



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 25th June 2007

Subject: North East District Partnership update

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Ward members consulted
(referred to in this report)

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities
Women
Disabled people
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 Members with a summary of recent actions and achievements of the North East District Partnership.

Background Information

1. This report has been prepared at the request of the Area Committee Chairs and Executive Board of the North East District Partnership. It provides a summary of key issues and the work programme of the North East District Partnership and decisions taken by the Executive Board.

Significant action and achievements since the last Area Committee meeting

2. At its last meeting on 27th April the Executive Board of the North East District Partnership was presented with an update on the work of the Beckhill Implementation Group (BIG) and a draft action plan setting out the priorities and a set of actions for 2007/08. The voluntary sector representative on the BIG partnership informed the meeting of the challenges faced by the partnership and the need for commitment and awareness of partners to tackle a range of problems. There are significant strategic issues relating to the redevelopment and redesign of the estate and it was agreed by members of the Executive Board that work with the ALMO is essential. Plans of the proposed redevelopment will be submitted to the District Partnership Executive Board.

The BIG partnership has been in discussion with Carr Manor High School and the Extended Schools Advisor regarding the possibility of the site of Miles Hill school being retained and the buildings reused to provide services and facilities for the local community. The desired outcome is to link the site in with the Meanwood Extended Services initiative and fill the building with services and facilities that will be of benefit to the local community. In order for this to be a realistic proposal, there is scope for use of the buildings for office accommodation as well as front line services. Since the presentation took place further discussions have concluded that this proposal is unlikely to be a viable option. Officers are now exploring other options that will enable frontline services to be delivered on the estate.

3. The Theme Champion of the "Making things happen" section of the District Plan was asked to raise strategic issues relevant to this theme. The following actions were agreed
 - The Leeds Initiative representative on the Executive Board will take responsibility for the implementation of the communications strategy.
 - A 4th District Partnership conference will be held in the autumn.
 - In the light of recent and future organisational restructures within the PCT, Police, Adult and Children's Services and the ALMO, and the impact of new strategic initiatives, for example Local Area Agreements, a half-day session for Executive Board members and satellite Chairs is to be held prior to the conference to consider challenges and opportunities for the North East District Partnership.
 - The Chair of the North East District Partnership and the North East Area Manager are holding 1-1 sessions with the Chairs of the satellite partnerships to discuss their action plans and targets aligned to the District Plan.
4. In order to progress the fuel poverty strategy the North East District Partnership has secured free training to front-line staff. Executive Board members were asked to nominate staff within their organisations who will benefit from this.

Recommendations

5. Members are requested to note the recent actions and achievements and provide comment as appropriate.