

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 21st March 2013

Subject: Inner East Neighbourhood Improvement Plans 2013/14

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Gipton & Harehills Killingbeck & Seacroft		
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
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Summary of main issues

1. To provide an overview of work which has been undertaken in the Inner East priority neighbourhoods by the Area Support Team for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Harehills, Gipton & Seacroft
2. To update the Inner East Area Committee on the latest Neighbourhood Index profiles and the emerging priorities to be tackled through the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for 2013/14

Recommendations

3. That Inner East Area Committee note the report and comment as appropriate
4. That the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for 2013/14 are endorsed by Inner East Area Committee for implementation

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Inner East Area Committee with a comprehensive update on neighbourhood management activity which has taken place across Inner East over the last 12 months.
- 1.2 The report also presents the draft Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for 2012/13 for Area Committee to comment on the emerging priorities and for the plans to be endorsed for implementation.

2 Background information

- 2.1 In March 2010, five areas were identified as priority neighbourhoods by the Inner East Area Committee. The areas given priority neighbourhood status were:
 - Burmantofts
 - Gipton
 - Harehills
 - Richmond Hill
 - Seacroft
- 2.2 To enable the delivery of neighbourhood management across these areas, neighbourhood manager posts are funded by the Inner East Area Committee for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill and Gipton & Seacroft.
- 2.3 Work covering Harehills priority neighbourhood is currently covered by Area Support Team staff, but the Area Committee agreed at its December 2012 meeting to fund an additional Neighbourhood Manager for the Harehills neighbourhood, this role will commence in April 2013.
- 2.4 The neighbourhood manager roles are an annually reviewable funding agreement, with in principle agreement for two years. The role of the neighbourhood manager is to implement the neighbourhood management approach.
- 2.5 The principles of the Area Committees neighbourhood management approach are to:
 - Strengthen the role of the Area Committee in overseeing progress made in each priority neighbourhood against the agreed, key deprivation indicators and the link with the Community Charter.
 - Establish a setting for managers of local service providers to meet, take responsibility developing partnership working and activities that tackle the agreed key NIP priorities
 - Establish a clear role for representatives of the community in overseeing the development of the NIP action plan and assessing the effectiveness of actions in delivering improvements to the key priority indicators approved by Area Committee; including effective community engagement.
 - Support the role of Elected Members in leading neighbourhood improvement and community engagement.
 - Support the civic role of residents and the development of their capacity to inform decisions relating to the most effective use of local resources
 - Improve the accountability of local partnership working

2.4 To facilitate the delivery of neighbourhood management in the priority neighbourhoods, Local Management Teams (LMT) have been established. The LMTs are officer co-ordination meetings to facilitate the delivery of NIP actions which have been agreed by Ward Members. There are now LMTs in place for all priority neighbourhoods. The role of the LMTs are to bring together service managers from all sectors to look at ways in which services can work together better and avoid duplication efforts. The LMTs also look at ways in which resources can be utilised better in this current climate of diminishing financial resources..

2.6 Community engagement is a key part of the neighbourhood management model. Community Leadership Teams (CLTs) are fully established and operating successfully in Seacroft and Gipton. A CLT for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill has now replaced the two quarterly forum meetings and is starting to make progress. The main mechanism for community engagement in Harehills is currently the Chapeltown and Harehills Forum, but it is anticipated that a CLT will be established in 2013/14.

3 Neighbourhood Improvement Plans – review of 2012/13 activity and 2013/14 priorities

3.1 The section below provides an overview of some of the work which has been undertaken in the priority neighbourhoods over the past twelve months. The emerging priorities in each of the neighbourhoods which will be taken forward over the next 12 months are also outlined. These priorities have been developed through the analysis of the latest Neighbourhood Index statistics and also through the information gathered as part of the community engagement activity undertaken in the priority neighbourhoods.

3.2 Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

2012/13 achievements

Increase levels of community confidence

- Community Leadership Team established for the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Ward in September 2012. Four meetings have been held to date, covering a wide range of topics.
- A Burmantofts Gala is being planned for Summer 2013 at the request of local residents. A Steering Group has been established with a wide range of partners and volunteers. Funding has already been secured from Inner East Area Committee and Arcadia towards the cost of running the gala
- Burmantofts Neighbourhood Improvement Board has been established. The Board, chaired by Councillor Peter Gruen, brings together local residents and partner organisations to work together to develop solutions to neighbourhood issues in the Middle Super Output Area (MSOA) covering Bellbrookes, Comptons, Nowells and Torres
- A number of community users have been assisted to establish activities Ebor Gardens Community Centres, with the levels of use at the centre increasing significantly
- A number of statutory and voluntary sector organisations were commissioned to deliver summer holiday activity for young people in a number of local venues

Improve the local environment

- Environmental Improvement Zone (EIZ) work has commenced in the Nowells and Bellbrookes areas of Burmantofts. Officers of the Locality Team have undertaken perception surveys with local residents in the neighbourhoods and a number of warning letters have been issued. The areas are now being revisited to ensure that any environmental issues highlighted have been addressed.
- The first phase of the flower bed work on Beckett Street is now complete. Flower beds are to be dug in at a number of other locations around the Lincoln Green area, ready to be planted in spring 2013.
- Funding has been invested to provide new litter bins outside shops along Ivy Street following a high number of complaints regarding this issues
- Five community clean ups undertaken across the ward with skips funded through the Tasking budget
- Probation Service have carried out 20 jobs in the ward which has taken over 1,000 to complete and provided added value of £7,478.40

Reduce the levels of crime and anti social behaviour

- Fortnightly burglary reduction activity continues to take place across the BRH ward, target hardening burglary hotspots. Since April, over 2000 properties have been visited and provided with burglary reduction advice, which has led to a 34% reduction in burglary in the area
- Funding has been invested to purchase the Immobilise property marking system, which records property details and can be cross checked if stolen
- Funding has been invested to improve alley gates in the Nowells and Cross Green by installing new locks and self closing devices
- Five Operation Champions have taken place, covering issues including Anti Social Behaviour in tower blocks, youth diversionary activity and activities targeting metal thefts
- BRH Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector was involved in the summer holiday activity commissioning decision panel, along with Ward Councillors and the neighbourhood manager to ensure that holiday activities were situated in appropriate locations, in line with anti social behaviour data.

Reduce levels of worklessness and NEETs

- An IT Suite has been established at Lincoln Green Community Centre, with it's main purpose to provide employment support sessions for local residents
- A Steps to Work course ran from Richmond Hill Community Centre
- Support was provided to NEET Sweep activity, to find out what young people classified as unknown were doing and if they required any support
- A partnership working arrangement has been established with Arcadia to increase the levels of local people employed at the Torre Road site
- Work undertaken with Learning Partnerships to establish sessions at Ebor Gardens and Lincoln Green Community Centres to support NEET young people back into employment and / or training

Improve physical health and emotional wellbeing

- Support provided to establish East Leeds Debt Forum and develop packages of support for those most in need of financial advice and assistance

- Day of action undertaken in the Rookwoods area to make local people aware of Loan Shark activity taking place in their neighbourhood and increasing awareness of how to report this as well as how to access support
- Funding has been invested into Women's Health Matters to continue running a domestic violence support group for parents

2013/14 emerging priorities

The emerging priorities for both of these priority neighbourhoods are as follows:

- Reduce levels of worklessness and NEETs
- Improve the local environment
- Reduce the levels of crime and anti social behaviour
- Increase levels of community confidence
- Improve physical health and emotional wellbeing

3.3 Gipton

2012/13 achievements

Crime and Anti social behaviour

Reduce NEETs/ worklessness

Increase residents influence and community cohesion

2013/14 emerging priorities

- Crime, Burglary and Anti social behaviour
- Reducing worklessness, persistent absenteeism /NEETs
- Supporting vulnerable people and families with complex needs
- Increase working families , reduce low income families an children in workless household
- Increase resident's influence and community cohesion

3.4 Seacroft

2012/13 achievements

Reduce Crime and Antisocial behaviour (inc environmental)

Reduce NEETS/worklessness

Improve school attendance

Reduce the number of people who smoke

Increase residents influence and community cohesion

2013/14 emerging priorities

- Crime, Burglary and Anti social behaviour
- Reducing worklessness, persistent absenteeism /NEETs
- Supporting vulnerable people and families with complex needs
- Promote physical health and Emotional Wellbeing - Lung health / COPD / stopping smoking

- Increase resident's influence and community cohesion

3.5 Harehills

2012/13 achievements

Tackling Crime and anti social behaviour

- DPPO implemented across the whole of Harehills
- 6 week programme of diversionary activities ran throughout the summer holidays, the Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector was one of the partners involved.
- 4 Operation Champions have taken place, these are high visibility multi agency action days to reassure the public, distribute crime prevention tools, promote our Anti Social Behaviour service and take action against environmental crime.
- Funded purple bells for PCSO's to distribute at Morrisons on Harehills Lane to try combat pick pockets.
- Three days of activities were held over the Bonfire night weekend to divert young people away from nuisance behaviour. These were very well attended and resulted in the calls to the police and fire brigade over this period remaining at an all time low
- Youth Hub at Hovingham school opened late evenings throughout Ramadan to divert young people from anti social behaviour late at night during this period. This success has resulted in a youth hub being operated from this site two evenings per week and it is attracting numbers of up to 40 young people at a time.

Improving the environment

- Keep Harehills Tidy campaign launched to empower residents to take responsibility for leading campaigns to improve the environmental streetscape.
- Three Environmental Improvement Zones currently operating in the neighbourhood, covering the Sandhursts & Dorsets, Markhams & Airlies and Seaforths & Traffords. A considerable number of Fixed Penalty notices have been served in these areas for offences such as waste in gardens and leaving bins on streets.
- Action has been taken to enforce the removal of 4 industrial containers which had been illegally sited on LCC land behind shops on Roundhay Road. The containers were encouraging fly tipping and rats to the area.
- Plans have been drawn up to resurface Ashton Park MUGA, refurbish the play equipment and install 'Ashton Park' signage and community noticeboards. S106 money has been approved by ward Members and the project will commence in April.

Improving life chances for young people

- A Youth Hub has been established near Hovingham Primary School, it operates two evenings a week as a drop in facility for young people but mentoring and CV assistance is also available. Upwards of 40 young people an evening are accessing the facility.
- A number of young people are being trained in peer mentoring and acting as volunteers at the Hovingham Youth Hub to help run the service.
- A group of young people are being supported to establish a football team for Harehills, currently there is no junior (or senior) team in the area.
- A Families First meeting for Harehills has been established, this is where all of the professionals working with young people meet to ensure a fully

coordinated service of intensive support is given to young people and families where there are problems with issues such as low school attendance, ASB or domestic abuse.

Improving health and wellbeing

- A niche tobacco project worker has been funded to focus on reducing the use of shisha and chewing tobaccos in the South Asian community in Harehills.
- A celebratory event for older people was held on the 25th October at the Echo Centre. This gave older people an opportunity to try out a variety of new activities and provide them with information on services such as Health thru warmth events and financial capability services
- A series of drop in football tournaments were held at Ashton Park in the week leading up to the Olympic Torch festival, these were really popular so multi sport activity was also provided at Ashton & Banstead Parks three times a week over the summer.
- A Childhood Obesity project worker with a specific remit to cover Harehills continues to coordinate multi agency work in the area to reduce the number of primary school aged children who are obese.

2013/14 emerging priorities

- Reducing crime and anti social behaviour
- Improving the environment
- Improving community confidence
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Reducing NEETS/ worklessness.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 As part of the development of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans, community consultation has been undertaken to find out what are the priorities of local residents. This was done through the production of a neighbourhood survey.
- 4.1.2 Neighbourhood surveys were distributed through school reading bags, community mailing lists and through local residents groups and community organisations. Some door to door surveys were also undertaken in Gipton and Harehills as part of Operation Champion.
- 4.1.3 Community Leadership Teams (CLTs) were also consulted as part of the priority setting in their particular neighbourhood and have been influential in developing actions to be undertaken across the area in the coming months.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 An equality screening document has been completed as part of the development of each Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.
- 4.2.2 Surveys were sent to all groups in the Inner East who represent those in marginalised groups to ensure that their views were represented.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The content of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans link directly into the City Priority Plans, Vision for Leeds and Council Business Plan.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The Team Neighbourhood approach brings a range of services together to utilise officer resources more effectively on tackling key neighbourhood issues.
- 4.4.2 As part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan, funding sources will be joined up together as far as possible to maximise the way in which funding is invested on local priorities.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.
- 4.5.2 There is no exempt or confidential information contained in this report.
- 4.5.3 There are no key decisions associated with this report, so it is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 There are no major risks associated with the content of this report.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 There have been a number of key actions progressed over the last 12 months in the priority neighbourhoods but it is acknowledged that there is still a lot of work to do to address the prevalent issues. Throughout 2013/14, the previous work undertaken will be built upon using the good partnerships which have been built and are continuing to be strengthened.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Inner East Area Committee are asked to note the content of this report and comment as appropriate
- 6.2 That the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for 2013/14 are endorsed for implementation.

7 Background documents

- 7.1