



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 10th September 2007

Subject: Actions and achievements since the last Area Committee meeting

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

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

Executive Summary

This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements of the Area Management Team since the last Area Committee meeting in June 2007.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements since the last Area Committee meeting. Members will recall that they have agreed to receive quarterly, detailed reports giving progress on the individual actions in the Area Delivery Plan this year. The next one is due at the October meeting. This report provides a brief summary of key actions that have been achieved, or progressed in the meantime.

Highlights

2. The gates for the Gating Order schemes in Carrholm and Wensley Green in Moortown are being installed during August. The gates will be an effective deterrent to the crime and anti-social behaviour that was taking place in the ginnels in these areas.
3. A meeting with the Traders Association and displays of the final scheme for the Oakwood Town & District Centre Scheme in Oakwood library took place in July. Traders were consulted on details including the style and location of bins and seating and waiting restrictions to prevent commuter parking which removes parking facilities for people wishing to shop in Oakwood. The comments of traders and the public have been taken into account and Jacobs Babbie are now drawing up the final agreed design, ready for the next stage which is to undertake statutory consultation with Highways and other agencies including utilities companies.
4. One of the findings from the Chapeltown Community Facilities Review highlighted opportunities to raise the profile of the Mandela Centre as a designated centre for young people in Chapeltown. Yescyber is a main player in the delivery of work with young people in the area and a decision was made for it to relocate to the Mandela Centre. In partnership with the Youth Service, current and proposed stakeholders and user groups, an expanded programme of educational, vocational, career and social activities to meet the needs of young people will be developed. A steering group representative of these groups is being established to take this work forward and improve links with the community to support the centre's growth and development. It is recognised that wider consultation with the local community be carried out regarding the future development of the Mandela Centre taking due cognisance of non youth facilities currently delivered there and the possible use of other existing facilities available for public use. Yescyber's relocation to the Mandela Centre was completed week commencing 3rd September.
5. Work is also ongoing to outline future arrangements for the Council's community centres and the future management and transfer of responsibilities for this service to the Area Committee. In relation to the draft lettings and pricing policy, the Area Management Team is developing proposals for a schedule of charges and discounts for the centres to be transferred, and to undertake local consultation. A draft lettings and pricing policy will be presented to the Area Committee at its October meeting.
6. A lack of coordination of existing community facilities also emerged from the Chapeltown community facilities review. To assess incidences of gaps and duplication in community provision and outline options for maximising the benefits from existing facilities, a questionnaire has been sent to the management committees of the facilities identified in the review. Work is ongoing to analyse this information.

7. At the Area Committee meeting on 26th June, the Area Committee considered proposals for a community engagement framework and agreed a timetable of events. The Area Management Team have been liaising with individual ward members to progress these proposals and the following “Planning for Real “ events have been organised for September
 - Moortown ward September 11th 3pm – 7pm Carr Manor School
 - Roundhay ward September 13th 3. 30 pm – 7.30 pm Roundhay School
 - At the time of writing this report Chapel Allerton ward members had not confirmed a date for their event however it is likely to be in October
8. “Planning for Real “is a practical tool for community action, using large maps of the area to allow residents to “show” what they mean. It is very visual, catches people’s interests and is often more exciting than an ordinary public meeting. As a result more people become involved and are more likely to stay involved. The ideas and suggestions from these events will be worked up into the priority setting exercise that informs next year’s Area Delivery Plan. Invitations have been sent to over 90 community groups who are also helping to publicise the event. The Extended Services Coordinator and teachers from the schools are supporting the Area Management Team to ensure that young people are involved in the event.
9. The Area Management Team are working with individual ward members to look at options to reinvigorate the Open Door project in Roundhay by encouraging more resident involvement. The recent restructure of the ALMO has provided additional resources to further develop the local tenants and residents groups, also to potentially provide a customer service point. The Area Management Team will continue to work with ward councillors and will coordinate a meeting of all partner agencies in mid - September to discuss the development of the project and how it will be sustained in the long-term.
10. The Feel Good Factor have signed the lease for 53 Louis Street and it is hoped work will commence in late September on renovations to the building. The Feel Good Factor are a voluntary organisation who deliver healthy living courses and programmes targeting residents of Chapeltown and Harehills. They had been based at Unity Housing on Chapeltown Rd and the move to Louis Street will enable them to expand the work they do to benefit the local community.

Recommendations

10. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.