



Report of the IMPaCT Neighbourhood Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 26th February 2008

Subject: Intensive Neighbourhood Management

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Gipton and Harehills

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 sets out the draft Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for the IMPaCT Intensive Neighbourhood Management area for 2008/09. It explains the context for the plan including information on the Leeds City Council Annual Survey results and the Indices of Deprivation 2007.

Initial consultation has started with ward members and further consultation will take place soon with the East (Inner) Area Committee and IMPaCT. Feedback from the consultation process will be incorporated into the final set of documents.

The Area Committee is recommended to comment on the Draft Neighbourhood Improvement Plan and approve the outline spending framework for Safer, Stronger, Communities Fund 2008/09.

Purpose of this report

1. The report provides information on the draft IMPaCT Neighbourhood Improvement Plan 2008/09 and its associated outline spending plan for Safer, Stronger Communities Fund. These are set out in Appendices A and B.
2. The report also provides a review of the 2007/2008 IMPaCT Neighbourhood Improvement Plan that was undertaken in January 2008 . This is set out in Appendix C.

Background Information

3. The Government awarded Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) to Leeds, on a four-year financial programme, with a two-year mid-term review. The coming new financial year 2008/2009 will be the third year of the financial programme. The Safer Stronger Communities Fund is targeted at those neighbourhoods falling in the bottom 3% in the country in terms of the Index of Deprivation.
4. The overarching outcome for the funding is to “improve the quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and ensure that service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs and improve their delivery.”

Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIP)

5. The first IMPaCT Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) was considered by the North East (Inner) and East (Inner) Area Committees in March 2007. It covered the period January 2007 to March 2008 and was reviewed by the IMPaCT partnership on 10th January 2008. A copy of this review is attached at Appendix A.
6. This second NIP has been developed as a draft document for consideration and will be amended in the light of consultation with ward members, partners and residents groups. This draft will be considered by the IMPaCT partnership on 6th March and also by both Area Committees.
7. The NIP explores the currently available evidence and statistics as the starting point for defining broad priorities for investment. It is anticipated the NIP will become a “living” plan, adapting to new findings and intelligence as they become available in the year ahead. For example, in Summer 08, the findings of the city-wide evaluation of Intensive Neighbourhood Management will need to be incorporated.

Safer Stronger Communities Fund 2008/09

8. Safer, Stronger Communities Fund is a relatively small resource compared to mainstream investment and other discretionary funding streams that come into the locality.
9. Appendix B sets out a number of suggested activities to be funded with Safer, Stronger Communities Fund from April 2008 to March 2009. It provides some

considerations in terms of sustainability and additionally as well as linking proposed activities to the Leeds Initiative improvement priorities.

Recommendations

10. The Area Committee is requested to comment on the IMPaCT Neighbourhood Improvement Plan 2008/09 and approve the outline spending framework for Safer, Stronger, Communities Fund 2008/09 subject to further consultation with the East (inner) Area Committee and the IMPaCT partnership.