

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner North East Area Committee

Date: 17th October 2011

Subject: Priority Neighbourhood Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton and Moortown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. To provide an update to the committee on the progress and action being undertaken by the Neighbourhood manager in the priority neighbourhoods within the Inner NE Area.
2. To provide an update on any positive and negative issues that have arisen in these neighbourhoods in the last three months.
3. Provide the committee with feedback and identify any significant pieces of work which are progressing or issues which need the committee to consider to support this work.

Recommendations

4. That the committee note the progress to date and the updates to the action plans in the appendix.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The aim of this report is to update the committee on progress and projects taking place within the priority neighbourhoods in Inner NE and the work that is taking place.
- 1.2 It is further the aim of this report to provide a refreshed Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP's) for the priority neighbourhoods and allow the committee to comment and examine these plans.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Improvement Plans were agreed at the Inner NE Area Committee Meeting in June 2011.
- 2.2 This paper forms one of the agreed updates to be provided to this committee throughout the annual cycle.

3 Main issues

3.1 Neighbourhood Management key achievements

- The Challenge and Support group who have been developed in partnership with Childrens Services, School Clusters and West Yorkshire Police are nearing full development in the Chapel Allerton and Stonegate areas. New partners have been invited to attend and have come forward including representatives from Carr Manor High School, Childrens Social Services, Positive Activities for Young People, Childrens Centres and IGEN. In addition links have been developed with Signpost, the DV and Hate Crime MARAC and the cluster attendance and NEET action plans. This has brought about a reduction of ASB in the Meanwood area of nearly 50% over the last twelve months and has seen a large increase in community confidence in local agencies. It is intended to bring a more detailed paper on this work to the next committee meeting.
- In Meanwood the Beckhill House continues to develop and there are a range of partners using this facility including Leeds Youth Services, Connexions, School Clusters, ENEHL and local VCS delivery partners amongst others. In particular the Youth Club has started to progress rapidly on Friday nights and is showing very positive signs. There remains a gap in provision around employment and skills for adults in the community which is difficult to identify an opportunity to resolve given the financial uncertainty within Employment and Skills and the gap in delivery while the DWP Work Programme is rolled out at a local level. This remains an unresolved issue. Environmental and Community safety work in the Stonegates area has mirrored the early approaches taken in Chapel Allerton and has seen a reduction in ASB and an increase in community confidence in this area. This is likely to be further increased following the recent eviction from a property on the estate and the publicity which will send a suitable message to the estate as a whole. There has been a NEET Sweep of the Meanwood area completed and the new Connexions service based at the Beckhill House promises to show improvements as will linking this work to other delivery partners through 'Challenge and Support'. There has been continued work and advertisement around the

Environmental Services although there has since been a reduction in the quality of the service in this area which is being monitored and addressed through interventions by partners. The alley gating project on Beckhill Approach has also been completed and a detailed analysis of the impact of this will be undertaken during the next 6 months. It is also noticeable about how much youth and family provision is being offered in this area and how much this has improved over the last couple of years. This summer saw a full six week programme of activity (which is in the process of being evaluated) with partners reporting positively on the uptake and popularity of these provisions.

- Chapeltown has seen a difficult summer with some negative issues, in particular the troubles following the shooting in August and some small scale disturbances that took place due to a local heightening of community tensions. Given this however that has been some positive outcomes. From a local partnership perspective, the environmental works following the disturbances and both pre and post carnival involved the full range of local agencies and were exceptional both in the effectiveness and in the community impact of seeing such a rapid response. This was noted and evidenced through positive comments and compliments received from the local community. It was also noticeable how the local partners, (Streetscene, Police, ENEHL, EAT, Probation all saw the joint necessity of the work and linked together extremely effectively under the coordination of the Neighbourhood Manager, this could be considered Team Neighbourhood in action. There have also been a series of community meetings looking at linking together the Harehills and Chapeltown communities more effectively in the future and this project is already showing significant promise. In other work the Groundwork empty shop unit painting has been completed and the consultation for the ceramic wok on Chapeltown Road completed, the Mobile site has seen significant improvement and works have started on rebuilding the Jyoti shop unit which has been derelict for over 10 years. There has been a series of successful CAB and LCC work done around benefits checks at the Reginald Centre and on the first of these 60% of people attending were actually found to be under claiming. These are now running monthly from the Reginald centre. The Uhuru Project between CYDC and Employment and Skills is starting to show promise with several of those engaged starting to use the Reginald Centre although still the soft outcomes around aspirations are the majority of successes. The Job Shop continues to work well with over 26 successful job outcomes in June 2011 alone. In addition, following the tragic death of a child in a car accident, the local partners including the ENE AMT but also, the school clusters, Police and Parks and Countryside worked alongside the ward members and community to run a celebration event for her. Over 1500 people attended this and proved a huge success and improved links between the community and local agencies and staff.

3.2 Team Neighbourhood Update

- In Meanwood the Team Neighbourhood model is starting to complete, there is a effective and popular management team in place (BIG), preventative tasking (through challenge and support) , Health and Wellbeing Tasking and have started to gather names for the Community Leadership Team in this area. It was hoped that we would also have a new Tenant and Residents group for the area but this has been delayed. We are also looking to develop a team extranet for this area in

partnership with the local school cluster and the management team (and eventually the CLT). This is in its early stages however it is hoped to be in a position to report back positively on this early in the new year.

- In Chapeltown there has been progress but in truth the summers issues has created delays. There has been an initial management meeting and further are scheduled in, preventative tasking (again through Challenge and Support) is in place, health Tasking (Chapeltown Health and Wellbeing group) is also in place and developing, but given the community tensions and meetings the CLT has been delayed to ensure that it did not create any confusion. This has now been resolved and it is anticipated that a further meeting of this group can be scheduled in for October, possibly with a Community safety focus in the run up to Bonfire Night and darker nights.

3.3 Overall there have been some significant improvements in working practises which have been developed and are being implemented in this area. In particular the work in the Stonegate estate which was visited recently by the Chief Constable who has recommended that the team approach in place to tackle issues of crime and ASB is something he would like to recommend to other areas of West Yorkshire. In addition, the Challenge and Support approach highlighted above is one which is starting to show promise and some case studies will be examined and highlighted as part of an initial evaluation.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Consultation and engagement for this process is completed through the Community leadership Teams in development, attendance and consultation through community groups and through the BIG group in Meanwood.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 Equality and Diversity are monitored through the NIP's and in identifying inequalities and looking to resolve these, this information forms a crucial part of all work in priority neighbourhoods.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The work links directly to overall city wide plans through the Vision for Leeds.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 This project looks to better integrate and streamline existing resources creating an integrated approach to issues with associated improvements in value for money.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 The decisions made in relation to this post (given the Well Being funding and delegated function) are subject to call in

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Not applicable in this instance.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The approach being taken in both of these priority neighbourhoods is working and progress is being made. In particular, the work in Meanwood is proving successful and popular with both residents and partners.

6 Recommendations

6.1 That the committee note the contents of this report and the updated NIP's in the appendices.

7 Background documents

7.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12

7.2 Chapeltown and Scott Hall NIP

7.3 Meanwood NIP

7.4 Moor Allerton NIP