



Report of : Director of Environments & Neighbourhoods

Area Committee : Inner North East

Date: January 2011

Subject: Priority Neighbourhoods – Progress Report and Action Plans for 2010/11

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Chapel Allerton Moortown</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
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Executive Summary

This report provides the Area Committee with a quarterly update on activity/actions in the agreed priority neighbourhoods within the Inner North East area.

The report also provides fully updated action plans for the Chapeltown/Scott Hall and Meanwood priority neighbourhoods indicating how actions are being developed and delivered to address the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priorities.

Purpose of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Area Committee with:
 - a) a quarterly update of partnership actions and activity in the three Inner NE priority neighbourhoods and identification of key activities.
 - b) Identify the priorities for the next quarter in each neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Improvement Action Plans for 2010/11

2. Provided in appendix A are the current 2010/11 Neighbourhood Improvement Action Plans for the Chapeltown/Scott Hall and Meanwood priority neighbourhoods. The Area Committee is asked to note the progress being made and advise on where it feels greater progress should be being made.
3. The Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) has an existing Action Plan in place which will be reviewed and incorporated into a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan in line with the other priority neighbourhoods. A full NIP is being developed for this area and a draft of this is attached to this report.

Quarterly Progress Report (October – December 2010)

Chapeltown and Scott Hall Priority Neighbourhood

4. Key activity in the last quarter and planned for the next quarter:
 - **Supporting Young People** – There are some significant developments that have taken place in the last quarter, notably through the Gang Reduction group for Chapeltown. A great deal of work went into the Bonfire Night provision from LCC Area Management, Positive action for Young Peoeple (PAYP), Youth Services and other local partners and although take up on the end event was disappointing it still helped reduce issues from the previous year.
 - **Preventative Tasking** – Agreement has been made to start these meetings in Chapeltown and the initial will take place in the end of January (date still to be confirmed).
 - **Environmental Improvements** – The Empty Shop Fund project is ongoing although there have been delays in getting a third party to act as signatory for the funding bid for the mosaic feature for the wall. The funding is in place for banners to be put up advertising a positive message of Chapeltown, Turning the Corner Project will be working with Young people to artistically paint the shutters on the Barnados building on Chapeltown Road and two shop frontages have been painted and more are anticipated for January weather permitting. In addition enforcement action has been taken against two of the major eye sores on Chapeltown Road - the Jyoti shop and the Mobile site. It is anticipated that legal action will be taken against both unless they agree to significantly improve their properties. There was also a great deal of environmental work including two multi agency clean ups and inspections undertaken in identified areas within Chapeltown in the run up to bonfire night which were very positively received.

- **Worklessness** – LCC Jobs and Skills staff have had an excellent response since the Reginald Centre opened with nearly 1,000 people visiting the provision and 275 new clients signing on to services from this. This has led to 14 new job outcomes, referrals to Sharing the Success (of which 3 are in the process of starting new businesses), 8 people have started construction related training and 20 have been referred to local ESOL provision to assist with their employment prospects. They are also developing support for CYDC who are working with a group who are mainly workless and poorly skilled from Chapeltown to provide an additional weekly surgery based at Mandela Centre working with this hard to reach group. Jobs and Skills are developing links with ENEHL to link to their sign up and annual tenancy visits promote the Reginald Centre provision and increase the numbers even more. In addition, funding for a local Employment and Training Outreach worker was approved at Unity Board meeting in October 2010 and recruitment started in January 2011.

Meanwood Priority Neighbourhood

5. Key activity in the last quarter and planned for the next quarter:

- **Environmental Issues** – This has largely continued to improve with sustained enforcement action from LCC Environmental Action Team (EAT) taking place over the last quarter helping alongside ENEHL who have been very active in improving the estate's appearance. Funding for the three recycling sites has also been confirmed (from Area Committee and ENE Homes Area Panel) and the plan is for these to be completed in the Beckhill estate in January 2011 following a delay in work due to the severe weather in December. Phase 1 of the work at the Bandstand allotments has been completed and has significantly improved these.
- **17-21 Beckhill Avenue** – A concerted effort from the NETWORKS cluster team alongside LCC AMT and ENEHL has resulted in this property being now ready for groups to start working out of. There is still some agreements that need to be reached, not least agreement over rental and lease agreements to be drafted but it is anticipated for work to start from this building very early in the new year. The proposal is that services from this building will include debt management, youth working, Police and housing services and health and wellbeing activities. It is hoped that over time other partners will agree to come on board.
- **Community Safety** – Operation Bewhisker, a partnership operation run alongside the ward ASB meeting, has been reviewed and slightly refocused (and is now called Operation Bowfin). This has been recognised citywide as a good example of partnership working to improve public confidence and target perpetrators of ASB in a locality. This has resulted in a number of ASBO's, ASBO warnings and threats of possession of council property taking place. It is planned to continue the operation for a further 6 months with greater enforcement action, better promotion of the work being done to local people and to further improve public confidence.
- **Health and Wellbeing** – The Health and Wellbeing group for Meanwood is being re-launched in February to tackle the identified priorities within this area as the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan. It has been confirmed that the major cause of the significant issue with Cancer Mortality relates to smoking so the

push will be to work with partners promoting smoke free homes, work with retailers to start a conversation with them about how they advertise cigarettes and training for front line staff in awareness raising and promotion of the local smoking cessation classes.

- **Stonegate Estate Activities**_ A new group has been developed to help tackle the issues around this estate within Meanwood - in particular issues relating to crime, ASB and environmental issues. A number of estate walkabouts have taken place and some actions have already started with more anticipated as information is shared between key partners. There has been ginnel clearing and green space improvements undertaken in identified alleys by the area's Probation Services Community Payback Team (paid for by Area Committee) and an agreement between RSLs to pool funding and pay for Community Payback to repair and repaint the wooden fencing in across the estate. A number of hot spots have been identified as requiring additional works to improve visibility and public confidence and works have started to improve these including Leeds Federated Homes reducing the canopy on their trees in the Stainbeck Green area of the estate. Information is now being shared regularly between RSL, Police and Council and a survey of the estate identifying key concerns and obtaining information will take place in January 2011.

In the last twelve months the push in this area has been around the visible and immediate issues of crime, ASB and environmental concerns and significant inroads have been made here. The next twelve months will look to improve partnership activity taking place around School attendance and also embed the Team neighbourhood approach now that public confidence and perception is improving.

Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood

6. A copy of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for the Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood is attached at appendix 3 for information. Work is ongoing to focus more partnership actions in the Queenshills part of the priority neighbourhood and these will be reported as work progresses. Key projects delivered over the past quarter include:
 - Funding left from the cage football project is to be used to encourage young people on the Queenshills to engage in sport, either through a one off event or continuous programme. Next steps to be developed in conjunction with partners.
 - Fencing put up around Highwoods to reduce crime and fly tipping in the area and probation team worked with Friends of Highwoods to clear the area of rubbish.

Recommendations

7. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - (a) note the progress made in each of the three priority neighbourhoods in the quarter covering October 2010 to December 2010

Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and functions 2010/11
Priority Neighbourhoods Report March 2010