



Report of the West North West Area Manager

North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 25th September 2008

Subject: Area partnerships arrangements

Electoral Wards Affected:

Headingley
Hyde Park and Woodhouse
Kirkstall
Weetwood

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 seeks to clarify proposals for partnership working presented to the Area Committee at its special meeting on 31st July 2008.

The Area Committee is asked to confirm Member representation on the various thematic Area Partnerships (subject to corporate approval through the Member Management Committee).

Purpose of this report

- 1 This report clarifies recommendations for local partnership working arrangements. These recommendations were agreed by Executive Board in November 2007. The recommendations take account of the proposals from the Area Management Review and opportunities to bring about greater levels of democratic accountability and involvement at a local level.

Background

- 2 The council's new corporate planning framework aims to link the Vision for Leeds and the Local Area Agreement to strategic outcomes in a single Leeds Strategic Plan. As part of this framework, the Area Delivery Plans will be responsible for the achievement of strategic outcomes at a local level. To be effective, this will involve the need to engage partners such as the Police, ALMO and PCT as well as ensuring that the views and priorities of local people and stakeholders such as businesses and interest groups are taken into account.
- 3 The Executive Board have agreed that the way forward for partnership working is for Area Committees to provide a local governance and accountability framework for agreed partnership work through their new Area Delivery Plans. The expectation is that the Council and local agencies would give accountability for their actions to local people through the Area Committees.
- 4 Following this decision, The Leeds Initiative has agreed to support the nomination of an Elected Member from each Area Committee to the relevant area based thematic partnership. This is to strengthen the links between partnership working and Area Committees.

Area based thematic partnerships

- 5 There are three **4** area partnerships currently in operation, linked to the Leeds Initiative. These are:
 - West North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP)
 - West North West Children's Partnership
 - West North West Housing Partnership
 - West Jobs Enterprise and Training Partnership (JET).
- 6 Further area partnerships are likely to be developed shortly; these will include a Health and Wellbeing Partnership for example.
- 7 The Area Committee identified Chairs of sub-groups and forums at its meeting on 31st July and also identified the following members to act as champions for the specific themes dealt with by the partnership groups:
 - Children and Young People – Cllr Ewen
 - Community Safety – Cllr Bentley
 - Economy and Skills – Cllr Yeadon
 - Health and Well-Being – Cllr Chapman
 - Environment – Cllr Matthews
 - Housing – Cllr Hamilton
9. It is anticipated that full training and inductions will be arranged once the partnerships are established for the relevant Members.

Background papers

10. Report of the Director of Environment & Neighbourhoods to Executive Board November 07.

Recommendations

11. The Area Committee is requested to:
 - (a) Note and comment on the contents of this report.
 - (b) Confirm their agreement for representatives to the partnership groups as outlined in paragraph 7 (subject to corporate approval through the Member Management Committee).