



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Report to Member Management Committee

Date: 18th November 2008

Subject: AREA BASED PARTNERSHIPS

Electoral Wards Affected: All.	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Executive Summary

1. This report seeks to establish the principle of allowing the council's Area Committees to appoint elected members from the Area Committees on to the local, district, partnership groups of Leeds Initiative.

Background

2. At present there are a number of 'district' or area level partnership groups established as part of Leeds Initiative – the local strategic partnership. These are:
 - District Housing Partnerships
 - Divisional Community Safety Partnerships
 - District Children's Partnerships (in the process of being established)
 - District Health & Social Care Partnerships (in the process of being established)
 - District Jobs, Enterprise & Training (or Worklessness) Partnerships
3. There is three of each of these theme based district partnership groups for the city, all broadly co-terminus with the three area management areas of Leeds City Council. The exception to this is the District Children's Partnerships of which there are to be five corresponding to the former five area management wedges across the city.
4. These partnership groups have requested that each Area Committee in their patch nominate a local elected Member representative to participate in the work of the partnership and act as the link between the partnership and the Area Committee.
5. Local, area based, partnerships make an important contribution in determining the local actions that can be taken to support the delivery of the strategic outcomes and improvement priorities set out in the Leeds Strategic Plan. The broad commitments

and actions of these local partnerships are captured in each Area Committees' Area Delivery Plan (ADP) and they are accountable to the Area Committees for these commitments. The accountability and feedback to Area Committees will be through the regular monitoring reports on each ADP and through an annual report from the partnership group to each Area Committee. The area management teams will support local Member involvement and facilitate Member representatives to raise any issues at their Area Committee as appropriate. It is further proposed that the minutes of all such partnership meetings are available to all Area Committee members.

6. The partnerships will be expecting Area Committee representatives to share their knowledge and intelligence of the area, to help shape and determine the priorities and action plans of the partnerships ensuring they are complimentary and supportive of the Area Committees' ADPs. Direct participation by elected Members on these local partnerships will strengthen the role of Members and their voice as 'community champions' within our partner agencies and overcome any perceived 'democratic deficit' there may have been. Elected Members participation will also help build the links between local partnership working and the work of the council through the Area Committees.
7. Appended to this report are the terms of reference for three of the established local partnership groups, on housing, employment and community safety, to illustrate the nature, objectives and membership of all such groups across the city.

Appointment Process

8. The Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules state that where a request to make an appointment is received then determination of this will be based on one or more of the following criteria being met:
 - the proposed appointment is a statutory requirement;
 - the proposed appointment would be consistent with the Council's policy or strategic objectives; and/or
 - the proposed appointment would add value to the Council's activities.
9. Where an organisation is deemed to have met one or more of these criteria, Members are requested to allocate it to one of the following categories:
 - Strategic and Key Partnerships – participation contributes to the Council's strategic objectives and community leadership role
 - Community and Local Engagement – not necessary to fulfil strategic or key partnership role but, nonetheless, beneficial in terms of leading, engaging and supporting the community from an area or ward perspective.
10. The appointing body for Strategic and Key Partnerships is the Member Management Committee. The appointing body for Community and Local Engagement is the appropriate Area Committee.
11. If Members are of the view that these appointments would fall into the Community and Local Engagement category then the appointments should be made by the relevant Area Committee(s).

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

12. The appointment of elected members to the local area partnerships would contribute to the Council's strategic functions, priorities and community leadership role. It would augment the role of Area Committees with regard to the work and planning of the local partnerships of Leeds Initiative and provide a democratic input to their work. It will provide a democratic voice in determining the local partnership actions to be taken in support of the Leeds Strategic Plan and help ensure appropriate accountability to the Area Committees through the partnerships' contributions to their Area Delivery Plans.

Recommendations

13. It is recommended that the Member Management Committee agree:
 - a) that the elected Member appointments to the area based partnership arrangements of the Leeds Initiative as detailed in paragraph 2:
 - would be consistent with the Council's policy and strategic objectives; and
 - would add value to the Council's activities.
 - b) to categorise such appointments as being 'Community and Local Engagement' thereby agreeing that such appointments should properly be made by the council's Area Committees.

Background Papers

- Appointment to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NORTH EAST LEEDS DIVISIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Background

The overall aim of the North East Leeds Divisional Community Safety Partnership (DCSP) is to secure sustainable reductions in crime and disorder, and address fear of crime in North East Leeds. The DCSP will achieve this aim through the development of appropriate sub structures, strategic problems solving, joint planning and implementing good practise.

Core Purpose of the partnership

The NE DCSP is responsible for delivering and supporting The Safer Leeds Crime and Disorder and the National Drugs strategies in local communities. The context in which the partnership operates should reflect the strategic objectives of the Corporate Plan and the Vision for Leeds. Priorities should reflect the Local Area Agreement and local Policing Plan.

Role of the partnership

- Directing the NPT teams and sub groups to deliver key objectives and priorities
- Driving forward and continually developing the thematic sub groups and neighbourhood management tasking teams
- Carry out regular performance monitoring and renew action against targets
- Maximise provision of intelligence from the Police and other organisations to enhance the SIA
- Promote the delivery of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1978
- Promote best partnership practices
- Ensure community consultation is co-ordinated and the communities have the opportunities to suggest solutions
- Examine what barriers to progress exist and how they can be overcome
- Maximise best use of resources
- Report to the Safer Leeds Executive and District Partnership

Chairing of the Partnership

The Superintendent of Operations will chair the meeting, administration will be carried out by the Area Community Safety Co-ordinator(s)

Membership

Members of the DCSP will be key stakeholders and must have strategic responsibility/leadership within their respective organisations

Name	Organisation
Supt Simon Atkin	WY Police
Rory Barke	NE Area Manager
John Woolmer	Acting E Area

	Manager
Beverley Yearwood	ACSC East
Sandra Fowler	ACSC North East
Dick Brabbs	WY Fire Service
Nick Bartrum	ASBU
Steve Vowles	ENEL Homes
Simon Costigan	Aire Valley Homes
Amanda Bradley	Education Leeds
Catherine O'Melia	Youth Offending Service
Margaret Ambler	Probation Service
DCI Chris Rowley	WYP
Shaid Mahmood	Social Care (NE)
Ken Morton	Social Care (E)
PCT	Bev identifying rep
Insp Jim Croft	WYP – NRF
Neil E Bowden	Youth Service
Neil Bowden	Safer Leeds

South and East Leeds Employment, Enterprise and Training Group

Terms of Reference

Aim

The aim of the group is to increase the employment rate of residents living across the South and Outer East of the city. This will be achieved by reducing worklessness with a focus on the super output areas that fall into the most deprived 10% and the working towards the priorities identified in the Local Area Agreement and the Leeds Strategic Plan.

Objectives

- To develop and employment, enterprise and training plan for 08/09 that addresses the specific needs of the people living within the target area. Taking in to account the government's agenda for child poverty.
- To support social enterprise and business start up we will work closely with the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative to ensure local residents take full advantage of the enterprise opportunities in Leeds.
- To identify and explore new funding opportunities to support the development and implementation of new employment initiatives ensuring better alignment of funding to avoid duplication and maximise value for money.
- To connect workless residents to employment, enterprise, learning and training opportunities in Leeds. To promote the LSC priorities for example train to gain and skills for life.
- To work in partnership with major regeneration programmes including Aire Valley, EASEL and the Eastgate and Harewood Qtr.
- To implement to recommendations from the Jobcentre plus Deprived Area Fund consultancy exercise; to develop a co-ordinated network of partners; and to address the needs of the local residents.
- To provide current data on worklessness projects on a quarterly basis which will support future activity including funding applications?
- To work in partnership with the voluntary, community, faith and private sector in the design and implementation of initiatives.
- To work in partnership with the housing associations to assist workless tenants into employment.
- The Worklessness Group will be a vehicle for highlighting key messages, best practice and gaps in delivery/ service provision.

West Leeds District Housing Partnership Terms of Reference

1.0 Purpose of District Housing Partnership

1.1 The purpose of the West Leeds District Housing Partnership (DHP) is to make West Leeds a place where people are proud to live

1.2 In the first instance this will be achieved through the formulation, implementation and review of a West Leeds District Housing Strategy.

1.3 As West DHP develops it may also form neighbourhood management strategies and anti social behaviour agreements.

1.4 These will be achieved through:

- Enabling the effective contribution from all partners
- Identifying local priorities within local housing markets and socio-economic issues
- Ensuring good service delivery
- Having a local focus
- Linking with other service providers
- Using local knowledge
- Working cross tenure
- Working to wider strategic action plans and corporate objectives

2.0 Accountability and Responsibility

2.1 Accountable through the Leeds Housing Partnership directly to Neighbourhoods and Communities Scrutiny Board

2.2 West DHP will also report to Area Committees on an agreed basis.

2.3 West DHP will prepare quarterly reports to the Leeds Housing Partnership Executive

2.4 Decision making responsibility and accountability within West DHP is vested within the Executive.

2.5 The DHP will be accountable to the Community through Leeds Tenants Federation (TIC) and its links through the wider network. This will be achieved through promoting fairness, Equal Opportunities, Community Cohesion and Citizen Empowerment in all aspects of work.

2.6 Formulate, review and implement West Leeds District Housing Strategies identified in 1.2. This will be benchmarked against the Leeds Housing Strategy Action Plan and subsequent reviews

2.7 The DHP will consider local needs, requirements and aspirations when agreeing priorities.

2.8 Should fiscal sovereignty be granted West Leeds DHP will allocate resources to priorities fairly and in accordance with Leeds City Council Standing Orders and financial regulations.

2.9 Ensure that partner agreements are not duplicated.

2.10 Ensure that plans and strategies are contiguous according to ALMO boundaries.

3.0 Membership

3.1 Members may be drawn from any organisation or group from anywhere within the ALMO boundary District as agreed by the Executive.

3.2 Membership shall be reviewed at least once per annum, however could be changed as or when required.

- West Leeds Homes
- Yorkshire Community Housing
- Environmental Health
- Social Service
- LCC Area Management
- LCC Development Department
- West Leeds NHS Primary Care Trust
- Voluntary sector representative (vacant until executive nominate)

3.3 Wider network membership will be extended to one representative each from:

- Private landlord
- Estate agents
- Mortgage Lenders
- Education providers
- Other Private Businesses, e.g. housebuilders or construction companies)