

**Report of East North East Area Leader**

**Report to North East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Subject: Inner North East Area Committee Priorities**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay		
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**Summary of main issues**

1. This report contains an update on the priorities agreed by the Area Committee at the March 2012 meeting, including the top three priorities for 2012/3 agreed at the June meeting using the agreed reporting mechanism.
2. It gives an update on the Moor Allerton Partnership Neighbourhood Improvement areas and the new draft Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.
3. It includes at appendix 2 the new Area Committee business plan for 2013/14, including the new proposed priorities for 2013/14 after consultation with local residents and groups in autumn 2012 and winter 2013, and community engagement strategy for approval. The draft charter is also attached for approval.

**Recommendations**

4. The Inner North East Area Committee is requested to note the update on the Area Committee priorities and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans update.
5. Members are asked to agree the new business plan, including priorities for 2013/14, the community engagement strategy and charter for production.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report contains an update on the priorities agreed by the Area Committee at the March 2012 meeting, including the top three priorities for 2012/3 agreed at the last meeting using the agreed reporting mechanism.
- 1.2 It also includes the new business plan, proposed priorities and draft charter for approval to be produced.

## **1 Background information**

- 1.1 At the June 2011 Area Committee meeting the Delegated 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.
- 1.2 Since then an Area Committee Business Plan, which takes the forward work programme a stage further and sets out in more detail the work of the Area Committee, was created. This replaces the old Area Delivery Plan (ADP).
- 1.3 The Business Plan was developed to provide a consistent approach and framework across the City following the direction from Councillor Gruen, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration and James Rogers, Assistant Chief Executive, Policy Planning and Improvement. The plan provides a business planning framework with the main headings that the Area Committee are expected to adopt with information beneath to reflect the local circumstances.
- 1.4 The Area Committee Business plan provides a complete set of papers relating to the area, which will be refreshed annually. The actions and priorities will be monitored at the Area Committee meetings and performance managed.
- 1.5 The Inner North East Area Business Plan 2012/13 was approved at the Area Committee meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
- 1.6 Included in the Business Plan was a Community Engagement Plan 2012-13, which strategy sets out how the Area Committee will ensure residents across the Inner North East area have opportunity to influence priorities set out in the Area Business Plan and other responsibilities delegated to the Area Committee.

## **2 Main issues**

### **3.1 Area Committee Priorities Update**

- 3.1.1 As agreed at the June 2012 Inner North East Area Committee an update on the Area Committee priorities is attached at appendix 1, which reports back on all priorities.
- 3.1.2 No priorities have been categorised as performing badly or not on target (red), and out of the 36 priorities 34 have been classified as green, on target or meeting the priority well.

3.1.3 Some great work has been carried out over the last quarter that has real benefit to communities including organisation and assistance of festive light switch ons, updating our mailing list to increase the number of people who are aware of the Area Committee and its aims and working with members to deliver projects in their wards.

## **3.2 Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) NIP Update**

3.2.1 The Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood includes the Lingfields, Firtrees, and Cranmer 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.

3.2.2 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, IGEN1, Churches Together and Groundwork Leeds. The focus of the Partnership during 2012/13 has been on mental health services, employment and benefit advice, and improving communication and information sharing between the partners.

3.2.3 Key areas of work this year that have benefitted the Queenhills/Leafields areas includes A Health and Money awareness day at Moor Allerton Library on Friday 28th September. On offer was advice from Job Centre Plus, Trading Standards, CAB, the Council's Sports Service, MAECare, East North East Homes and the NHS. Manicures and face painting were provided by Northcall. Overall about 40 people attended the event, and for some it was a first visit to Moor Allerton Library.

3.2.4 On 21 November 2012, Leeds Jewish Welfare Board held an 'Opportunity Knocks' event at the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Centre. The event, which was very popular, offered a range of personal development information relating to employment, education and activity. Advice and Support was available from a range of organisations including Citizens Advice Bureau, Disability Services, Leeds City College, MAECare, Sainsburys, and Benefits Advice.

3.2.5 Leeds has pledged to be a dementia friendly city, and MAECare are taking the lead on making Moor Allerton a dementia friendly community. They are working with local residents, Alwoodley Parish Council, local community and voluntary organisations and local businesses to raise awareness about the issues faced by people with dementia.

3.2.6 In August MAECare announced that they had been awarded Big Lottery Funding of £206,594 to deliver a five year Mind and Body project which aims to maintain and improve the physical and mental health of older people. The project will offer service users the opportunity to participate in a wide and varied range of activities, depending on their interests and will also enhance the capacity of the

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<sup>1</sup> Careers and Personal Development Service for young people and adults

community to support people with mental health problems by training volunteers and developing support groups.

- 3.2.7 The youth service successfully engaged with 24 young people from Allerton High and Cardinal Heanon High Schools on a fun day; they also provided trips to Herd Farm, Blackpool and Paint balling during the summer holidays, funded by the Alwoodley Cluster.
- 3.2.8 The Youth Service also delivered detached youth work session in the Queens Hills, supporting young people and sign posting them to current youth provision in the area, lunchtime and after school detached sessions at Allerton High School, a youth group at Moortown Methodist Church, sessions at Open House, and following its closure, detached youth work in the Lingfield area. Youth work sessions will be commencing shortly in the FY20 room at Moor Allerton Library to replace those lost by the closure of Open House.
- 3.2.9 The Council's Sports officers have led on some fact finding on the available of physical activities in with youth service, Alwoodley Extended Services and West Yorkshire Police. which The findings are being used to put together some detailed proposals for developing activities with outcomes to reduce anti social behaviour, improve knowledge, self esteem and confidence, reduce health inequalities, create more positive role models and create a stronger community.
- 3.2.10 Leeds Library Service undertook a community engagement project in December aimed at making library services in Leeds as relevant and useful as possible for their local areas. In Moor Allerton the focus was on increasing the use of the library by children and young people. In response to the findings of this consultation they are starting new activities at the library will include a monthly book club for young people aged 13 – 17, and a monthly Family Club; plus a 'Horrible Histories' session during February half term.
- 3.2.11 Targeted work has taken place in the Queenhills area involving West Yorkshire Police, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Leeds Jewish Housing and East North East Homes Leeds to tackle drug crime.
- 3.2.12 A directory has been produced and circulated which provides information on the services available in Moor Allerton. This has been produced to enable service providers to signpost people to the support they need. The directory has been well received, and is about to be updated.
- 3.2.13 The Queenhills/Leafields neighbourhood falls within the Carr Manor Super Output Area; this MSOA covers a much wider neighbourhood, so the statistics do not necessarily reflect the current picture for the Queenshills/Leafields. However the MAP area breaks down into four Lower Level Super Output Areas (LSOA) and data is available at this level. LSOA reference E01011510 covers Stonegate Road/ Queenshills/Fieldhouse Drive & Close.
- 3.2.14 The available data shows that like the rest of the MAP area, economic activity continues to be the area for concern with 70 people of working age (7.3%)

claiming job seekers allowance, and 145 (15.1%) claiming Employment Support Allowance/Incapacity Benefits.<sup>2</sup>

3.2.15 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;
- Reduce health inequalities;
- Increase opportunities for young people;
- Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour;
- Ensure vulnerable people have access to the services and support they need;
- Improve community cohesion.

3.2.16 Subject to the Area Committee sign off, these priorities will form the basis of a new action for the Moor Allerton priority for 2013 which will be developed with MAP partners. A copy of the revised MAP NIP Action Plan is attached at Appendix 2.

### **3.3 2013/14 Priorities**

3.3.1 Following on from the agreement on the winter consultation at the December 2012 meeting the questionnaires were sent out to all groups and residents on the mailing list and also to other target groups, for example the youth council.

3.3.2 We asked people to pick their 20 top actions, which sit within the council's best city priorities, that they felt the Area Committee should address in 2013/14. We had around 70 responses to the questionnaire. Consultation also took place with partners and their plans to make sure we are all working to the same aims. These include via clusters, East North East Homes Leeds, ward member meetings etc. Below are the suggested top 20 priorities for the Area Committee, under the Vision for Leeds headings when these answers have been collated:

#### **Health and Wellbeing**

Promote healthy life choices to the community and run projects that support this, for example stop smoking initiatives.

Tackle health inequalities across the area.

Run projects and work with other organisations to address money poverty issues people are experiencing.

Increase walking and cycling through improving and promoting local walking/cycling routes, including ginnels.

#### **Children and Young People**

Reduce the number of young people not in Employment, Education or Training.

Tackle child poverty and support the setting up of an Inner North East food bank.

Increase activities in the area for young people, particularly during the holidays.

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<sup>2</sup> Source Dept of Work & Pensions, 2012

Build better links between local schools and community groups.

### **Living Environment**

Protect green spaces, including use of environmental enforcement and action

Improve local green spaces and parks, including Allerton Grange fields.

Encourage local food growing at home and other suitable public areas.

Support allotments through reducing waiting lists and improving security.

Reduce the number of empty homes and derelict properties, where appropriate through planning enforcement.

### **Communities**

Tackle inappropriate parking in both residential and commercial areas.

Improve highways through the influence of local highways schemes and identification of key roads.

Support events that bring people together and improve community spirit and relations.

Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour through partnership working with the police and other agencies.

### **Business**

Creation of jobs and training for local people, to link in with possible new free wifi scheme.

Better reuse of old buildings, not just for housing.

Improve local shopping areas through floral initiatives and festive lights.

3.3.7 A draft business plan has also been produced, attached at appendix 3, with the relevant areas updated to reflect the new Neighbourhood Index data, actions and community engagement strategy for 2013/14.

3.3.8 The plan follows the standardised format agreed in 2010 and ward members are asked for any comments on the content.

3.3.9 The business plan has also been used to produce a charter, attached at appendix 4, for 2013/14 and has been reduce to 4 pages and will be done by the area support team as agreed at the December 2012 Area Committee. Members are asked for their comments.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 As recommended in a report to the Area Committee in September 2011 the Area Committee's Engagement Plan is now included as part of the Area Business Plan and covers the Community Charter.

4.1.2 The priorities identified are based on consultation that has occurred in the current cycle.

4.1.3 The sub-groups are not subject to any consultation or engagement needs.

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

4.2.1 Consideration is given to the equality impact of projects to deliver the promises within the charter and in funding projects to local groups through light touch equality impact assessments and the completion of project planning documentation.

4.2.2 Where a negative equality impact is identified action will be taken to mitigate the impact or risk.

### **4.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 The themes in the Community Charter mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.

4.3.2 The sub groups also reflect the delegated functions of the Area Committee.

### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

4.4.1 The Well-Being Fund is used to finance projects which support the promises in the Area Business Plan and Community Charter. Area Management work with Council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to Well-Being Fund expenditure to ensure best use of this funding.

4.4.2 The Inner North East Area Committee also provides the funds for the community Charter. This year £3,000 has been allocated for Community Engagement and the community Charter.

4.4.3 The sub-groups do not incur any additional expenditure.

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

4.5.1 In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not 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 The Area Committee is on target to meet its priorities that were set for 2012/13 and is currently consulting to set the priorities for 2013/14.

## **6 Recommendations**

6.1 The Inner North East Area Committee is requested to note the update on the Area Committee priorities update.

- 6.2 Members are asked to comment on how the Council should target its efforts to fill the gaps in Leeds Citizens Panel membership.
- 6.3 The Area Committee is asked to agree the proposed 2013/14 priorities and further consultation in spring 2013.
- 6.4 The Area Committee is asked to note and approve the closure of Open Door as agreed with local residents and ward members.
- 7 Background documents<sup>3</sup>**
- 7.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2009/10

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<sup>3</sup> 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.