

**Report of East North East Area Leader**

**Report to Inner North East Area Committee**

**Date: 12 September 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 by the Neighbourhood Manager in the priority neighbourhoods within the Inner NE Area.

**Recommendations**

- 1.1 That the committee note the content of this report and be aware of the actions and initiatives developed in these priority neighbourhoods.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Improvement Priorities were agreed at the Area Committee in March 2012. This report provides an update on actions completed and being developed at the midway point of this year.

## **3 Main issues**

### **3.1 Chapelton Neighbourhood Management Achievements**

- The priority work the last six months has been around encouraging agencies to develop work around the employment and training agenda within Chapelton. There have been positives within this including; a full Service Level Agreement developed between UNITY Enterprise and CYDC relating to the Uhuru project, Unity are now funded to deliver sessions and receive referrals from ENEHL tenants in addition to their own (which means the two largest housing providers within Chapelton are now able to refer their tenants in the programme). Black health Initiative managed an engagement event with over 120 local men to bring together and start to engage and develop with an eventual outcome to identify barriers into employment. This took place in July and work is scheduled to continue. The proposed partnership meeting around employment and training for Chapelton is still on hold following advice from DWP relating to their funding bid. A contractor will shortly be appointed to complete this work in Chapelton and a further 2 neighbourhoods within the city. This is being monitored as there is a clear demand for this activity. Pinnacle People has now also come on line and work to improve the referrals from various agencies is well underway which promises a significant impact for many families in this area.
- The work around the community safety continues in particular looking to support families where there is perceived risk of members engaging in criminal activity. This has been done through the DISC SLA with the Police, the Guidance, Challenge and Support (GCS) meeting for the ward and through tasking. LASBT have also been proactive in targeting properties where there have been offences taking place which has had a major impact. The three CCTV cameras have now been installed in the local area thanks to the support of the INE Area Committee and results from these will be monitored as part of the evaluation. There are plans being developed around bonfire night again following the success of last year and the Neighbourhood Manager is now chair of the Chapelton Youthwork Partnership which has met twice and although challenging promises significant improvements in partnership working. There has been support provided to a number of events including the Shamira Grant memorial event, the Famtastic Funday and summer camps at both Caribbean cricket club and the Chapelton Netball Club. CYDC have also used Communities First funding to initiate a new Rugby club for Chapelton and the Social Arts and Media project. From an education perspective there has been a reduction in NEET within the Chapelton area from 22 to 15 and only one of these is not currently known with plans in place around the remainder. Attendance in the CHESS schools is also improving.

- Environmentally there have been some success relating to the new Environmental Improvement Zones initiative being progressed through the ENE localities Team. There are three zones within the Chapeltown and Scott Hall neighbourhood with evaluation on the initial zone (Savilles / Mexborough) expected shortly. The second area is the Granges / Hamiltons area with work expected to start on this in October 2012 and will form part of the strategy around bonfire night. Work has commenced regarding the Sikh and former Hindu Mandir through the derelict properties group alongside the Jyoti which has been managed and construction is nearing completion.
- Health and wellbeing working has continued with much of the initiatives linked to income linked to the AST lead on the Welfare Reform. Work has been developed across the ENE area through a partnership meeting and is progressing well but with Chapeltown remaining the area with the highest levels of income deprivation there is a need to develop additional work in this area. Following a Management Team meeting there is considerable interest and demand for information for local services so training sessions are being organised for both VCS and Statutory services and information is being sent out to residents through a variety of methods and networks. The Infant Mortality work is a significant success with work in the area with the Leeds average showing a reduction in mortality rates (from 5.5 per thousand to 4.4) and incorporating a narrowing of the gap between rates in deprived and non-deprived neighbourhoods.
- The Team neighbourhood model is now almost complete with the major gap remaining around engagement with the community. There is a piece of work around the joint Chapeltown and Harehills forum which is being developed at this time and offers an opportunity to provide this function. The remaining elements of the model are now in place and operating effectively.

### 3.2 Meanwood Neighbourhood Management Achievements

- Environmental issues within Meanwood continue to improve although monitoring is required to ensure that fly tipping and vegetation cutting back is completed effectively. A meeting has been arranged between ENEHL and ENE Locality Team to ensure that there is no evidence of fly tipping being removed without processing. There have been a number of Fixed Penalties served and the issues have improved but additional work is still required to keep on top of it. The Beckhill and Miles Hill estates also form two of the proposed EIZ areas with the Inner NE and will benefit from the intensive approach once the cycle allows this (likely to be early 2013). The Stonegate estate has also seen a benefit and one of the major areas of fly tipping and residential concern is being resolved through action by Leeds Federated Housing.
- Crime and Community Safety work is working well and the anticipation is a significant improvement over the results from the previous year with burglary in particular much reduced with a reduction of nearly 30% across Chapel Allerton, the majority coming from the Meanwood area. The Stonegate Partnership has been nominated for Partnership of the year award for West Yorkshire Police after the results have indicated a decrease in ASB of nearly 70%. This is supported by surveys of residents and anecdotal information from frontline staff who report that

the area is improved. One of the major benefits is the GCS work and the close relationships developed between both supportive and punitive agencies which has assisted with the improvement and a quote from member of Meanwood Community Leadership Team and Carr Manor School Council illustrates this “the ones who were up to no good have grown up and left and no one really wants to anymore”.

- The activities and support for young people continue to develop with another successful summer project completed involving a wide range of activities, fun days and family trips provided by agencies including Leeds Youth Services, Meawood Urban Farm, InterACT, Networks cluster and ZEST including the very successful Meanwood Olympics which attracted over 200 of the more hard to reach families within the area. School attendance has now increased in this area to level or above the Leeds average much of which links to the partnership between the LCC attendance team and WYP in completing six weekly sweeps of any unreported absences as well as the work of the cluster support team. NEET's remain something of a concern within Meanwood and engagement with them is proving difficult with an event planned to take place in July having to be cancelled due to venue difficulties. It should be remembered however that, by comparison with other neighbourhoods, the issues here are far less severe and remain manageable.
- One of the major work areas in Meanwood has been around the employment and training sector. The Giz a Job project has proved successful with 7 residents being nominated into the project and over 50% finding employment following this. The number of referrals however remains lower than would be anticipated and work needs to be done with partners to improve this. The work club with learndirect is still a potential solution although this needs firming up following the delayed commence date of their offer. In the mean time Stainbeck Church is offering a similar employment search service through a weekly drop in. One of the side issues but of significant importance that came out of the Giz A Job sessions was the level of illegal loan sharks in this area and one major piece of work planned for the autumn is to work with Trading Standards to improve training for frontline staff and start a publicity campaign to inform residents of the issue and encourage reporting.
- One piece of work which should make a significant impact upon this area is the regeneration of the Beckhill estate following the clearance of the properties in the Beckhill Approach / Garth area. There is a planning brief approaching the second stage of consultation with a view to being in a position where a contractor has been appointed by the middle of 2013. The development will also allow for provision for play space and sports for young people which is a much needed commodity within this area especially given the topography. It is hoped that this will not only provide the area with a facelift and potentially provide employment opportunities or placements for local people, but also provide some capital to be able to complete additional works to improve the remainder of the estate.
- The Meanwood CLT is now set up and running although there is some work to be completed recruiting additional membership and embedding this with the Management Team (Beckhill Implementation Group or BIG). Given that the management team and preventative tasking are also in place the team neighbourhood model can now be considered fully operational within the Meanwood area.

## **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.
- 4.1.2 The consultation within Chapeltown is currently through a number of sources including the Independent Advisory Group, resident and public meetings and through community representatives at groups. The focus of structured engagement work is anticipated through the new Chapeltown and Harehills Joint forum and opportunities to link this more directly with the NIP are being investigated at this time pending consultation with elected members and the forum themselves.
- 4.1.3 The Chapel Allerton Community first panel has been set up and is working around the allocation of funding provided for Chapel Allerton by the Community Development Foundation (CDF). The group is made up of residents and business representatives from across the ward and has proved very successful in both developing the members on the panel and in spending the funding allocation.

### **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 neighbourhood 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.
- 6.2 That the committee agree the neighbourhood improvement priorities within the NIP's for the next twelve months.

## **7 Background documents**

- 7.1 Chapeltown and Scott Hall NIP
- 7.2 Meanwood NIP