

Indicative proposals for 2011/12 for Middleton Regeneration Partnership work and Neighbourhood Improvement work in Belle Isle

Introduction

The overall purpose of this work is to improve the quality of life of local communities in both Middleton and Belle Isle, by increasing the numbers of active citizens in local neighbourhood initiatives and improving the effectiveness and efficiency of local services. The work to date in Middleton has begun to deliver real improvements by bringing together the efforts of local community organisations, ward councillors, area management and the various service agencies. For example, as a direct result of more integrated and coordinated services around holiday activities, young people in Middleton now have access to a wide and varied menu of out of school activities in a variety of community settings.

Below is an indicative proposal for continued work in Middleton and work in Belle Isle in 2011/12.

Middleton – outline proposals for 2011/12

The detailed programme of events and activities will emerge from a more comprehensive discussion with the Partnership, local ward councillors and the Council's Area Management Team.

- Continued support to the Middleton Regeneration Partnership Board including developing the partnership's forward plan to achieve a better quality of life for residents in Middleton.
- Community participation and capacity building including work with the established Middleton community groups to develop skills and confidence allowing them to better influence the area's regeneration as well as taking more ownership, for projects in the locality, creating a sense of 'self reliance' and pride in their neighbourhood.
- Approaches such as "Middleton Bright Ideas" (participatory budgeting) are supported
- Developing the community network, raising levels of engagement. This includes developing sustainable community events such as A Gala, Christmas activities and the community calendar
- Developing a coordinated Communications and marketing programme of activity.

- Monitoring and developing the Middleton regeneration strategy encompassing reporting to the partnership board and, where appropriate to Area Committee. This work combines assessment of progress on the main local priorities and reviewing the strategy to incorporate new ideas and approaches as they arise

Belle Isle – outline proposals for 2011/12

As yet Belle Isle does not have an established community partnership (although the efforts of the Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation – BITMO – provide a sound basis for partnership development) and re’new proposes to build on the early work undertaken during 2010/11. This work is aimed at mapping service delivery in the area and at beginning to identify the main local challenges and emerging priorities. The main proposals for Belle Isle are:

- Supporting the development of a multi-agency partnership encompassing local ward councillors, BITMO, Area Management, key council services, community safety and health
- Establishing the key working relationships needed to make partnership working effective and to promote commitment to the area’s regeneration among these individuals and their agencies
- Developing a vision and strategy for the community covering social action, tasking and community engagement. While this strategy development will draw on re’new’s experience in Middleton, it is essential that the proposals are owned locally by the main partners as well as the community
- Working alongside BITMO and Health for All (HfA), re’new proposes to support the development of a sustainable approach to community engagement. A key element of this activity lies in the development of community capacity through, for example, establishing and promoting community groups within the different quarters of Belle Isle.

Options for consideration – Indicative costs

Options	Cost	Days allocated
Option 1	£26400*	3 days Currently our work is 3 days allocated in Middleton
Option 2	£26950*	3.5 days This would allow under current arrangements an additional ½ day to carry out the work required in Belle Isle. There is the

		opportunity to split the 3.5 days between the two neighbourhoods.
Option 3	£30800*	4 days Provide the opportunity to have 2 days spent in each neighbourhood or as required (totalling 4 days)

*Please note that these are not the total project costs for each option and do not cover the total costs incurred for each option. re'new are willing to meet the additional costs incurred from other sources. Full project cost breakdowns will be available with the full application.