development Unit, City Development, will start work at the end of the current or the beginning of the next financial year, subject to Wellbeing funding allocation. The Area Committee will be informed of future progress.
19. The Outer North East villages were visited by the Yorkshire in Bloom judges. The results of the competition will be known in early Autumn 2010.
20. A Community Planning Officer, Sarah Hellewell, is on hand to provide advice and training to enable local councillors to be more adept at commenting on planning applications in their community. Sarah works closely with Parish Councils providing advice and hands on assistance.

Health and Wellbeing

21. A new post of Health and Wellbeing Officer has been filled for the East North East area. Her remit, in Outer East, is going to be promotion of walking, as a form of accessible exercise for older and disabled people and their carers.

Currently, the officer is collecting information and drawing up plans for future action.

22. A care and repair presentation has been organised by the Health and Wellbeing Partnership at Maecare to increase uptake of affordable warmth packages (1.9.10). The aim is to raise awareness of grants for insulation and other domestic improvements available to older and disabled people.
23. 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. Sporting activities have been available as a part of the summer programme for children and young people.

Thriving Places

24. Local Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) continue to support the communities they serve. A week long operation Champion took place around the time of Leeds Festival. At the time of writing this report the operation was still in progress. Inspector Marcus Griffiths will produce a detailed report for the next ward members' meetings.
25. Alwoodley is part of RAM (Roundhay, Alwoodley, Moortown) tasking team. The team's priorities, at the moment, are - to tackle anti-social behaviour at the rear of the High Ash Shops; to reduce speeding on to A6120 (outer Ring Road) between King Lane and Harrogate Road and to reduce theft from motor vehicles especially on the Harrogate Road Ring Road, Roundhay Park Lane and Wigton Lane.
26. Theft of purses in shops, especially at Sainsburys Moor Allerton Centre, has been recently identified as a particular problem. Two arrests have been made. The police have a supply of lanyards that can be used to attach a purse to a shopper to reduce the chances of it being stolen. Public can ring 0113 2413270 to request a visit from a PCSO.
27. Speeding at Slaid Hill on Wike Ridge Lane has been tackled through the use of SID machine (Speed Indicator Device).
28. Alwoodley PCSOs organised a charity football tournament recently to raise money for CLIC SARGENT (childrens cancer charity) at Wigton Moor FC. Trophies were provided by East North East Homes Leeds and refreshments by Sainsburys and the Co-Op. It involved 7 local primary schools - Brodetsky, Alwoodley, Allerton C of E, Meanwood, Highfield, Wigton Moor and Moortown.
29. Alwoodley PCSOs took 10 children from the Lingfields and Cranmers over to Alderton Heights for a community clean up day. They were supported by

residents and staff from East North East Homes Leeds. The children participated in litter picking and chopping back shrubbery.

30. It is that time of year again where our area plays host to one of the UK's largest rock concerts. At the time of writing of this report, in excess of 70,000 visitors were expected at the Bramham Park site from the start on Thursday 26th until Sunday 29th August. Whilst the event itself causes very few problems, the main arterial roads going towards the site – A64, A1, A58 and the Leeds Ring Road can see considerable congestion – mostly on the Friday. A great deal of work has been undertaken with the event organisers, Leeds City Council and Highways to minimise the disruption. Local villages can expect to see a greater police presence as well.
31. Officers in the Bardsey area responded to reports of suspicious behaviour and having stopped several young men and a vehicle, found a quantity of cannabis. One of the men was arrested and dealt with at the scene. Further enquiries lead to the arrest of a local man when more illegal substances were found in his house. The man is due to appear at Leeds Magistrates Court charged with possession of class A and B drugs.
32. Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated in Boston Spa where a young man was arrested and charged with verbally abusive and threatening behaviour towards a manager of a local store. The youth appeared before Leeds Magistrates Court, was fined £85.00 and ordered to undertake community service.

Harmonious Communities

33. The first ever Moor Allerton community gala took place on 10th July. It was co-ordinated by local residents' groups with support from the council, East North East Homes Leeds, Alwoodley Extended Services and the police. A lot of work was put into its organisation and encouraging local groups and organisations to take part. The day proved a huge success. Over 1,000 local people attended, enjoying the fun fair, stalls and bouncy castles. Requests have since been received from local people for the event to be held again next year. Tuckers Funfairs donated £350 to the tenants and residents group who also raised over £250 on the day. A donation of £100 to a local charity was made. It is the intention that this money will be put towards another event next year.
34. The Harewood and Wetherby Town and Parish Council Forum is continuing to operate quarterly and is well attended. The main topic for the July meeting was permitted development rights for householders. Further details are provided in a separate report.

Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood

35. 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;
 - the geography of a neighbourhood and resident perceptions of their neighbourhood;
 - the perspective of service providers and organisational effectiveness.
36. At its meeting on 5th July 2010, the Area Committee resolved to support the development of a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP), using the format already applied to NIPs in other parts of East North East Leeds area. The document which includes statistical information about the area, its physical description and characteristics can be used by colleagues and partners to apply for outside funding and by local ward councillors to help make strategic decisions about future service development in the area.
37. The draft NIP is presented in Appendix 2. It has been discussed at the last Alwoodley ward meeting and the key priorities were confirmed to be as detailed in paragraph 39.
38. The NIP is set out in the following way:
 - 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;
 - A summary of neighbourhood index analysis
 - The most up to date action plan and updates on activities.
39. The NIP action plan is structured under the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan. The agreed priorities 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;
40. The action plan will continue to be refreshed by the MAP Partnership and reported regularly to the Area Committee and ward meetings.

Area Committee Forward Plan

41. 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 3 to this report.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

42. 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

43. The Wellbeing 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 Wellbeing Fund which ensures best use of the funding.

Conclusions

44. The Area Delivery Plan sets out the key actions for 2008 - 2011 for Outer North East Leeds. Projects meeting the objectives of the Plan are funded through the Wellbeing Fund. This report provides members with an update on progress in implementing the actions contained within the ADP.

Recommendations

45. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and approve the draft Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.

Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and Functions 20010/11; Neighbourhood Index of Deprivation; Ward and area profiles