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**Report of the North East Area Manager**

**North East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2008-11**

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**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

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**Executive Summary**

This report introduces the area committee to the developing Area Delivery Plan 2008-11. It explains the context for the plan including information on the Leeds Strategic Plan and additional responsibilities delegated to area committees by the Executive Board both around Council functions and partnership working.

The report also proposes a forward plan for themed area committee meetings linked to partnership accountability and increasing public participation.

## **Purpose of this report**

1. This report provides Members with information on progress towards the development of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) 2008-11.

## **Background**

2. The area committee will recall previous reports giving information on the development of the Leeds Strategic Plan (LSP). This will set out the Council's priorities for Leeds for the next three years and what the Council will do itself and in partnership with others to deliver these priorities.
3. The Leeds Strategic Plan brings together the themes in the existing Vision for Leeds, Local Area Agreement and Regeneration Plan, to provide an integrated framework geared to tackling neighbourhood needs and priorities.
4. The 'Area Management Review' report was approved by the Executive Board in November 2007. The area committee received a copy of the report for information and comment at the December 2007 meeting. The report set out proposed changes to the responsibilities given to area committees and more detail is given on this in the next section. It also highlighted proposed changes to the district partnership structure with area committees providing a governance and accountability framework for local partnership working through ADPs linked to the Leeds Strategic Plan and its priorities.

## **Delegated functions**

5. The Executive Board agreed a number of recommended changes to area committee responsibilities and working arrangements at their meeting in November 2007. These will require amendments to the council's constitution which will be proposed in May 2008 and would formally take effect after this. There is an increase in the range and number of service and function responsibilities the area committee will have, grouped under six themes:
  - Community engagement and facilities
  - Community safety
  - Environment
  - Children and young people
  - Adult social care and healthier communities
  - Regeneration and development
6. The new ADP will reflect these additional responsibilities and include any priority actions the area committee may want to progress relating to these.

## **Partnerships**

7. The Area Delivery Plan will be the local expression of the Leeds Strategic Plan and therefore it will be a partnership document, and partners will be involved in putting it together. This is a development from previous ADPs which have concentrated primarily on local priorities linked to delegated council services and what the area committee can contribute towards them.

8. Following the decision to bring to an end the district partnerships new ways need to be found of ensuring that the theme based partnership working in localities continues to be effective, outcome focussed and accountable. There is also a need to link such partnership working to the work of the area committees, their ADPs and to the role of local members as 'place shapers' and 'community champions'. By linking the ADP to the LSP this will improve democratic accountability of partnerships to the area committees.
9. In the north east area there already exists theme based partnership groups and others based around intensive neighbourhood management areas. The majority of these partnership arrangements already have accountability links to city wide structures within the auspices of Leeds Initiative. The following is a list of the partnership groups that cover north east:
  - Divisional Community Safety Partnership
  - Health & Social Care Partnership
  - Children Leeds North East Partnership
  - District Housing Partnership
  - Jobs, Enterprise & Training Partnership (shortly to change to the Worklessness Partnership)
  - Intensive Neighbourhood Management and Priority Neighbourhood partnerships (IMPACT, Beckhill Implementation Group, Moor Allerton Partnership)
10. The ADP will continue to include local priorities and actions as identified by members and residents, including the allocation of Well-Being Funds. It will also necessarily involve partner organisations and will include their actions and contributions towards securing the city improvement priorities set out in the Leeds Strategic Plan. This does not mean the ADP becomes a compendium of all the detailed action plans of all the partnership groups but that it does adequately reflect the main activities, major resource allocations and targets agreed by partners that are a priority in the inner north east. Therefore not all the activity in the ADP will be 'owned' by the area committee or implemented by the area management team. Appendix 1 shows the ADP themes, strategic outcomes and city improvement priorities.
11. Partner agencies are still in discussions about how to structure themselves effectively for this new way of working. Currently their accountability structure is through the Leeds Initiative. By the ADP being the local expression of the Leeds Strategic Plan, these partnerships will also be accountable to the area committees. The area committee is requested to note therefore that this first year is a developmental one and we will learn as we progress.

## **Consultation**

12. The area committee will be consulted through the ward member meetings between now and the June area committee meeting on actions members would like to see included in the plan. The actions can be both those that contribute towards the achievement of the LSP city improvement priorities, and other local actions that may be a priority in the inner north east but do not necessarily fit under any of the LSP headings. In these instances, members will need to identify what the target and outcome will be for inclusion in the ADP. At the same time, the area management team will work with partners and services to develop actions for the plan.

13. For the March and April round of member meetings, members will receive a consultation pack containing all the information in appendix 1 with guidance notes. The area committee is requested to use this information and consider any local priorities and actions they would like to see included in the ADP and feed this back to the area management team. A draft ADP will then be presented to the area committee for approval at the June meeting.

### **Area Committee meetings forward plan**

14. The area committee has previously agreed to split future meetings into two halves so that they can be more responsive and sensitive to local residents, and to address the perceived democratic deficit of partnership working to date. As suggested by members the format will be for a theme based, interactive, area committee sponsored public debate on one of the partnership themes. In this way the area committee has a chance for an in depth examination of the issues of concern for each partnership, informed of achievements, performance monitored and priorities discussed. Innovative ways of engaging with members and the public will be encouraged. Enhancing the involvement of partner agencies and maximising the potential for public engagement with the work of the area committee is one of the new delegated responsibilities of the area committees.
15. The following indicative forward plan for the 2008/09 area committee meetings is proposed, subject to agreement with partners:
- June – Divisional Community Safety Partnership
  - September – Intensive Neighbourhood Management & Priority Neighbourhoods
  - October – Children Leeds North East Partnership
  - December – District Housing Partnership
  - February 2009 – Jobs, Enterprise & Training Partnership
  - March 2009 – Health & Social Care Partnership

### **Recommendations**

16. The area committee is requested to;
- Note the development of the ADP and consider any local priorities and actions they would like to see included in the action plan
  - Agree the forward plan, subject to agreement by partner agencies