

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner North East Area Committee

Date: 12th December 2011

Subject: Area Update Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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. The report also provides Members with an update on progress made in relation to priorities set out in the area committee business plan.
2. An update on community engagement plans to feed into the priority setting for the 2012/13 area committee business plan.

Recommendations

3. That members note the content of the report and progress made to deliver the priorities set out in the Area Committee Business Plan and community engagement plan.

1 Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update in relation to the priorities set out in the Area Committee Business Plan and the progress made.
- 1.2 The report also provides members with an outline of the proposed community engagement activities to feed into the priority setting for the 2012/13 business plan.

2 Background Information

- 2.1 At the June 2011 Area Committee meeting the Delegates Roles and Functions of the Area Committee were presented along with a forward work programme detailing how the roles and responsibilities would be discharged and action taken during 2011/12.
- 2.2 A draft Area Committee Business Plan was presented to the Area Committee in October 2011 and approved by the Committee. This included information on the priorities for 2011/12 and set out the format for reporting action taken against each of the priorities, along with information on when updates could be expected to be presented to the Area Committee.
- 2.3 The Area Committee Business Plan provides a complete set of papers relating to the area, which will be refreshed annually. The refreshed document for 2012/13 will be presented to the Area Committee for approval in March 2012. The priorities will be informed by consultation with the local community along with statistical data and local intelligence, a draft set of refreshed priorities will be presented to the Area Committee in January 2012 for consideration and approval.

3 Main Issues

Area Update:

- 3.1 The priorities for action for the inner north east area were approved by the Area Committee in March 2011 and these have been produced in a forward facing Community Charter and shared with partners and distributed in the local area.
- 3.2 Through the work of the Area Management Team and the various partners in the area projects have been developed to address the agreed priorities. Details of action taken and ongoing projects is provided at Appendix 1. Work continues to develop further actions to address the identified priorities and progress will be reported on a regular basis to the Area Committee as set out in the forward plan.
- 3.3 In addition to the Charter there are action plans for the priority neighbourhoods in the inner north east, these were approved at the June Area Committee meeting and an update report provided at the October Area Committee meeting. A further update report on the priority neighbourhoods will be provided to the January 2012 Area Committee meeting.

- 3.4 Some of the **key achievements** made in relation to the priorities include;
- 3.4.1 The Oakwood Village Caretaker position has been advertised and interviewed for, this position has been created to provide additional environmental type work in the Oakwood area such as litter picking, gritting, snow clearance, cleaning of bollards etc. The project is a pilot for twelve months and is anticipated to compliment the Environmental Services SLA and further enhance the local area.
 - 3.4.2 Festive lights have provided a focus and enhancement across all of the wards in the inner north east, with switch on events being held in Chapel Allerton, Meanwood and Moortown Corner along with a carol service around the Christmas tree in Oakwood. All events were well attended by local residents with approximately 500 being in attendance for the festivities in Chapel Allerton. The events helped to promote the local economy and local businesses with shops in Chapel Allerton taking full advantage by opening late. Events were sponsored by local businesses and community groups.
 - 3.4.3 A more coordinated approach to delivering activities for young people during school holidays has been seen as a high priority for the Area Committee. To address this work has been ongoing with partners to move to a commissioned approach with the funding from Well Being Fund, Extended Services Activities Fund and ENEHL Area panel funding being pooled to provide additional resources. A workshop session with providers has been held with the process, documentation and deadlines for activities from Summer 2012 onwards.
 - 3.4.4 The workshop was very positive with groups immediately identifying how they could work together to deliver activities for young people and compliment their existing provision.
 - 3.4.5 Across the Chapeltown and Harehills priority neighbourhoods the neighbourhood index statistics are showing that there are improvements being made across domains, a more in depth update with specific examples will be provided on the priority neighbourhoods to the January Area Committee meeting.
 - 3.4.6 Meanwood 'local stop smoking champion work' is developing and the NESTA (National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) bid demonstration site at Meanwood will assist people living with long term conditions to self manage, including lifestyle advice and improved access to lifestyle services.
 - 3.4.7 Priorities needing focus to deliver actions over the coming period include working with local businesses to support the local economy and building and strengthening links within the private sector to enable this to happen.

Community Engagement

- 3.5 The community engagement strategy was approved by the Area Committee in March 2011 which set out the type of community engagement activity to be undertaken during the year in the area.

- 3.6 A core element of the strategy is to work better with what is already out there. This includes where groups of residents are already being brought together either as part of an association, resident network or by a particular organisation/service as a user or advisory group.
- 3.7 Moving in to the Autumn period there is a need to begin consulting with partners and the local community to begin to gather views to enable priorities for the coming year to be set.
- 3.8 There is an increasing pressure to ensure that we are being as cost effective as possible in the delivery of services and by ensuring that we are doing more with the groups and channels which already exist in the area it is seen that more outputs and outcomes may be achieved.
- 3.9 It is therefore suggested that during the course of the year the groups and meetings highlighted in appendix 2 are approached to take part feeding in to the consultation process. It is not envisaged that all groups will be engaged on every occasion, but a cross section from each theme heading. During the course of the year all groups in the suggested table will have been involved in some part of the process, with all receiving an update on the outcomes of their input.
- 3.10 To gather the priorities to feed into the Business Plan it is proposed that during the Autumn period area management staff will carry out the following in accordance with the agreed engagement strategy:
- Attendance at community group meetings (selected from the suggested groups in appendix 2)
 - Questionnaire/Survey to groups and organisations in local area
 - Questionnaire on Talking Point for community to access
 - Service providers and partner meetings to assess priorities.
- 3.11 The City Plan priorities will be used as a basis for consulting on, seeking views on which are seen to be a priority for the inner north east, why, and if they are where this is a particular issue. Residents will also be asked if they have any suggestions for actions to address their issues. The results will feed into the Business Plan and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans as well as being shared with partners to feed into the service planning of individual services.
- 3.12 The questionnaire sent out to residents/community groups and placed on Talking Point will follow the same principle.
- 3.13 The key outcome is to enable the Area Committee to have a draft Business Plan and spending plan for Well Being Funding in place by March 2012 Area Committee, and a Community Charter prepared for distribution by July 2012.
- 3.14 Following interagency and community representative discussions it has been requested that a Chapeltown and Harehills cross ward forum be established to focus on what can be done to maintain and enhance community cohesion and compliment positive partnership working across Chapeltown and Harehills. Work is ongoing to develop this and it is anticipated that the first forum meeting will be held early in 2012.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

Community Engagement Plan

- 4.1.1 Since 2009, the Area Committee approved an annual Community Engagement Plan for the Inner North East. This was in addition to an Area Delivery Plan. As a Priority Advisory Function of the Area Committee, Community Engagement work will continue to play a key role in work undertaken in 2011/12.
- 4.1.2 The report sets out the community engagement activity and consultation which will inform the priority setting and business plan for 2012/13.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 Well Being funding is used to ensure that inequalities within the local area are addressed through local projects and schemes and equality impact assessments carried out where necessary.
- 4.2.2 The priorities identified in the Area and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans are developed with consultation with the local community and aimed at addressing the inequalities within the area.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The themes in the proposed Business Plan will mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 As outlined in the Function Schedule 2011/12, the Well Being budget delegated by Executive Board is used to finance projects which meet the needs of the Area Delivery Plan or its successor. Members of the Area Committee are keen that wherever possible the use of well being brings in additional match funding to the area.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from the Executive Board are eligible for Call In.
- 4.5.2 There are no key or major decisions included in this report.
- 4.5.3 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 Progress is being made in relation to the priorities set out in the Area Committee Community Charter and projects to deliver action will continue to address the inequalities in the area as set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 5.2 Community engagement activity to feed into the Area Committee Business Plan is set out in **Appendix 2**.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That members note the content of the report and progress made to deliver the priorities set out in the Community Charter and:
- 6.2 Note the community engagement activity plan to feed into the Area Committee Business Plan.

7 Background documents

- 7.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12