

## **EAST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Selby in the Chair

Councillors A Hussain, A Taylor, R Brett,  
R Harington, D Hollingsworth, G Hyde,  
R Pryke and V Morgan

### **72 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **73 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Mr M Dodds, Co-opted Member.

### **74 Open Forum**

The agenda made reference to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure rules for an Open Forum Session at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee, for members of the public to ask questions or to make representations on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no matters were raised under this item by those members of the public who were in attendance.

### **75 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January, be confirmed as a correct record.

### **76 EASEL Update**

The report of the Head of the EASEL Projects provided an update on various aspects of the EASEL regeneration initiative including phase1 development, progress on the establishment of the Joint Venture Company, Neighbourhood Planning and the approach to consultation and the engagement of residents.

The Chair welcomed the following to the meeting:

- Peter Anderson Beck, Head of the EASEL Project
- Maggie Gjessing, East Area Regeneration Manager

The Committee was informed of the following progress with the EASEL project.

- It was reported that the land sale contract for the 8 sites in the Phase 1 development had been signed. This would offer affordable housing similar to the Amberton Park development.
- The establishment of the Joint Venture Company – This would consist of representation from the Council and its Development Partner, Bellway. The Joint Venture Company would be responsible for delivering new housing, employment opportunities, educational facilities and creation of green spaces.
- The Joint Venture Company would have a Board consisting of representatives from the Council and Bellways and would include Elected Member representation which would also include the Chair of the Area Committee.
- Neighbourhood planning – development of the Area Action Plan and land use framework. Consultation would take place with all interested parties including Elected Members.
- Community Engagement – Members were informed of the EASELnews newsletter and website which would provide sources of information to local residents. Resident's Boards would also be established for the involvement of local people.

In response to Members questions and comments, the following issues were discussed.

- The independent Chair of the Company Board would need to meet a specified skill set. There would be no remuneration for this post.
- Money provided by Bellways for consultation and development of the Resident's Boards.
- It was reported that the developer was being pursued for a revised programme of when works would commence.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the report be noted
- (2) That an update report be brought to the June meeting of the Area Committee.

#### **77 Neighbourhood Policing Teams Update and Divisional Community Safety Highlight Report (Sept-Dec 2007)**

The joint report of the Divisional Commander (North East Leeds Police Division) and Acting East Area Manager provided Members with an update on the new Neighbourhood Policing Teams and a quarterly report on the Divisional Community Safety Partnership.

The Chair welcomed Chief Inspector Rod Wark to the meeting.

Members were informed of the composition of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and the areas covered. It was reported that the number of Police Constables under the new arrangements had doubled and the new shift

system was explained. Attention was brought to priority crime figures in the area and good progress had been made in all areas, although burglary to dwellings was still a cause for concern.

Chief Inspector Wark informed the Committee of the success of Officers from the North East Leeds Division in the recent Awards for Excellence. In 9 categories of achievement the division had 6 finalists and 5 eventual winners. Members congratulated those concerned on their success.

In brief summary, the following issues were discussed:

- The role of the District Community Safety Partnership
- Links to the Area Delivery Plan
- Tasking meetings – these would be open to Elected Member involvement
- Anti-social behaviour

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That progress in establishing the Ward based NPTs across the area and the improved contribution to the inter-agency tasking teams to support locality focussed working be noted.
- (2) That the community safety related actions achieved by partnership working across the area during the quarterly reporting period to 31 December 2007 be noted.

#### **78 Intensive Neighbourhood Management (INM) - Update Report and Proposed 2008/09 Programme**

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report which provided the Area Committee with an update on progress developing and implementing the Intensive Neighbourhood Management (INM) approach in Inner East Leeds. Appended to the report were the new indicators of deprivation and the proposed programmes and spending plans for 2008/09 for the three INM clusters located in Inner East Leeds.

The Chair welcomed the following to the meeting:

- Chris Dickinson, Neighbourhood Manager
- Hayley Clifton, Neighbourhood Manager

It was reported that the previous 2 years of INM activity had helped to develop structures to identify and address local priorities particularly relating to the 'crime and grime' agenda. There had been a strong focus on engaging local residents e.g the Together Partnership which had exceeded 1,000 Members. A Together Youth Network had also been launched. Other priority issues and actions to be addressed included the following:

- Worklessness

- Community cohesion
- School support and tackling truancy
- Community Pride Schemes

In response to Members questions and comments the following issues were discussed:

- The loss of Neighbourhood Renewal Funds
- Barriers to housing
- The use of Stronger and Safer Communities funds and Well-Being funds
- Residents surveys and how these were used to identify priority issues
- The Signpost Project
- The role of the Environmental Pride Teams
- Asylum seekers
- Homelessness

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the progress that has been made in developing the new Intensive Neighbourhood Management Approach over the first two years of the programme be noted.
- (2) That the 2007 Indicator of Deprivation summaries and SOA analysis for each INM cluster and in particular the improvements in indicators relating to levels of crime and grime be noted.
- (3) That the SSCF spending frameworks for each INM cluster for 2008/09 to enable the local commissioning process to be managed by each Neighbourhood Manager (overseen by the Area Manager and reporting to the Area Committee) through the involvement of local Ward Members and appropriate resident network/mechanisms be approved.

#### **79 Leeds Strategic Plan (LSP) and Area Delivery Plan**

The report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods explored the relationship between the Leeds Strategic Plan (LSP) with Area Delivery Plans (ADP). It presented the six themes of the LSP with their attendant strategic outcomes and local improvement priorities.

Members were reminded of the previous report brought to the Area Committee which looked at the themes, objectives and priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan and how they met Area Delivery Plan priorities. Attention was brought to the Area Committee's role and contribution in relation to the plans. The role of partnership working was also highlighted and Members were informed of proposals to hold themed meetings across the LSP priorities which aimed to increase public engagement.

In brief summary, the following issues were discussed:

- Local Area Agreements and the statutory duty to co-operate with partners.
- The role of Elected Members within the themed groups of the LSP
- Transparency and accountability
- Engagement of local communities

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

**80 Capital Wellbeing Proposal - Clarks Bin Yards**

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report which updated the Area Committee on the capital wellbeing spending across the Inner East area. It also requested the Committee to consider an application from the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill capital wellbeing budget for bin yard improvements in the Clarks area.

**RESOLVED** – That funding to the value of £39,000 for the bin yard improvements in the Clarks area be approved. This funding to be allocated from the wellbeing capital allocation for Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward.

**81 Dates, Times and Venues of Area Committee Meetings and Community Forums 2008/09**

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report which outlined options for dates, meeting times and venues for the East Inner Area Committee for the 2008/09 Municipal Year. Also appended to the report were details of Community Forum meetings across the inner East Area for 2008/09.

**RESOLVED** –

That meetings of the Area Committee be held on the following dates throughout the 2008/09 Municipal Year. All meetings to commence at 6.00 p.m.

- Thursday, 19 June 2008
- Thursday, 11 September 2008
- Thursday, 23 October 2008
- Thursday, 4 December 2008
- Thursday, 5 February 2009
- Thursday, 19 March 2009