

**Report of East North East Area Leader**

**Report to Outer North East Area Committee**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**Subject: Business Plan priorities**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby	<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. This report sets out the draft priorities for the Area Committee business plan for 2012/13 together with details of how the priorities and associated actions are prepared. Following discussions with ward members it is proposed that the 2011/12 priorities are rolled forward for 2012/13 with an additional one under the 'business heading'.

**Recommendations**

2. That members agree the area committee priorities for 2012/13.

**1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report sets out the draft priorities for the Outer North East Area Committee which form part of the Area Committee's 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 Subsequently an Area Committee Business Plan has been developed which takes the forward work programme a stage further and sets out in more detail the work of the Area Committee and replaces the Area Delivery Plan.
- 2.3 The Business Plan includes the priorities for the Area Committee which are agreed on an annual basis.

### **3 Business Plan 2012**

- 3.1 The priorities for the Area Committee provided a local interpretation on the Vision for Leeds 2011-2030 which sets out the vision for Leeds to be the best city in the UK.
- 3.2 Discussions with ward members have indicated that they feel the existing priorities will be relevant for 2012/13. One additional priority has been proposed under the business section – ‘offer training and support to enable local people to access local job opportunities when they arise’. This is particularly important for the Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood where Economic Activity and Low Income are much lower than the city averages.
- 3.3 Subject to the Area Committee’s agreement, the area officer will undertake consultation with partner agencies and organisations to assess how what actions will be taken during in 2012/13 which support these priorities. The priorities are attached as appendix A to this report.
- 3.4 The priorities are prepared in consultation with ward members, officers from the council and partner agencies, town and parish councils, local residents and voluntary and community groups. It is informed by community engagement activity and partnership working which is taking place in the Outer North East area which is detailed below.
- 3.5 Alwoodley Cluster of Schools and Elmet Partnership of Schools have developed priorities for action in their area of benefit and these are reflected in the business plan. In addition to school staff, membership of the cluster leadership groups also includes representatives from Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police and the voluntary sector.
- 3.6 Tasking meetings take place six weekly for the two Neighbourhood Policing Teams covering this area – Harewood and Wetherby and Roundhay, Alwoodley, Moortown. They are attended by representatives from the council, West Yorkshire Police, East North East Leeds Homes and Aire Valley Homes. Those officers attending work closely with the local communities they serve and have a good knowledge and understanding of the area and its issues.
- 3.7 West Yorkshire Police run PACT meetings (police and communities together) which offer the public the opportunity to raise issues of concern with their neighbourhood policing team. In the Harewood and Wetherby NPT area, these are run in conjunction with Town and Parish Council meetings.
- 3.8 Meetings with ward members take place on a regular basis which offer the opportunity to discuss issues concerning local communities; Depending on the issues

being discussed these meetings may involve officers from the council, partner agencies, and representatives from the community.

- 3.9 Wetherby & Harewood Town and parish council forum meetings are held four times per year to enable Town and Parish Councillors to come together to discuss mutual issues of concern and interest. Agenda items over the past year have Wetherby Childrens Centre, Planning, Dog Orders, Healthy Lifestyles, Localism, Participatory Budgeting, Digital switchover, Environmental issues, Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, and Policing. Issues. A report is provided to this area committee after each forum meeting.
- 3.10 Moor Allerton Partnership includes representatives of organisations and agencies working in the Moor Allerton priority neighbourhood, including Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, East North East Leeds Homes, Groundwork, Northcall, Open House, MAECare, and Leeds Jewish Housing Association. An action plan has been developed for MAP which is structured under the themes of the Area Delivery Plan and includes practical actions for the neighbourhoods within MAP which are being delivered through partnership working.

#### 4 Neighbourhood Index

- 4.1 The Neighbourhood Index is an enhanced area profiling system which provides the Council and its partners with a robust evidence base by which to plan service interventions and to guide resources into the area of greatest need. It has been produced by the Council with the support of its partner organisations. The Index is grouped into seven domains: Economic Activity, Low Income, Education, Health, Community Safety, Environment, and Housing.
- 4.2 The neighbourhoods are defined using Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs); a range of data is easily available for these boundaries, and they meet government guidelines that a neighbourhood should contain between 5000 – 10,000 people. There are 108 MSOAs in Leeds, with an average population of 7000.
- 4.3 The Outer North East area covers nine MSOAs which are listed in the table below in order of ranking. The higher the ranking, the more successful the neighbourhood in terms of the seven domains. The two previous years rankings are included for comparison.

Ref No.	Area	2009	2010	2011
E02002330	Wetherby West	107	108	107
E02002335	Bardsey/East Keswick/Collingham/Linton/Harewood	103	103	106
E02002341	Alwoodley West	102	104	103
E02002351	Scarcroft/Scholes/Shadwell	101	97	102
E02002334	Bramham/Boston Spa/Clifford	96	93	90
E0200233	Aberford/Barwick/Lotherton/Thorner	93	94	97
E02002344	Alwoodley East	92	90	91
E02002331	Wetherby East/Thorp Arch/Walton	80	76	79
E02002347	Moor Allerton	33	33	36

- 4.4 With the exception of Moor Allerton, the rankings are high, and the scores for the individual domains are higher than average for the city. For Moor Allerton the scores for the domains are close to the city average, apart from the Economic Activity and Low Income domains which are much lower than the city averages.
- 4.5 The Neighbourhood Index has been developed as a means of using small area data to increase the understanding of some of the key issues that impact on communities and neighbourhoods.
- 4.6 For most of the Outer North East Area the Neighbourhood Index, supports the findings of consultation events ie that the area does not have large areas of deprivation, however there are still people in need of help and support in the area.
- 4.7 The concerns around economic activity and low income in the Moor Allerton area are being addressed through the North East Jobs, Enterprise and Training Partnership and through the Moor Allerton Partnership. The Partnership is aiming to improve the amount of advice and information which is available for local people who need support in accessing education, training and jobs.
- 4.8 A full copy of the Neighbourhood Index information for the Outer North East area is available from the author of this report.

## **5 Corporate Considerations**

### **5.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 5.1.1 Community engagement planning and actions are included in the Area Committee business plan to ensure that community engagement is embedded and recognised in all aspects of the Area Committee work.

### **5.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 5.2.1 The priorities identified in the Area Committee business plan are developed with consultation with the local community and aimed at addressing the inequalities within the area.

### **5.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

- 5.3.1 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.

### **5.4 Resources and Value for Money**

- 5.4.1 As outlined in the Function Schedule 2011/12, the Well-being budget delegated by Executive Board is used to finance projects which meet the priorities for the Area Committee. Members of the Area Committee are keen that wherever possible the use of well-being brings in additional match funding to the area.

### **5.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

5.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from the Executive Board are eligible for Call In.

5.5.2 There are no key or major decisions included in this report.

5.5.3 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

## **5.6 Risk Management**

5.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

## **6 Conclusions**

6.1 The Area Committee requires a document to set out the key priorities for the year that, links to city wide policies and provides a framework for the spend of the Wellbeing Budget.

6.2 The new business plan supports and contributes to changes already being put in place to the planning framework at a city wide level and continue to illustrate how the Area Management Team will support partnerships and local services in this process and continue to champion the role of the Area Committee.

6.3 The new business plan is another step forward in the increasing role and influence of the Area Committee but further work is needed to strengthen the performance monitoring information available at area level.

6.4 The area committee priorities for 2012/13 are attached at appendix A.

## **7 Recommendations**

7.1 That members agree the area committee priorities for 2012/13.

## **8 Background documents**

8.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12