



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 16th March 2009

Subject: Actions and Achievements Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Ward members consulted
(referred to in this report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

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Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements relating to priorities and work of the Area Committee since the Area Committee meeting in February 2009.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements since the last Area Committee meeting. A separate report provides more detailed information on the contract with Probation Services that has been in operation since December 2008.

Highlights

Oakwood Town & District Centre Scheme

2. Phase 1 of the Oakwood Town & District Centre scheme commenced on site on 31st March 2008. The primary aim of the scheme is to contribute towards increasing the economic vitality of the district centre through having an impact on business activity. The scheme proposes to do this through making improvements to the environmental appearance of the area and by improving car parking facilities. Phase 1 consisted of resurfacing and remarking of the bays in Oakwood Clock car park and junction improvements to the car park. This work was completed in February 2008.
3. Phase 2 of the project started work on 17th November 2008 and will address construction of the new parking area on Roundhay Road, lighting of the clock car park and replacement of street furniture. This work is on-going and there no issues to report. Street furniture has now been agreed with Ward Members and a contemporary design has been chosen. The anticipated completion date has been delayed due the bad weather in February and the scheme is due to finish in the first week in April.

Community Engagement

4. The Area Management Team have been planning the spring 2009 community engagement events as agreed in the Area Committee's community engagement strategy.
5. The focus of these events will be the setting out to residents of the action planned by agencies in their area for the year ahead, following the priority setting events held at the end of 2008.
6. The Moortown event took place at Moortown Methodists Church hall on the 3rd March with 60 residents attending. The event included a debate on "local open and green spaces".
7. The remaining events are Chapel Allerton on 14th March and Roundhay on 19th March. Copies of the flyers advertising the events are attached to the report for information.
8. Full feedback and an evaluation of the events will be provided at the next Area Committee meeting in June. Also included will be the dates for the summer "celebration and cohesion" and autumn "priority setting" ward events.

Roundhay Tree Management Project

9. All sixteen streets have now been surveyed. There are a total of 946 trees of which only 12 are on an un-adopted street – North Park Road.

10. The survey identified one category 1 tree outside 71 Shaftesbury Avenue which had *ustulina* sp fungi (charcoal fungi), which had destroyed the integrity of woody support roots and required felling the same day.
11. The survey identified 45 Category 2 trees. So far, Action on 15 of these trees has been completed, with future action pending on 30.
12. As a result of the survey 11 aerial inspections and reports on cavities and splits in trees at height have been carried out.
13. About 60% of data inputting has been completed. Mapping work is still to be completed. This will produce a colour coded map that will chart the locations of the different trees in the area.
14. The Forestry team are in the process of producing work schedules and costings for the next phase of category 2 works. The management plan showing all categories of work and proposed timescales should be completed by the end of March.

Community Centres

15. The Mandela Centre and Palace Youth Centre were transferred to Environment and Neighbourhoods Department on 1st February 2008. The responsibilities for the management of the centres now falls to the Area Management Team. It is currently envisaged that budgets and an operational pricing and discount policy will be in place from October 2009. At this point the Area Committee will have responsibility to oversee the financial management and effective operation of the centres.

Mandela Centre

16. The Young Persons Steering Group has been re-established and continues to meet on a regular basis, managing the development of the upstairs rooms. Questionnaires have been distributed to young people who use the centre and they have provided feedback to the main steering group. The main steering group will provide further direction and a plan of projects for the young people's steering group to lead on.
17. A funding bid has been submitted to the LS Cash and the Area management Team has been successful. Work to redecorate the centre will be completed before the end of March. Work to develop the chill out rooms upstairs will also be completed by the end of March.

The Palace

18. The Area Management Team have actively been seeking proposals from organisations about how the rooms in the building can be better used and have met with a number of organisations based in the local area. This includes the Youth offending Team, People in Action, Somali Family Services, Deen Enterprises and East Street Arts. Contact has also been made with Business in the Community, who have made proposals in the past to decorate and improve this facility as part a corporate responsibility agenda.
19. The invisible Circle Education Team will be moving into the building shortly.
20. Probation Services will be painting the outside of the building as a priority job and the Area Management Team are waiting for a report on the heating in the building and

whether this can be extended upstairs. A noticeboard for the outside of the building has been purchased and will be erected once painting has finished.

Open Door

21. The Open Door has been open since March 2008 as a youth and community centre with a customer service point for ENEHL. The project is now staffed by ENEHL on Mondays and Thursdays and Police Community Support Officers Monday to Friday 1-3.
22. A meeting recently took place between the Area Management Team and members of the committee. It was agreed that the Area Management team would progress the employment of a community development worker at the request of the management committee.

Probation Services

23. Please see additional report.

Priority Neighbourhoods update

24. The Area Committee will be aware that three neighbourhoods in the north east have been identified as priority areas for multi-agency action to narrow the gap between these areas and the rest of the city. This is based on deprivation indicators. All three neighbourhoods are in the inner area – Chapeltown (IMPACT partnership), Beckhill (Beckhill Implementation Group) and Moor Allerton (MAP). Area Management staff are responsible for driving forward action in these areas through partnership arrangements. The following are progress updates from the partnership groups.

Beckhill Implementation Group

25. Five groups successfully applied for a healthy living grant. This includes BHI, Groundwork, Networks, Three Churches and the Feel Good Factor. These projects will deliver a Slipper Exchange, intergenerational recipe swap, the BIG sing along and Strictly Beckhill – Ballroom dancing and a community football tournament. A programme of Healthy Living Activities has been produced and a press release was picked up by the Yorkshire Evening Post. The partnership group are working towards a celebration event in April to bring the Healthy Living activities to a close.
26. East North East Homes have produced a Beckhill newsletter – area management staff have helped to distribute this newsletter on the estate and have provided articles about the recent Operation Champion, the Healthy Living Activities and the Probation Service.
27. The BIG partnership now has a forward programme of meetings and presentations established including presentations on Children's Centres, Social Care, neighbourhood Policing to raise partners awareness and identify opportunities for partnership collaboration. A communications workshop was held at the last BIG meeting and a refreshed communications plan will be finalised by the 2nd April.

IMPACT

28. The IMPaCT Residents Network continues to meet regularly and is now chaired by a resident. It has recently decided that it wants to become a constituted organisation. This will allow the network to become sustainable and enable it to seek alternative funds.
29. Thirteen replacement trees have been planted in the Sholebrokes. Further planting will happen in early march in the Reginald's with a further planting scheme planned around Harehills Corner. They will include decorative, but robust tree guards.
30. Alongside the Area Committee's probation team, Groundwork also work with a team of young probationers and a series of reparations orders have been referred by the IMPaCT team.
31. A free cashpoint will be installed in Spring in Chapeltown, the IMPaCT team are working with partners to organise an opening event.
32. Chapel Allerton Neighbourhood Tasking recently ran a very successful day of action in the Sholebrokes which resulted in large quantities of drugs being seized.
33. A workshop has been held with IMPaCT partners to consider ways of working more closely on Resident Engagement. A timetable of partners engagement activities is being developed as a result and housing providers have agreed to work more collaboratively on estate inspections and clean ups - looking particularly at streets where a landlord may only have one or two properties.

Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP)

34. The Moor Allerton priority neighbourhood spans the outer and inner area. Area Management staff are responsible for driving forward action in these areas through partnership arrangements. The Moor Allerton Action Plan has been reviewed and a new plan will be introduced which will set out actions for 2008/09. The Moor Allerton Partnership includes the following sub-groups:
 - 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
 - Worklessness
 - Environmental
35. **The Environment sub-group** are working on three projects:
 - Fir Tree Green project – which has received positive feedback from the community;
 - Improving the area outside the shopping parade on the LIngfield Estate;
 - Fencing at the rear of Alderton Heights;
36. **Cranmer Call Residents Association** are working with the police on a planting scheme to improve the area outside the shops on the Cranmer Bank Estate.
37. **Youth Enquiry Service** will start operating from the FY20 meeting room next to Moor Allerton Library. The service would be focused on a structure programme of support

and activities including one to one support, Connexions advice, C Card, craft activities and some “Chill Out” time connexions etc.

38. **Moor Allerton Older People’s partnership** have led on a two day training programme on dementia, devised by The Alzheimer’s Society, initially for MHA staff, but to be offered to other volunteers and workers working with elderly people. A pilot project has been run to deliver reminiscence sessions for dementia patients and their carers which proved very successful and further sessions are planned.
39. **The Open House** has been experiencing difficulties due to funding coming to an end. A new management committee has now been formed which includes representatives from the local community plus representatives from the council, East North East Leeds Homes and West Yorkshire Police. This new committee is taking responsibility for the day to day running of the centre to ensure it continues to provide a much needed service for the local community.
40. **The neighbourhood policing team** are focusing on work with public and partners to tackle and reduce ASB on Lingfield Drive and Cranmer Bank on an evening.
41. **The Crime Prevention Officer** and a number of PCSOs from the Roundhay, Alwoodley & Moortown Neighbourhood Policing Team have been working together to help prevent criminals stealing the identity of vehicles. This was done by using special security screws to stop number plates being stolen and used on other cars to commit crime. Officers recently spent a morning at the Moor Allerton branch of Sainsbury’s exchanging current registration plate screws with a new security screw. This makes it harder for criminals to quickly steal a registration plate and clone a car’s identity

Recommendations

29. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.