



Report of The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner North West Leeds Area Committee

Date: 3rd April 2008

Subject: Little London & Woodhouse Intensive Neighbourhood Management

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Hyde Park & Woodhouse</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report outlines the 2008/09 budget for Intensive Neighbourhood Management in Little London and Woodhouse.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Little London Intensive Neighbourhood Management (INM) project began in 2006, funded through the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and the Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF). In addition to this, a number of greenspace improvements have been funded by the Cleaner, Safer Greener capital fund.

2.2 During the past two years, INM has supported nine main projects:

- Neighbourhood Co-ordination: employment of a neighbourhood manager;
- Streetscene Services: environmental pride team and enforcement officer;
- Police overtime: targeted operations;
- Intensive Family Support Worker: supporting families experiencing difficulties;
- Breakers Unify: break dancing classes and youth drop in;
- BARCA harm reduction: drug and alcohol outreach work;
- Health Activities Worker: part time worker delivering health education;
- Youthpoint: youth drop in and outreach work; and
- Health Activities Fund: small grants to local organisations.

2.3 In 2008/09, the SSCF revenue allocation for INM reduces from £108,360 to £86,000. NRF funding came to an end in March 2008, and the 2007/08 allocation of £142,274 has been replaced by one year's transitional funding of £83,000 through the Working Neighbourhoods Fund.

2.4 The total budget for Little London INM will be £169,000, representing a decrease of around 34%. This funding must only be used to support existing projects that would otherwise have ended in March 2008.

3.0 Little London Intensive Neighbourhood Management Budget 2008/09

3.1 The following projects will be funded from April 2008 through the Little London INM budget allocation:

3.2 Neighbourhood Manager - £37,370

The Neighbourhood Manager post will continue for one year. The work will focus on building sustainable partnerships to ensure the improvements in Little London will continue after the 2008/09 financial year. The Neighbourhood Manager will have an additional budget of £8,000 to support projects that meet local priorities during the year. This budget will also fund a bi-annual newsletter.

3.3 Streetscene Services - £39,000

Little London has benefited from an additional Streetscene team for the past two years. It is proposed that the current arrangement will continue, with a clear timetable for when the team is in the area. More detailed monitoring information will be provided on the work the team undertakes.

3.4 Drug & Alcohol Outreach - £21,000

During the past six months, the service has built up trust and attracted more clients. The twice weekly outreach will continue for one year, with a focus on referring clients to other agencies.

3.5 Youthpoint: £10,500

The current project is based around sexual health work with young men. This year, Youthpoint will continue to deliver three sessions a week in Little London, but the work will focus on gang culture and weapons awareness. Work with girls will also be included in the new programme.

3.6 Breakers Unify: £5,385

The project runs four breakdancing classes, with three aimed at children under 13. The organisation is currently applying for funding from a number of sources to expand its work, with a view to becoming a social enterprise. INM funding will enable the current classes to continue until September 2008, and support will be given with funding applications to other organisations.

3.7 Little London Arts: £2,000

The project has received £3,000 in Healthy Living grants to run a free children's art club. Funding will be made available to run the class until the end of the school year.

3.8 Space@ Little London: £10,000

The centre is owned by the school, but has received Access to Employment round 1 funding to deliver a programme of activities aimed at creating employment opportunities for local residents. This funding ends in March 2008, and the school has indicated that it is not in a position to subsidise the centre's running costs.

£30,000 worklessness funding is being made available for the centre to be used as a base for other organisations to deliver training and other activities. INM is providing additional funds to support this work, and ensure the centre remains open for community use.

3.9 Healthy Activities Worker: £15,000

This part time post has been managed by the Cardigan Centre, and the worker has delivered a number of schemes including; a weekly family tea time club, family walks and primary school activities. In 2008/09, a local resident led organisation will employ the worker to continue the current provision.

3.10 Neighbourhood Priorities budget: £28,745

This money will be used to support short term projects to address priorities that are identified through the INM partnership structure.

4.0 Monitoring and Evaluation

4.1 Three partnerships will be established in 2008/09 to address key priorities for the neighbourhood covering: Crime & Grime; Health & Wellbeing; and Education & Skills. The work of these partnerships will be monitored on a quarterly basis by a co-ordination group who will ensure that the groups are not duplicating work, and gaps are being identified. The co-ordination group will produce a quarterly report, outlining the work that has been carried out by each partnership group.

4.2 All projects that have been funded through INM will be required to submit a report on the previous quarter's activities and performance against agreed outputs.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.