



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 16th October 2006

Subject: Area Committee Forums - Feedback

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

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 updates the Area Committee on the feedback from the consultative forums held in the North East inner area.

Background Information

1. At the Area Committee meeting in September 2004, Members agreed a set of forum arrangements for the Inner North East Area. The purpose of the forums is to consult with local residents on area priorities and to identify and discuss local issues.
2. The Area Committee is requested to consider the feedback given, and through the Area Management Team, identify projects and service improvements that can be targeted to meet local needs.
3. Since the last Area Committee meeting, there have been two consultative forums – Meanwood on 12th September and Chapeltown on 20th September. There was also a ‘planning ahead’ event held covering the Queenshills, Fieldhouses and Leafield estates in Moortown. The purpose of the event was to identify priorities for the Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) action plan.

Feedback from the forum

4. Feedback from the forums is attached in appendix one.

Future forum dates

5. The following forum dates are confirmed:

Roundhay Talbots – 26th October at 7.30pm
Chapel Allerton Village – 8th November at 6:30pm

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Recommendations

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

Queenshill, Fieldhouses & Leafields Planning Ahead – 11th September

Residents attending raised a number of issues and priorities they would like to see addressed as part of the Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) priority neighbourhood action plan.

- Youths hanging about at certain locations in the estates
- Street lighting and roads need improving
- Traffic calming measures need considering at certain locations
- Better maintenance of communal areas
- Gap in facilities for young people
- Like to see more Wardens patrolling in the area

Meanwood Community Forum
Joint Forum – Area Management and Leeds North East Homes
Tuesday 12th September

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Changes to Forum**
- **Estate Investment**
- **Neighbourhood Action Plans**
- **Policing Issues**
- **ALMO Review**

FEEDBACK FROM THE MEETING

Changes to Forum

Following discussion between LNEh and Area Management at the request of Councillors and residents, the two forums that cover Meanwood are to merge. This was the first joint meeting and it is hoped that attendance will increase now there is no duplication. This arrangement will be trialled over a six month period and will be co-chaired by Cllr Rafique and John Carlill of LNEh.

LNEh Estate Investment Funds

Officers from LNEh updated residents on progress with bids received for Estate Investment Funding.

Miles Hill View / Crescent – Bid process completed for gating the ginnel and the passageway between houses. Some external funding gained.

Potternewton Lane – Bid created regarding creation of a boundary to prevent traffic gaining access to a grass verge. Awaiting information from Highways regarding options / costs.

Potternewton View – Potential bid on creating community garden at entrance to estate, with Groundwork as a partner.

Miles Hill Estate - Potential bid on creating community garden at entrance to estate.

LNEh District Neighbourhood Action Plan (DNAP) – Meanwood

LNEh are producing action plans for districts in north east. These are being done with the support of the District Partnership and will not duplicate or overlap with existing priority neighbourhood action plans such as the Beckhill Implementation Group or Moor Allerton Partnership.

Different agencies have been consulted in producing the plans which aim to address issues including community safety and youth involvement.

Policing Issues

Inspector Briggs gave headline figures to the group for the Meanwood area;

- Overall crime in last three months down by 25.6%
- Burglary – similar to previous three months though Beckhill high with 57 cases between June and August. The majority of burglaries opportunistic – doors, windows left open.
- Issues on Miles Hill estate have lessened dramatically following partnership actions carried out by the Police, Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Youth Service.
- Criminal damage – Reduction in cases from previous three months from 65 to 36 cases (44%)

ALMO Review

The results of the ballot on the review are now publicly available. The result is that from April 2007 the number of ALMOs in the city will be reduced to three. Locally this means LNEh as a company will be dissolved March 31st 2007 and a new company including Leeds North East Homes, Leeds East Homes and part of Leeds South East Homes will form a new company from April 1st 2007. More information will be sent out to tenants in the near future.

Chapelton Community Forum
Wednesday 20th September

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Policing Issues**
- **Chapelton Road Development Plan**
- **LIFT Joint Service Centre Project**

FEEDBACK FROM THE MEETING

Policing Issues

Sergeant Amanda Bullock attended the meeting on behalf of Inspector Graham Archer who will shortly be leaving. The new Neighbourhood Police Inspector for Chapelton area is Inspector James Croft.

Sgt Bullock provided update on the policing issues, stating that stop and search is being continued and injunctions are being issued to people coming to the area with the sole purpose of purchasing drugs.

PC Dave Brook who attended the meeting with Sergeant Amanda Bullock provided information on a Neighbourhood Management Group he is involved with on the Brackenwood estate where the Police, LNEh and residents meet to work together to address the issues in the area.

Chapelton Road Development Plan Consultation Feedback

North East Area Management thanked all local people for the comments that have been received from the public consultation events at Host Media Centre and Chapelton Library. The consultants are working on the final draft of the Plan which will be assessed internally by technical officers of the council, with a view to presenting it to the December meeting of the Area Committee. It will then undergo further senior Councillor consideration at the Council's Executive Board. The consultants are developing a summary public document which will be widely available as soon as the Plan is public, including through the Council's website.

Lift Project

Ann Allcock was unable to attend the forum, but provided an update note. The construction of Chapelton Joint Service Centre is likely to be at the end of 2007. Communication events will be held in November locally.