



Report of the North East Area Manager

East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 5th February 2009

Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2008 -11 - Update

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

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 provides Members with an update of progress on actions in the 2008 – 11 Area Delivery Plan (ADP) during the period between December 2008 and January 2009; since the last Committee meeting.

Purpose of This Report

1. This report shows how the strategic themes of the ADP are being translated into individual actions which in turn, help us to achieve the agreed objectives.

Background Information

2. The Area Delivery Plan for 2008-11 was approved by this Area Committee on 19th June 2008. It sets out the work plan and priorities for the Inner East Area Committee.

Main Issues

Culture:

3. Two, out of proposed three, way marker signs at the entry points into Gipton and Seacroft have been erected. This is a culmination of 6 months of work done by a local artist and involving the local community from Gipton and South Seacroft in the planning, design, production and installation of three mosaic way marker / entrance feature signs.
4. Resident groups and children took part in over 50 day and half day workshops held in local community venues and schools.
5. The signs can be found at:
 - bottom of Oak Tree Drive
 - junction of Foundry Mill Lane and South Parkway ApproachThe third sign is to be installed shortly.
6. Work is progressing with the East Leeds Rugby Club to help it relocate to a new venue from Copperfields Collage playing fields. The club is moving to Fearnville site and needs a set of goal posts as well as access to changing facilities. It has a membership of over 300 young people from across all of Inner East Leeds.
7. Another local sports club, Gipton Juniors Football Club, has been awarded funding for new portable goalposts, thus allowing it to continue providing activity for over 100 children of all ages.

Enterprise and Economy:

8. Building Families Wealth is continuing its work with Gipton residents helping people into jobs.
9. EASEL team are working on a worklessness pilot (Yorkshire Forward's Access to Employment Fund). A pilot for Inner East will be established in Osmondthorpe and Gipton. It will result in a multi-agency, whole family support to move people into work. There are plans to recruit 4 workers and a coordinator with the contract running up to March 2010.

Learning:

10. The Truancy Project is continuing its work. An assessment of its effectiveness took place in January 2009.
11. A partnership between Harehills Youth in Partnership and the Harehills Primary School is working with 12 children to improve their educational achievements at Key Stage 2. A comprehensive report on this project is presented elsewhere on the agenda.

Environment:

12. The environmental issues are addressed primarily through tasking. This work resulted in:

- planting of new trees and bulbs in the Bayswaters bin yards;
 - Glensdales bin yard project progressing with a day each month dedicated to the removal of bulky items and close work with the enforcement services;
 - Assistance with improving the environment for the Osmondthorpe Allotment Association, clean-up day;
 - Day of action on the Beeches – 19.12.08 – reassurance, enforcement and clean-up;
 - Community pay back team involved in hedge cutting, graffiti and litter removal as well as clean-ups;
 - Work progressing to improve the environment and cleanliness around privately rented properties;
13. Wardens were involved in a variety of tasks: regular patrolling of neighbourhoods, environmental action (Waste in Garden letters and reporting of hot spots), meetings with resident groups, supporting and attendance at forums, tasking and a new dispersal order in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward as well as a continuing one in Gipton, involvement in bin yard projects, conducting of environmental audits, organising clean-ups, delivering leaflets (e.g. car crime prevention) and many others.

Thriving Communities:

14. Most community safety action is carried out via tasking, with the police co-chairing the teams. Examples of actions are listed below:
- Information sharing on known nominals, ASB orders and people coming out of prison; Referrals to Signpost and Truancy Team;
 - Action on thefts from vehicles including distributing leaflets to drivers;
 - Work in the final month of the Gipton dispersal order – zero tolerance approach is being relaxed where groups are not causing any nuisance and there continues to be a good uptake of the free sports centre passes distributed by the wardens;
 - Setting up of the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill dispersal order;
 - Parents of children causing nuisance and anti-social behaviour - regularly informed;
 - Police dealing with reports of alcohol being sold to under aged young people;
 - Consultation in progress in the Kitchener Road area and Back Cross Green Lane to develop the best way to deal with troublesome ginnels;
 - A traffic survey carried out due to complaints from the residents around Roberts Avenue;
 - Instances of racial abuse across the Inner East being dealt with. In Gipton, in particular, a Cohesion Group has been established;

Stronger Communities:

15. Christmas gave an opportunity for celebration - and discos and pantomimes were organised. Gipton Together was helped to organise a fundraising / celebration disco, which reduces the organisation's reliance on grants.

16. A consultation on the Pricing, Lettings and Discounts Policy has been completed and analysed. It was found that, by and large, organisations understand the need to introduce room charges in community centres, providing the proceeds can be reinvested into those community centres.
17. Work is ongoing to set up user groups / management committees for the Kentmere and Alston Lane community centres. Similar approach is being taken at the Henry Barran community centre.
18. An extensive consultation took place on 19.1.09 during an event for young people co-funded by the Harehills tasking team. This took place in the Bangladeshi Centre and involved young people from all over the city. Over 50 young people from Inner East Leeds participated to express their wishes for and views about their community / youth centres. The findings are attached in Appendix A.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

19. There are no additional implications for Council policy or governance.

Legal and Resource Implications

20. There are additional legal or resource implications.

Recommendations

21. The Area Committee are requested to note the report and comment on the quality of work undertaken on its behalf.

Documents used in the preparation of this report:

- Inner East Leeds ADP
- Report on the consultation on Pricing and Lettings Policy
- Findings from the consultation on community centres at the January 2009 event.
- Tasking action notes