



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 6th December 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 on progress on the actions in the 2008-11 Outer North East Area Delivery Plan (ADP), including activity in the Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

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 reviews the work in the area since the last update to the Area Committee in September 2010 bringing to the Members' attention progress made on the ADP promises.

Background Information

2. The ADP for 2008/9 – 2010/11 has been developed following the headings contained within the current Vision for Leeds document. 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 and the latest version was endorsed by the Area Committee at the March 2010 Area Committee meeting.
 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 Area Management office.

Updates

Culture

5. The Culture ADP strategic theme aims to provide sporting and cultural activities in local venues and encourage the whole community to participate in such activities. At the same time, providing constructive and attractive projects diverts young people away from anti-social behaviour and helps them develop skills and interests.
6. The partners working in Alwoodley ward have identified multigenerational relationships as a particular issue. This is not necessarily an antisocial behaviour problem but a clash of lifestyles problem, with young people congregating around Cranmer Bank shops and older people feeling intimidated while using the shops. The PCSO's frequent the area and provide reassurance to residents. However, to achieve more positive results, it has been felt beneficial to provide more activities in which all generations could participate. With this aim in mind, two new free initiatives funded through the Big Lottery Fund were established. Alwoodley Community Orchestra and Alwoodley Community Choir met for the first time on 6th October. The membership is open to all ages and so far, the response from the local community has been encouraging. Further information on the projects will be provided to the Area Committee and at the Alwoodley ward meetings, as they develop.
7. Additional October half term activities were available at Scott Hall leisure centre. These included swimming lessons, water polo, giant water inflatables, go karting, soft play, team games, sports taster sessions, racket games, etc. The sessions were designed to appeal to the whole family – from under 4 year olds to adults.
8. The Activity Fund supports children on free school meals and otherwise vulnerable so that they can access activities they may otherwise have difficulties participating in; be it because of cost, lack of kit or equipment, problems getting there or for any other reason. In Alwoodley children can

access free football coaching, tennis and badminton training. All these sessions will be available until December 2010. In Wetherby and Harewood, too, the Activity Fund totalling close to £1,000 enabled children referred by head teachers and other partners to benefit from after school and holiday activities.

9. In preparation for the festive season, Northcall Community Centre held auditions for a community pantomime - "Aladdin". The response from the local community was very positive and invitations to the show will be sent out when available.
10. Moor Allerton Library held a free 60 minute drumming workshop "Drums a-go-go". It was ideally suited for families with children aged 6+ and male family members were particularly encouraged to take part.
11. In Wetherby, young people from Barleyfields Youth Centre have been taking part in radio workshops, producing their own radio broadcasts. They were guided and supported by the staff from a community radio station, Radio Tempo. Radio Tempo has just got a 5 year extension of their Ofcom broadcasting licence and has been working in partnership with the youth services since 2008. Young people get an opportunity to take part in accredited training alongside having fun.
12. In addition to work in youth centres, schools and village halls, mobile youth work provision continues to be run by the Youth Services in Collingham, Scholes, Barwick, Bramham and Boston Spa.

Learning

13. Local libraries endeavour to be a part of their community and encourage residents to make full use of their facilities. Moor Allerton library held a bargain book sale on 23rd and 24th October. The sale was well attended by the local residents. Wetherby library holds regular story time and rhyme time sessions for pre-school children and their parents / carers.
14. Parents in Outer North East Leeds are being helped with their childcare problems by Kids'Cope. Drop in sessions offer advice and training on issues affecting children and young people aged 0 -19. Professionals such as a Parent Support Adviser, School Nurse, Educational Psychologist, Special Needs Co-coordinator and others as required provide help with problems of learning, behaviour, child development, communication, eating and sleeping.
15. October half term saw a free playscheme offered at Northcall with priority given to residents living on the Cranmer, Lingfield, Fir Tree and Queenshill estates. It was well attended and enjoyed by both children and parents.
16. Northcall are also hosting another free initiative. It is Dizzy Digits – number sessions for 5 – 11 year olds. It is hoped that this fun approach to mathematics will increase future academic achievement of participating

children.

17. As a corporate parent, Leeds City Council has responsibility for safeguarding of vulnerable children and to ensure that its staff are adequately trained. A bespoke Common Assessment Framework (CAF) course has been organised for professionals in East North East Leeds. There are two sessions - on 16.11.10 and 9.12.10 and the aim is to equip people with skills to make and record good assessments. It is both, a refresher for those who have not done an assessment for a while as well as training for practitioners new to CAF.

Transport

18. The experimental parking surface on Sandringham Drive in Alwoodley ward has now been completed. This pilot scheme is paid for by the Highways department to test out a new technology which allows grass to grow through synthetic matting and as such preserves grass verges. The results of the pilot are a little disappointing. It may be that the volume of parked cars has, so far, prevented grass from re-growing. The Area Management Team and the Highways colleagues will continue to monitor the situation.
19. In Harewood ward, Area Management and Highways officers are working to address parking problems outside Nissa store on Rakehill Road. Single yellow line with unloading restrictions is being considered. A consultation with local trades is in progress.
20. Parking problems at school dropping off and picking up times have been recorded in places throughout Outer North East Leeds. As a result, a need for school green travel plans for pupils and teachers has been identified. The PCSO's have recently been working with the schools in the area to reinforce the message of illegal and irresponsible parking outside schools, namely on the yellow 'Zig Zag' markings that are put on the road to protect children. In Thorner village, a letter has been sent out by PCSO's and the local primary school to act as a reminder about responsible parking around the school, as several tickets have now been issued to offenders. Scholes Primary School is currently working with children on the school council to produce a letter and a poster, which will be sent out to all the parents as well as other local residents, promoting the virtues of safe and sensible parking in the vicinity of the school. Several warnings have already been issued and fixed penalty tickets will follow.
21. Highways Department are working with the ward and parish councillors to improve parking and road safety in the area. In Wetherby Nags Lane one way road safety scheme has been implemented and an additional parking bay has been created on Horsefair.
22. Further parking and road safety issues in Wetherby are being progressed through ward member meetings. A zebra crossing proposal outside Barleyfields Walk may be dropped in favour of more informal measures

but a second crossing is to be installed between Sainsbury and Crossley Street Primary school.

Environment

23. Work is continuing on the development of allotments on High Ash Drive where efforts are being made to resolve access issues. Additionally, Alwoodley Allotments Association has been formed in response to the documented shortage of allotments in Leeds as a whole and consequent long waiting lists for free allotments. The Association has ambitious plans to develop 50 – 60 new plots. A number of prospective sites are currently being examined. Further updates will be provided to the Area Committee at future meetings.
24. In Alwoodley ward meetings a lot of work has been put in to develop proposals for the use of section 106 funding. As a result, a decision has been made to provide access controls to Alwoodley recreation ground. The Crag Lane play ground will be totally repainted, 3 pieces of equipment will be exchanged for new, modern pieces and an additional slide will be installed. This investment, of around £30,000, will complement the Parish Council's intention to fund 5 sets of picnic tables and seats. Improvements to Osprey Wood, totalling around £15,000 will include:
 - Installation of 6 pedestrian only access A frames;
 - Resurfacing of woodland footpaths;
 - Minor drainage work to flooding paths;
 - Erection of railings to prevent vehicle and motor bike trespass;
 - Seats and litter bins.
25. Outer North East villages have a long and successful history of participation in the annual In Bloom competition. The Area Management Team is working with the Highways department to ensure a smooth street light replacement programme, making sure appropriate columns are being installed (capable of holding hanging baskets, adequately painted and embellished).
26. Tasking teams and Operation Champion continue to tackle grime issues in the locality. To give but one example - fly tipping on the Lingfield Pub site in Alwoodley has been removed and the site is now being secured.
27. The work of the Community Planner assists the parish councils with advice and planning guidance. Alongside the regular involvement with planning enquiries and support to ward and parish councillors, preparations have started to organise a planning conference later on in the Spring 2011. A full report on the work of the Community Planner is to be debated separately at this committee meeting.

Health and Wellbeing

28. Statistically, Outer North East Leeds' health indicators are above city average. However, there are pockets of need dotted throughout the locality and consultation with families attending Children Centres has

established a requirement for first aid courses, nutrition and childcare. A programme of courses has now been developed and they are being run locally from the centres. The courses are also available to child minders who will benefit from local provision instead of having to travel to the city centre.

29. In Wetherby, Up Front Health Drop-In sessions are run at the local sixth form centre. The aim of the project is to inform young people about various health issues relevant to them in an environment appropriate to their needs.
30. Seasonal health issues such as winter warmth, have been explored at events at Open Door and Northcall. These have been aimed at older and vulnerable people and provided information on funding and other types and sources of support available. For instance, Care and Repair have given advice on better home insulation along with tips on how to keep warm. The events provided an opportunity to have blood pressure and diabetic checks, receive benefits advice as well as getting involved in health walks and line dancing as accessible forms of exercise.
31. An installation of free solar panels by Fuelsavers has also been promoted through a number of professional and community networks. At the same time, a briefing session on Health through Warmth has been organised to raise the awareness of front line workers of the potential problems faced by residents.
32. In Boston Spa healthy lifestyles are being promoted. Two 12 week courses are targeted at young people with self-esteem and anger management problems.

Thriving Places

33. Local Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) continue to work with partners (housing agencies, youth services, area management, voluntary sector organisations, extended services and others) through 6-weekly tasking meetings. There are two tasking teams in Outer North East Leeds area; one covering Wetherby and Harewood wards and the other covering Alwoodley ward. The local policing priorities are established through intelligence, analysis of statistics and public consultation.
34. The priorities in eastern villages (Walton to Bramham) are: the main priorities for Boston Spa - speeding through High Street and Primrose Lane; for Bramham - anti-social behaviour on Freely Fields and for Walton - speeding through the village.

35. In order to reinforce the road safety message PCSO Becky Jackson has been out in Bardsey with SID – speed indicating devise, which is radar activated and able to detect the speed of approaching vehicles. In one hour 8 cars have been found to exceed the speed limit. In this instance, drivers have been sent warning letters but on subsequent occasions they can get fined and have points on their licence.



36. The ADP promise to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour requires partners to work together to deal with a number of young people in conflict with the law and behaving inappropriately:
- A young man riding his off-road motorbike dangerously has been apprehended and is due to appear in front of magistrates at Juvenile Court.
 - A quantity of alcohol has been ceased from local youngsters and poured down the drain in Wetherby police station.
 - Wetherby traders can feel a sense of relief after a prolific shoplifter has been arrested and charged with theft. He appeared at Leeds Magistrates Court in mid November.

However, work with young people does not produce just a punitive response. A detached project in partnership with the Salvation Army aims to support and encourage young people in Wetherby to take part in locally available activities, thus channelling their energy into something more organised and constructive.

37. Southern villages (Thorner to Aberford) have established the following priorities: Aberford to Scholes - to bring poaching offenders to justice on local farms; Barwick - to tackle speeding through the village as well as anti-social behaviour calls; Aberford – to help residents reduce the number of thefts from sheds and outhouses. Particularly, thefts of high price bicycles have seen an increase recently. This has prompted the police to provide advice to the public on security measures available to them.
38. Western villages (Linton to Shadwell) again, concentrated their efforts on road safety issues. Additionally, in preparation for the festive season children in the area looked at home security. East Keswick Brownies worked with the local community policing team learning about security marking and how it can prevent burglaries. The mini detectives were each given an ultra violet pen to mark their belongings when they got home. They also took part in a competition to design a poster on the theme of “Beat the Burglar”.

Below are the 3 winning posters.



39. In Alwoodley, the community safety priorities included the need to detect and reduce burglaries, theft from vehicles (particularly on the golf course estates off Nursery Lane) and to tackle anti-social behaviour and drug dealing around the Cranmer Bank shops and nearby ginnels. As a result, there has been an increase in policing patrols in the area. High Ash Drive, local allotments and Fir Tree Approach have also been targeted in a bid further to reduce crime.
40. The efforts of all partners to affect the levels of anti-social behaviour have resulted in a regular slot on Radio J Com discussing local policing and the work of the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT). Additionally, police and a dedicated anti-social behaviour officer are meeting with the East North East Homes Leeds and the youth service colleagues to progress the identification of young people who do or may in the future exhibit anti-social behaviour. An action plan is being produced for each individual alongside a home visit. It is hoped that gaining support from parents or carers and providing additional support to the family may improve the young people's behaviour.
41. Alwoodley Extended Services and the use of Activities Fund effectively to target and support disadvantaged young people is also helping in diverting children from anti-social behaviour to the many activities on offer. On 13th October a monitoring visit to assess the quality of Alwoodley Extended Services judged it to have "Excellent Practice". It will be recommended to the Extended Services Partnership Board that the next allocation of funding be released to the Alwoodley Cluster.

Harmonious Communities

42. The ADP pledges relating to Harmonious Communities strategic theme concentrate on involvement of communities in the decision making process, involvement and participation in community life, support (including financial) to local groups, Parish Councils and resident organisations as well as developing use of local facilities and amenities. This is a promise shared by all partners.
43. One of the Area Committee delegated functions is community engagement and consultation. Outer North East Area Committee has produced its Area Delivery Plan for 2010-11 and a public friendly version of it, in a consultation process with local people and organisations, including parish councils. During the current municipal year a similar process is being carried out in order to prepare for 2011-12 ADP. Appendix 1 shows a summary of activity

so far and consultation results already recorded. The aim is to make sure that a representative sample of population in all parts of Outer North East Leeds, including hard to reach groups, is targeted. Taking into account the large geographical area and travel constraints, number of scattered communities and difficulty with organising large scale events, it has been judged more productive to make use of existing meetings and activities and go to where people already congregate instead of calling additional meetings. In this way, officers can make sure people who do not readily attend meetings are given an opportunity to contribute. The consultation calendar is still being developed and Members will be advised on its expansion.

44. Wellbeing budget continues to be used to support local projects and both, small grants and Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) funding are available to community and resident groups to support their work. Area Management Team work with local organisations to access other, external sources of funding.
45. Collingham Junior Football Club has recently received POCA funding to purchase a football strip for the team which includes both girls and boys.
46. The Area Management Team continue to support Town and Parish Council Forum in accordance with the Town and Parish Council Charter. At the last meeting Area Management officers conducted a consultation exercise to help develop priorities for the 2011-12 ADP. The initial results can be found in appendix 1.
47. The Area Management Team work closely with local residents to improve the conditions and use of community facilities. There are only two LCC community centres in the locality but village and church halls are also available. Work is currently in progress to increase the use of Tree Tops.

Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood

48. 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.
49. At its meeting on 5th July 2010, the Area Committee resolved to support the development of a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) 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.

50. 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.
51. 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;
52. The action plan will continue to be refreshed by the MAP Partnership and reported regularly to the Area Committee and ward meetings. The updated plan is presented in appendix 2.

Area Committee Forward Plan

53. 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

54. 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

55. 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

56. 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

57. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and Functions 20010/11

Neighbourhood Index of Deprivation

Ward and area profiles