



Area Achievements 2007/08 - Delivering Better Outcomes for Local People Across Leeds

Summary of Area Delivery Plan Achievements

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Area: Inner East

- **Tackling Crime and Grime**

The Area Committee supported the continued development of a Neighbourhood Management approach in the area, based on a framework of local inter-agency “tasking teams” focusing on issues of crime and grime.

Elected Members are involved in their respective tasking team meetings, helping provide intelligence and contributing to problem-solving on local issues that do not appear to be easily resolved through normal channels of activity.

Each ward was allocated £25k from the Area Committee’s Wellbeing budget to support problem solving actions that arose from local tasking meetings. This has enabled quick and appropriate interventions to be undertaken which have made a noticeable difference to real problems being faced in neighbourhoods.

Examples of local actions delivered in 2007/08 through tasking include:

Community clean ups, local youth diversionary activities, support for community events, local Smartwater schemes, trembler alarms, support for out of school activities, bollard and anti-graffiti painting, no parking cones for schools, joint enforcement work, dispersal orders and much more.

- **Community Safety and Neighbourhood Improvements**

Through Wellbeing and Safer Stronger Communities Fund monies, the Area Committee commissioned Probation Services to establish a dedicated Community Payback team for Inner East.

The team utilises unpaid work of offenders who have a community service order. Up to 7 offenders are available, 7 hours a day, every day of the year.

A dedicated supervisor is employed for the area and a referrals system is in place, managed through the Area Team, which enables Elected Members, community groups and agencies to request the free labour force to undertake jobs for them.

The scheme ensures that the Community Payback is being directed at helping resolve long standing environmental problems and supporting local groups who would otherwise struggle to afford the labour costs.

Work undertaken during 2007/08 through this scheme included:

Painting school fencing and park equipment, garden tidying, clearing void property gardens, supporting local clean up operations, cutting back ginnel overgrowth.

The Area Committee’s partnership with Probation Services won the Howard League for Penal Reform 2008 national award for “outstanding schemes” and was nominated for the West Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board’s Justice Award.

Area: Outer East

- **Town and District Centres**

Outer East Leeds has 4 Town & District Centre Regeneration Schemes. 2007/8 saw the completion of one full scheme in Kippax High Street and the partial completion of schemes in Halton Village and Garforth Main Street. The scheme in Kippax was completed to the total satisfaction of Ward Members, Kippax Parish Council and local traders. It has given a boost to the area and local people feel it will act as a catalyst for the complete regeneration of the High Street. The completion of the 3 remaining schemes will take place in 2008/9.

- **Community Safety and Neighbourhood Improvements**

In 2006/7 Outer East Area Committee funded a 'pilot' Community Payback scheme in partnership with West Yorkshire Probation Service. This scheme ran for 6 months and feedback was very good. In 2007/8 the scheme ran for the full year and provided much needed support across the area for Parish Councils, Community Groups, 'in bloom' and environmental groups etc. Outer East Area Committee paid £15,000 for the scheme but received the equivalent of 2270 working days at 7.5 hours per day. Based upon a minimum wage calculation this equates to around £85,000 worth of labour. Work has included environmental clean up's, painting of church halls, planting of bulbs, helping at OAP luncheon clubs etc.

- **Improving Local Sports Facilities**

Years of planning, acquiring funding and lobbying by a variety of different sports groups led to work starting on the delivery of new sports pitches and the improvement of current pitches. Outer East Area Committee and its management team were instrumental in obtaining funds and supporting the planning process of improvements to pitches in Whinmoor and new pitches in Methley. The Area Committee provided £55,000 of funding towards the Methley project, which in total will cost in excess of £250,000.

The regeneration of Micklefield started in 2004 with a grant secured through Yorkshire Forward to improve the community centre (old fire station) and carry out environmental improvements throughout the village. The Micklefield Regeneration Forum is chaired by the Area Committee Chair with officer representation from its management team. In 2007/8 further projects were delivered including a new football stand at the village's main sporting venue and securing almost £150,000 of funding to develop a skate park in the village. Work on the skate park will commence September 2008.

- **Intensive Neighbourhood Management**

The Halton Moor estate in Outer East Leeds is the only Intensive Neighbourhood Management area within the four wards. The estate has seen an upturn in fortune in recent years through the intensive work of partner agencies. However, despite an increased demand for property and a reduction in crime (especially burglary), the area continues to suffer from high levels of hate crime. To combat this, a strategy was developed which included the formation of a hate crime group involving representatives from the Police, Schools and Youth Service. A local plan has been developed, and over the next twelve months work will be undertaken to assess the impact of the approach and measure its outcomes. The plan is available on the LCC website.

Area: Inner North East

- **Town and District Centre Town Centres**

The Town and District Centres scheme will provide £500,000 of investment to the centre of Oakwood to improve business confidence by enhancing access and limiting on street parking. This will free up parking space and prevent people from using the area to park and ride. The scheme will provide additional parking spaces, a new pedestrian crossing, improved lighting, new street furniture and improve a busy junction at the northern gateway.

- **Community Engagement and Empowerment**

The priority neighbourhood group is chaired by the Area Management Team and continues to be responsible for a number of improvements in the area. This includes a successful application for £4,000 to the PCT, an increased role for residents in the partnership to improve levels of engagement and the relaunch of the local newsletter. As a consequence of improved levels of community engagement the Area Management Team made the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at the former Miles Hill School accessible to local residents.

The Inner North East Area Committee implemented a new engagement strategy. This resulted in 3 events in each ward and allowed people the opportunity to identify the priorities in their area. The results of this activity has informed the area delivery plan, which has allocated funds to issues raised by local people. The Area Management Team have also distributed 'Take Action Cards' to local people, which they can return through a freepost account. This allows them to highlight issues in the area, which are sent on to services to address.

- **Community Centres**

As a result of work by the Area Management Team, the Feel Good Factor began leasing the council owned building at 53 Louis Street in Chapeltown. As part of the agreement the Feel Good Factor carried out £100k worth of improvements to the building. There is now a healthy living centre located in the heart of Chapeltown from where cooking, healthy eating and exercise classes are run. The interior of the building has been modernised and the council now receives rent from the building.

Work has continued at the Mandela Centre to develop an expanded programme of activities to meet the needs of young people in the area. A steering group of young people has been established to lead on the development of the Mandela Centre as a youth hub for Chapeltown. This year young Asian people began to attend the centre for the first time, which has lead to mixed youth sessions. Attendance of the these sessions continues to grow, which has promoted community cohesion in the area and developed cross cultural contact within the service.

Area: Outer North East

- **Town and District Centres**

Wetherby Market Square Town and District Centre scheme was completed during 2007/8. The scheme, which was project managed by the Area Team, involved widening the pavements in front of the shops, installing new street furniture, upgrading the street lighting, and providing a new large York Stone paved area in front of the

Town Hall. This scheme was successful in winning a national urban transport design award.

A second Wetherby Town and District scheme for Wetherby Horsefair was prepared and approved during 07/08. This involves resurfacing the street in York Stone, new street furniture with bollards demarking pedestrian and vehicle areas, and a pelican crossing to enable safer access to Wetherby town centre from Hallfield Lane car park and Health Centre. This scheme compliments the Market Square Improvements and will enable better pedestrian access to the Town Centre. Both schemes are part of the Council's Town and District Centre Regeneration Programme.

- **Community Engagement and Empowerment**

The Moor Allerton Partnership was established in 2006 as a multi agency partnership to tackle issues in the area relating to health, education, employment, crime, housing and the environment. Area Management have responsibility for driving forward action in this area through partnership working.

During 07/08 the following sub-groups were established to look at actions and priorities more specifically: Mini Map (community safety), Moor Allerton Children and Young People (MACY), Community Engagement and Communications, Voluntary Community Faith Sector Forum, Moor Allerton Older Person's sub-group, Worklessness, and Environment.

A number of actions took place during 07/08 including: an assessment of local services and community facilities, careers day which targeted people claiming incapacity benefit and unemployed lone parents which resulted in nine people being referred onto work and training providers, energy efficiency improvements to the homes of local elderly people, a duvet exchange and a sloppy slipper campaign.

Area Management administer the Town and Parish Council Forum for the Outer North East. Key areas of enhancement to the well-being and service provision of the communities they serve have been identified through consultation with this forum, and these are being worked through with the relevant departments and services.

- **Community Centres**

A community facilities conference was held on 27th September, organised by Area Management the Yorkshire Rural Community Council, to support the sustainability and capacity of village facilities, parish halls and community centres through sharing good practice, guidance and advice. The event was well attended by representatives from Outer North East, and a more localised follow up for Outer North East event was held on 29th November.

- **Improving the Local Environment**

£40,000 was allocated to the Environment Fund for Outer North East from the Well Being budget. This paid for approximately 60,000 bulbs, hanging baskets, a tub walk, barrier baskets, planter replacements and enhancements to a playing field.

Area: Inner North West

Highlights of some of the work undertaken and supported by the Area Committee include:

- **Greenspace Improvements**

Investment of £47,000 capital funding in seven greenspace improvements in Little London. Areas which had been long standing eyesores such as rubble strewn waste ground behind the community centre and bramble covered steps on Servia Hill were cleared and brought back into public use. There have also been enhanced maintenance works to Royal Park greenspace and the employment of site based gardeners for Beckett Park and Woodhouse Ridge

- **Neighbourhood Improvements**

Four Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) were developed and delivered through the North West Area Committee. An example of effective NIP activity can be demonstrated within the Harolds and Thornvilles in Headingley, where 800 properties were surveyed to gather information on what improvements residents would like to see. As a result, every household has now been treated with anti climb paint to address the issue of high burglary rates in the area.

Area: Outer North West

In the last year there has been a significant increase in the range of projects funded and initiatives undertaken in order to make improvements in the local area. Highlights of some of the work undertaken and supported by the Area Committee include:

- **Community Safety**

Four Designated Public Place Orders for Horsforth, Guiseley, Yeadon and Otley were successfully put in place and complemented with additional police resources to help implement them; a Cumulative Impact policy was established for Horsforth; the area management team continued to organise and arrange successful multi action crime and grime initiatives across the area; funding continued for an additional PCSO for Horsforth and the Behind Closed Doors project which provides support and advice on domestic violence related issues. Continuation funding was also awarded to support neighbourhood conflict resolution activity within the area.

- **Young People**

Through the mobile Youth Bus, additional youth outreach activities have been provided and support for summer holiday play provision has taken place. A new children's play activity area at West End school in Horsforth has been delivered and an outdoor recreation and sports project for West Busk Lane in Otley. Further support has been provided to deliver new changing facilities for the cricket club in Pool and funding for the children's book festivals in local libraries throughout the area

Area: Inner South

- **Culture and Cohesion**

Delivery of Well-Being funded 'I Love South Leeds' festival with a focus of creating cohesive and harmonious communities. The festival included art circus road shows, workshops, a talent contest and a grand finale, and was managed by South Leeds Health for All.

- **Community Engagement and Empowerment**

- Well-Being funded Priority Neighbourhood Development Worker successfully worked in identified neighbourhoods across Inner South Leeds to develop the capacity of local residents and engage them in the regeneration of their neighbourhoods. As a result, Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) were implemented with community involvement in 3 neighbourhoods identified as priority areas for action according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Actions delivered included community clean ups, establishment of residents groups and production of newsletters.

- **Young People**

Year 2 of the Peer Mentoring Programme was successfully delivered at South Leeds High School with the Warrington Peace Centre tackling issues of conflict and cohesion in the school. The programme was short listed for a national community cohesion award and has been recognised as best practice by the Department for Children, Schools & Families.

- The Well-Being funded Youth Bus delivered mobile activities and sessions for young people at targeted locations across the Inner South area. The aim of the project is to reduce anti-social behaviour and increase opportunities for positive activities for young people. Over 1,000 young people accessed the bus during 2007/08. Activities included sports, music, DVDs, art and jewellery making. In addition Connexions information was provided. The project is delivered by St Luke's Cares, a local Voluntary, Community and Faith organisation.

- **Intensive Neighbourhood Management**

The Intensive Neighbourhood Management programme spent £490,328 Neighbourhood element and £344,499 Cleaner Safer Greener funding on a variety of projects to improve the environment and address community safety issues in priority SOA areas of Beeston Hill, Holbeck and Belle Isle. The projects supported included the Signpost Family Intervention project, Neighbourhood Safety Liaison team and the dedicated environmental PRIDE team, including enforcement officer.

Area: Outer South

- **Community Engagement and Partnership Working**

In partnership with Aire Valley Homes and Drighlington Parish Council, Area Management delivered an innovative pilot in Outer South Leeds. The 'Big Spender' initiative was based on the 'Participatory Budgeting' concept where the responsibility of deciding how funding is spent in an area is placed with residents. £30,000 of funding from Narrowing the Gap Elected Members Group, Aire Valley Homes and the Outer South Area Committee was available for local individuals, groups and agencies to bid for to deliver projects that met the needs of the community. Representatives from each

of the eleven projects bidding for money presented their schemes to residents at a venue in Drighlington on 'Decision Day'. On the day all households in Drighlington received a voting card to score the projects based on community benefit, value for money and achievability. Projects were ranked based on the scores. Six of the eleven projects received their requested amount from the £30,000 allocation. The 7th project to receive funding did not secure the full amount requested, but was given the remainder of the funding to deliver a smaller scale project.

- 2007/08 saw Ian Clayton, Barrie Rutter and the BBC's Look North Paul Hudson headline the second successful Morley Literature Festival. Festivals and community celebrations, such as Rothwell 600, offer a wide range of culture and sporting activities for all ages. These events are key vehicles for engaging with local residents and developing their skills and confidence to become active members of their community.

- **Neighbourhood Improvements**

The Area Committee continued to fund a Priority Neighbourhood Worker in response to the Narrowing the Gap agenda. In partnership with key agencies and residents, the Priority Neighbourhood Worker worked in five targeted neighbourhoods to develop and deliver Neighbourhood Improvement Plans that address issues such as anti-social behaviour and environmental concerns and develop the capacity of local residents. Support has also been given to community groups through 50 skips lent to the community for clean ups, and eleven community groups received small grants totalling £5,889.20.

- **Town and District Centres**

The Town and District Centre Regeneration Scheme of Marsh Street Car Park in Rothwell reached its completion. A significant refurbish and regeneration of the car park was undertaken, and the final landscaping works are due to be finished soon.

The Town Centre Management project funded by the Area Committee for Morley and Rothwell provides a town centre manager to coordinate and direct partners in actions to improve both town centres. Community consultation was undertaken at the annual town 'Summits' where residents and businesses met to discuss key issues that would form the basis for each towns action plan for the coming year. The Town Centre Partnerships, developed by the Town Centre Manager, continue to operate successfully and contribute towards creating thriving town centres.

- **Improving the Local Environment**

2007 saw the creation of a Cleaner Neighbourhoods Sub Group for the Outer South. A multi agency task group that coordinates and monitors actions to resolve environmental issues in the area.

Area: Inner West

- **Neighbourhood Improvements**

The provision of greenspace and streetscene improvements, together with the funding of additional police activities and a local Neighbourhood Warden through the Fairfield Intensive Neighbourhood Management project, have led to the Estate moving out of the worst 3% deprivation rankings and a marked improvement in resident satisfaction locally. In addition funding won from the Northern Housing Challenge bid as part of the Leeds Bradford corridor, will lead to significant investment in new mixed tenure housing. Elsewhere in Barmley, initiatives held on the Broadleas Estate included an

Estate Action Day to raise awareness and tackle crime and grime issues, and the establishment of a Participatory Budgeting pilot where local people put forward proposals to change their neighbourhood and voted to develop four specific local environmental projects using Local Authority funding

- **Culture and Cohesion**

The 'I Love West Leeds Festival' entered its fourth successful year and had increasing attendances in all its events over a two week period in July. It helped raise the profile of the West area of the city for investment, enhancing the area as a desirable place to live as well as involving huge number of people and organisations in cultural activities. Area Committee money levered in significant funding from the Arts Council and other sources. All parts of the West Leeds Community were engaged in activities and the main "park" event this year saw the festival take over Armley Mills with music, film, plays, family fun events and this years festival theme - underpants!

Area: Outer West

- **Greenspace Improvements**

Significant improvements to parks, for example at Pudsey Park there is a new bandstand, skate park and children's playground. The West Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways linking all the greenspaces in the area has seen further development of signage, footpath improvement and interpretation with many voluntary local groups involved.

- **Crime and Grime**

A number of multi agency crime and grime initiatives were held in Outer West including the implementation of a DPPO for Pudsey Town Centre and several multi-agency Operation Champions, including two linked to local high schools. Within the Bawns Estate local area management plan, there have been several clean ups involving local residents and various agencies assisted by the West Leeds wardens team