

**Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing**

**Neighbourhoods and Housing Scrutiny Board**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

**Subject: Neighbourhood Tasking In Inner East Leeds**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

**Executive Summary**

The purpose of the report is to update Members on the Neighbourhood Tasking in Inner East Leeds.

**1.0 Main Issues**

1.1 Neighbourhood Tasking Teams have been established in 5 areas in Inner East Leeds. These are:

Area	Tasking Lead
Killingbeck and Seacroft	Leeds East Homes
Gipton	Area Management
Harehills	Area Management
Burmantofts	Area Management
Richmond Hill/Osmondthorpe	Re'new

1.2 Tasking is an intelligence approach to problem solving and prioritising work, borrowed from the Police, which provides a suitable model for multi-agency working at a local neighbourhood level. Essentially it involves establishing a shared picture ( the 'Intelligence ' ) of the neighbourhood in terms of issues and problems that need to be tackled; and through a regular monthly meeting co-ordinated by an agreed lead (see above) a limited set of agreed priority tasks are shared between the members of the 'Tasking team' to deliver and report back to the following meeting. As tasks are completed new priorities are agreed and so forth. In East neighbourhood tasking areas are aligned to the Neighbourhood Police Teams patches.

- 1.3 The approach developed from the more targeted short term multi-agency operations that have taken place across the city including Banrock, Appollo, Arrow and Cava. In East the tasking work has also been influenced by the approach of the Community Safety Partnerships working groups.
- 1.4 As members might expect the membership of the tasking teams has been focussed mainly on the crime and grime agenda and varies across the areas to a degree but all tasking teams include a core membership of:
- Police, including PCSOs
  - Wardens
  - Community staff including ASBU
  - ALMO estate management staff
  - Area Management
  - Streetscene
  - Fire Service
- 1.5 Other partners involved (sometimes regularly, sometimes occasionally) include Renew, Youth Service, PCT, Voluntary and Community Groups, local schools, Youth Offending, Probation and Education Leeds.
- 1.6 Tasking is endorsed and resourced by the Area Committee and the District partnership as part of a wider strategy on neighbourhood management which also now includes the more targeted 'Intensive Neighbourhood Management' Initiatives in Richmond Hill/Burmantofts and Gipton/S.Seacroft. The Area Committee has allocated a budget of £10,000 to each Tasking Team and has augmented the existing warden allocation to Inner East with a further 3.5 posts to create a total of 15 staff including three team leaders. The teams are ward based to ensure equity of Area Committee funding but they link seamlessly into the tasking teams of which they are a key element. District partners provide the lead role in two and additional support for individual activities such as preventing arson, youth diversion and community involvement.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the report.