

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 19th March 2012

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 in the Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood.
2. To provide an overview and context to the 2011 Neighbourhood Index information.
3. To provide an update on the work completed in 2011/12 financial year
4. To provide the committee with refreshed Neighbourhood Improvement priorities for the 2012/13 financial year.

Recommendations

5. That the committee note the content of this report and agree the refreshed Neighbourhood Improvement priorities.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The aim of this report is to discuss the priority neighbourhood of Moor Allerton, and provide context to the 2011 Neighbourhood Index information supporting the contents of the draft Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.
- 1.2 It is further the aim of this report to provide a refreshed Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) for the priority neighbourhood and allow the committee to comment and examine these plans.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood includes the Lingfields, Firtrees, Cranmers areas in Outer North East Leeds bounded by Harrogate Road to the east, Nursery Lane to the North, and Black Moor Road to the East. To the South it extends over the ring road to Stonegate Road to include the Queenhills/Leafields area which is in Inner North East Leeds.
- 2.2 Delivery of the NIP action plan is the responsibility of the Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP), a partnership of statutory and voluntary organisations. The MAP partners include Leeds City Council, East North East Homes Leeds (ENEHL), Leeds Jewish Housing Association, West Yorkshire Police, Job Centre Plus, MAECare, Northcall, IGEN and Groundwork Leeds.

3 Moor Allerton Neighbourhood Management Achievements

- Jobcentre Plus provides services in the MAP area to help people wanting to find work. They have access to a range of learning opportunities, jobs and financial support and they can advise you of the correct routes to take, to ensure a smooth move into work.
- Jobseeker advisor sessions are available at Moor Allerton Library.
- A programme of activities is running at Alwoodley Children's Centre including parenting groups, cook for life, ESOL sessions, play and stay and bumps and babes. The Children's Centre has an outreach worker who focuses on the MAP area.
- £22,000 of Area Panel funding has been secured to install and link up the CCTV system at Alderton Heights to a 24 hour monitoring system
- A Health Needs Assessment (HNA) was been completed in autumn 2011. Overall the HNA highlights a variety of health needs, however it also showed that there are number of existing enabling and reinforcing factors, ie there is a range of voluntary and statutory organisations working on these needs.
- The HNA research has led to the following actions, some undergoing, others to be developed with the Moor Allerton partnership to strengthen health improvement:

- Sessions to discuss making the home Smoke Free and to signpost parents to the NHS stop smoking service, 2 have taken place in February and outcomes will be evaluated. Further sessions to be planned throughout the year.
- Capacity building session could be designed and delivered to enable front line staff in MAP organisations to promote Smoke Free and the NHS stop smoking service.
- Strengthening communication was a need that was highlighted; between organisations and from the professionals to community members. An organisation directory is being put together which will include information about the services provided by all MAP partners and other appropriate local or citywide services, available community activities, referral pathways and publicity materials. This will be circulated to all partners to raise awareness of each other's services and to signpost/refer community members where appropriate. It will be updated and evaluated during the year.
- A "Health and Money" Awareness day is recommended. This will take the form of a community health fair event incorporating agencies that provide support and advice, about debt, benefits advice, loan sharks, credit union, smoking cessation, mental health support and healthy lifestyles.
- Researching and communicating to MAP partners the availability of citywide and neighbourhood services that provide support for issues around mental health and domestic violence as these were raised as concerns. Guest speakers on mental health and domestic violence will be invited to a future MAP meeting.
- Researching further the data findings around Incapacity Benefit Claimants with long term mental health issues and investigating if the partnership can work to increase support for people in this situation.

4 Neighbourhood Index Assessment 2011 Statistics

- 4.1 The Neighbourhood Index comparisons have now been completed and are included in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.
- 4.2 The Lingfields, Firtrees, Cranmers areas form part of the Moor Allerton Middle Layer Super Output Area (MSOA). The 2011 statistics show Moor Allerton is rank 36th out of 108 MSOAs in the city. This is an improvement of 3 places from 2010. Key areas of improvement are:
- 4.3 The percentage of pupils achieving 78+ points plus 6+ in CLL and PSE¹ has increased from 34.72% to 50%.
- 4.4 The percentage of pupils achieving level 4+ in Key Stage 2 English and Maths has increased from 75.34% to 80%.

¹ Early Learning Goals - Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication, Language and Literacy;

- 4.5 The percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C, including English and Maths has increased from 40.24% to 48.1%.
- 4.6 The number of fly tipping jobs attended by the council is down from 42 to 18, the number of graffiti jobs is down from 21 to 15. The number of service requests received by Health and Environmental Action Services is down from 40 to 27.
- 4.7 Areas of concern are:
- 4.8 The number of working age population claiming incapacity benefit has increased from 425 (10.92%) to 445 (11.38%).
- 4.9 The number of children in working age households in receipt of Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) and claiming Housing/Council Tax benefit has increased from 271 (22.07%) to 283 (24.21%).
- 4.10 Number of working age households claiming Housing/Council Tax benefit but not in receipt of JSA or Income Support has increased from 160 (5.72%) to 198 (7.17%).
- 4.11 Number of crimes against the person, has increased from 185 to 224. This includes violent crime, robbery, deliberate dwelling fires, hate incidents and domestic violence.
- 4.12 Number of community disorders has increased from 449 to 495. This includes drug offences, other crime including deliberate secondary fires², malicious calls and anti-social behaviour.
- 4.13 The Queenhills/Leafields neighbourhood falls within the Carr Manor Super Output Area, however this MSOA covers a much wider neighbourhood, so the statistics do not necessarily reflect the current picture for the Queenshills/Leafields.
- 4.14 Lower Level Super Output Area statistics are available from the Office for National statistics; these statistics are for August 2010; they indicate that the areas of concern are the same as for the Moor Allerton MSOA. The percentage of all people of working age claiming a benefit is 30%, the percentage of JSA claimants is 7% and the percentage of persons claiming Incapacity benefit is 16%. These percentages are all above the city average.
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² Secondary fires are generally small fires which start in, and are confined to, outdoor locations.

5 Neighbourhood Improvement Priorities 2012

5.1 The Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Moor Allerton has been updated to reflect the changes in the Neighbourhood Index data. For 2012, the focus of MAP will be on the following priorities:

- Reduce the % of working age people in receipt of benefits
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Provide activities for Young People
- Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- Improve communication between partners and with the local community

5.2 Subject to the Area Committee sign off, these priorities will form the basis of a new action for Moor Allerton for 2012 which will developed with MAP partners.

6 Corporate Considerations

6.1 Consultation and Engagement

6.1.1 Consultation and engagement for this process is completed through the Moor Allerton Partnership.

6.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

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

6.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

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

6.4 Resources and Value for Money

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

6.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

The 2011/12 Function Schedule, included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3c), the Area Committee has delegated responsibility to oversee all neighbourhood management programmes in their area.

6.6 Risk Management

6.6.1 Not applicable in this instance.

7 Conclusions

7.1 Moor Allerton is the only priority neighbourhood in Outer North East Leeds. A Neighbourhood Improvement Plan has been updated, and the action plan has been revised to reflect the latest information from the 2011 Neighbourhood Index.

8 Recommendations

- 8.1 That the committee note the contents of this report and the updated NIP in appendix A.
- 8.2 That the committee agree the neighbourhood improvement priorities within the NIP for the next twelve months.

9 Background documents³

- 9.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12
- 9.2 Moor Allerton NIP

³ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.