



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 4th September 2006

Subject: Actions and Achievements

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities
Women
Disabled people
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 provides Members with a summary of recent actions and achievements of the Area Committee and Area Management Team.

Background Information

1. This report enables the Area Committee to track progress of the actions identified in the Area Delivery Plan 2006/07, and provides details of work achievements of the Area Management Team since the last Area Committee meeting.
2. Appendix 1 refers to progress on specific issues raised by Members at Area Committee meetings.
3. Appendix 2 tracks progress against the Area Delivery Plan 2006/07.

Significant action and achievements since the last Area Committee meeting

4. Since the June meeting it has been a very busy time for the Area Management Team, working on several projects that are resource intensive and attract considerable public interest. Through our co-ordinating role in the District Partnership priority neighbourhood work, we organised a very successful 'week of action' on the Beckhill estate in August on behalf of the Beckhill Implementation Group. The week saw intensive action focusing on cleaning up the estate and targeting anti-social behaviour and breach of tenancy agreements. Streetscene Services and Leeds North East Homes in particular dedicated additional resources to the week and had their operational staff working together. This made a real, noticeable difference to the estate. Residents were encouraged to join in through the provision of skips, all of which were filled. A barbeque celebration event was held on the Thursday evening at Stainbeck Church which was well attended by service representatives and a number of residents. As a result of the week, which was effectively publicised in advance through the Yorkshire Evening Post and leaflets delivered to every house on the estate, a number of residents who weren't engaged with services or the BIG group before, are now keen to get involved in the regeneration of their estate.
5. The Oakwood Town & District Centre feasibility study is nearing completion and has involved significant public consultation and been very resource intensive. Two consultation meetings have been held with Oakwood Traders Association to discuss the viability of shop front improvements as part of the bid. In addition, a nine day general public consultation event has been held in Oakwood library. Boards have been displayed with the proposed improvements, with questionnaires for local people to give their comments. The consultation will help inform the final business plan which must be submitted by 25th August 2006.
6. The Chapeltown community facilities review is underway with a final report and recommendations due at the Area Committee in October. Currently the business plans of Chapeltown Community Centre Action Group (CCCAG) and other major community providers in the area are being analysed by Area Management and Asset Management. Once this is completed, different options for community provision will be drawn up and an appraisal carried out on each looking at cost, timing, location and planning issues. A meeting will be arranged for week commencing 11th September with the major stakeholders to discuss the options and agree recommendations.
7. Claire Hellowell started on 24th July as the Intensive Families Project Co-ordinator, a post funded by the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund for 12 months. Claire will be

covering Meanwood for 2 days per week and is shared resource with North West Area Management. The purpose of her post is to co-ordinate intensive support work with young people and their families in tackling anti-social behaviour. Since attending her first steering group meeting Claire is setting up support plans on an individual basis. Claire is managed through Social Services.

Recommendations

8. Members are requested to note the recent actions and achievements and provide comment as appropriate.