



**Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods**

**Inner North West Area Committee**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

**Subject: Area Manager's Report**

<b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b>  <b>ALL</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	<b>Specific Implications For:</b> Ethnic minorities <input type="checkbox"/>  Women <input type="checkbox"/>  Disabled people <input type="checkbox"/>  Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on Little London, Headingley Town and District Centre Scheme, Royal Park Primary School, Headingley Primary School, Hyde Park DPPO and Kirkstall District Centre.

**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 This report provides Members with information about issues in the area which are not addressed elsewhere on the agenda.

**2.0 Little London**

2.1 Outline planning applications are due to be submitted in mid to late February for the four development sites included in the Little London regeneration scheme. Outline permissions are being sought in order to give bidders involved in the current contract procurement process enhanced guarantees over the projected capacity of the development sites.

2.2 In revised Indices of Multiple Deprivation, published in December 2007, Little London moved up 1328 positions, resulting in the area no longer featuring within the worse 3% neighbourhoods in England.

2.3 This outcome has been supported by a considerable amount of multi agency work in the area over the past two years, a commitment from local residents to improve their area and over £500,000 of investment through Neighbourhood Management.

### **3.0 Headingley Town & District Centre Scheme**

3.1 It is expected that the detailed design stage for the Headingley scheme will commence in spring 2008. Prior to this Area Management intend to reconvene the Central Headingley Strategy Group, as part of the overall consultation that will inform the final scheme designs.

### **4.0 Royal Park Primary School**

4.1 Following the last Area Committee, Area Management officers have met with members of the Royal Park Community Consortium. The meeting raised a few issues to be resolved and highlighted gaps in the consultation in need of filling.

4.2 Area Management are now working with the consortium and other community groups and the following actions are to be undertaken:-

- Survey responses to be increased to 100 through a random door knocking exercise;
- RPCC to hold a community meeting where people will be asked to contribute to the consultation;
- An increased survey response rate from the BME community;
- RPCC to undertake an analysis of the consultation responses (to compare with that done by the Council); and
- A site visit to be undertaken, so that members of RPCC can see where the community space is proposed.

### **5.0 Headingley Primary School**

5.1 Headingley Development Trust's application to the Community Asset Transfer Fund, seeking the majority of the projected refurbishment costs, has received favourable feedback from initial assessment. The final outcome of the application is expected in March 2008.

5.2 A site visit to the school, with representatives from the Community Asset Transfer Fund's administrative body, took place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

### **6.0 Hyde Park DPPO**

6.1 Following on from Area Committee's request, at its December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, to consult on a number of smaller areas rather than one big area, community consultation was delayed pending further discussion with ward Members.

6.2 Once this issue is resolved the consultation process will commence with community drop in sessions held as part of the consultation, where members of the public can ask questions and hand in their views. The process will involve 28 days legal notice, 3 weeks for Licensing Panel and a further 28 days for the second legal notice, expected implementation is mid to late April.

## **7.0 Kirkstall District Centre**

- 7.1 Espalier, the owners and developers of the Kirkstall District Centre site, have publicly resolved to come back to the Council with a revised planning application. This will hopefully look at resolving outstanding issues from the previous application, such as affordable housing and access.
- 7.2 Plans for the development of a new Joint Service Centre in Kirkstall are progressing, with the Council, PCT and Lift Company working together to identify an agreeable site. All partners will be asked to consider options and decided upon a location in February.

## **8.0 Recommendations**

- 8.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the updates provided in this report.