



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 16th October 2006

Subject: Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood

Electoral Wards Affected:

Alwoodley
Moortown

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 the Area Committee with a summary of recent developments in the establishment of the priority neighbourhood in Moor Allerton.

Purpose of this Report

1. An action in the 2005/08 District Partnership Action Plan identifies the Moor Allerton area as a priority neighbourhood where there is a need for intensive, multi-agency partnership working to overcome issues faced by residents in terms of health, education, employment, crime, housing and the environment. Resident involvement in this intensive approach is highlighted as crucial.
2. This report will enable the Area Committee to track progress on the actions and achievements of the priority neighbourhood in Moor Allerton.

Background Information

3. Moor Allerton was identified as a priority neighbourhood in order to 'narrow the gap' and improve the quality of life for people living in the most deprived neighbourhoods.
4. There are three Super Output Areas¹ (SOAs) in Moor Allerton covering the Cranmer estate and Queenshill estate which rank among the 10% most deprived in the country. The Fir Tree and Lingfield estates are classed as being in the lowest 20%. The indicator that the Moor Allerton Estates score worst on in the Indices of Deprivation 2004 is the living environment. This covers the quality of social and private housing, air quality and road traffic accidents. The east side of the Cranmer estate is ranked just 230 out of over 32,000 in the country on this indicator.
5. The priority area boundary was identified through the Super Output Areas and the natural boundaries of the estates.
6. The Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) was established in May and meets monthly. Membership of the group is currently made up of the following senior officers from key agencies and community representatives, Area Management Team, LNEh, Youth Service, NE PCT, West Yorkshire Police, City Services, Community Safety, Education Leeds, Job Centre+, Leeds Voice and their elected Community Representative. In conjunction with this Alwoodley and Moortown Ward Members are being kept involved and up to date through briefing meetings. All of whom will oversee the creation and implementation of an action plan to address key issues.

Main Issues

7. Members from the Alwoodley and Moortown Wards have requested amendments to the boundary of the priority neighbourhood. The District Partnership will be updated on these amendments, as detailed on the map of the priority neighbourhood in Appendix 1.

¹ The Indices of Deprivation 2004 uses lower layer SOAs for analysis and comparison. There are 32,482 lower layer SOAs in England. Each of these neighbourhoods or 'Super Output Areas' (SOA) have been ranked according to seven different measures including income, employment, health, education, housing, crime and the living environment. The overall ranking, taking all of these into account, is called the index of multiple deprivation.

8. The MAP meeting in July took the form of an 'Action Planning Event', with attendance from both public and voluntary sector representatives who deliver services in the priority neighbourhood. Subsequent partnership and Ward Member meetings have continued to consolidate the action plan and a copy is attached as Appendix 2. The action plan will continue to be updated as the partnership develops to capture emerging priorities, however partners can now implement the actions identified.

9. There are seven themes within the Action Plan:

- Employment and Education
- Crime and Community Safety
- Thriving Places
- Housing and Environment
- Health
- Children and Young People
- Services for the Community and the Voluntary Sector

10. Within these seven themes the following priorities have emerged:

- Adult training and job creation
- Anti-social behaviour and motorcycle nuisance
- Shop frontage improvements
- Litter and fly tipping
- Gardening service enhancements for vulnerable people
- Enforcement initiatives to tackle unsightly gardens
- Fuel poverty and lifestyle
- Health and fitness activities
- Sustainability and potential expansion of voluntary and community service provision in Moor Allerton.
- Meeting the significant needs of young people and older people, including their engagement in local activities and schemes

11. Immediate action on some of the issues raised through the consultation events has been successfully completed, examples being: visits by officers to investigate reported footpath obstructions, graffiti, fly tipping, blocked drains and pet problems, and increased awareness of incidences of crime and problems associated with

ginnels. A further 'Planning Ahead Event' in the Queenshill area also took place on the 11th September and follow up action will be undertaken. Actions requiring more intensive, multi-agency partnership working approach will be incorporated into the Moor Allerton Action Plan.

Recommendations

12. Members are requested to note the content of this report and provide comments as appropriate.