



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 25th June 2007

Subject: Alleys and Ginnels

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Ward members consulted
(referred to in this report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report provides the Area Committee with an updated list of alleys and ginnels of concern, following consultation with members. It also provides an update on the expenditure so far defrayed from the Well-Being Fund set aside for this work. The Area Committee is asked to agree the priority list for each ward and to agree the approach outlined in this report to inform the work programme of the Community Safety Co-ordinator.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides the Committee with an updated list of alleys and ginnels of concern across the Inner North East area (Appendix 1). Members have been consulted through ward meetings in May 2007. The list is based on the work Trudie Canavan started last year and was drawn up in consultation with members at the time, then progressed through the multi-agency Alleys & Ginnels sub group.
2. The Area Committee is requested to agree to the priorities identified in each ward. This will inform the work programme for the new Community Safety Co-ordinator, Sandra Fowler, for 2007/08. Members are reminded that £75,000 Well-Being Fund capital was set aside in 2005/06 to fund works to gate or improve alleys and ginnels across the area. To date £20,945 has been spent from this budget (see Appendix 1), along with a further £16,500 committed to complete the gating scheme in the Carrholm and Wensley Green area.

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3. As outlined above, this report will form the basis of a work programme for the Community Safety Co-ordinator to progress action on alleys and ginnels. Some of the ginnels identified below will require Gating Orders if closure is identified as the way to resolve the particular issues. Gating Orders are resource intensive and therefore some sort of prioritisation exercise is required. As part of the recent ward member meetings, members were asked to prioritise the order in which they would like to see work progressed in their ward.
4. In order that work can be progressed across the year, the Area Committee is requested to support the suggestion that the Community Safety Co-ordinator begins work on the top priority ginnel or alley identified in each ward, therefore progressing work in each ward concurrently. Once work is completed on the first ginnel, the Co-ordinator will then progress on to the next one in that ward. Where Gating Orders are not required or where security improvements are the preferred method of dealing with the issue, progress is likely to be quicker as the processes involved are far less time and resource intensive.
5. Crime statistics have been requested from the Police for each ginnel on the priority list, so that any proposals for closure or gating can be evidence based. This information will be provided to members once received and at this stage members may wish to review their ward based priority list.

Recommendations

6. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report and agree the recommendation outlined in paragraph 4.