

Report of the East North East Area Manager

East (Inner) Area Committee

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Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2008/11 – Community Charter

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Executive Summary

This report provides Members with an update on the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) actions for 2009-10. It concentrates on the 33 promises included in the Community Charter, highlighting successes and detailing concerns. Finally, it provides information on the most recent consultation events in the area.

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 initially approved by the Area Committee on 19th June 2008. It sets out the work plan and priorities for the Inner East Area Committee. The committee approved the refreshed plan at its meeting on 2nd July 2009.

Main Issues

3. The Area Committee will recall previous reports giving information on the development of the Leeds Strategic Plan (LSP). This sets out the Council's priorities for Leeds for the next three years and what the Council will do itself and in partnership with others to deliver these priorities.
4. The Leeds Strategic Plan brings together the themes in the existing Vision for Leeds, Local Area Agreement and Regeneration Plan to provide an integrated framework geared to tackling neighbourhood needs and priorities. Inner East Area Delivery Plan is a local expression of the LSP.
5. The ADP is structured around the themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan: Culture, Enterprise and Economy, Learning, Transport, Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Thriving Communities, and Harmonious Communities.
6. The ADP has now been published as a Community Charter, which should become a public document presenting a set of promises for one municipal year and a reporting / reviewing tool for a previous municipal year. This will allow members of our communities to monitor the work of Area Management Team and partners. Regular reporting to the Area Committee on the Charter promises will provide the members with up to date information to share with members of the public.

Progress against promises

7. Appendix A contains a report of achievements against the 33 promises for 2009-10 contained in the Community Charter. The appendix will be updated regularly and can be used as a reporting tool to share with our communities.
8. Attention is drawn, however, to key successes which have been achieved since the publication of the Charter in September.
 - Following the summer time scheme, a continuation of play provision is being delivered by Feel Good Factor at Alston Lane Community Centre and St. Aidan's/ Banstead park funded by the Children's Fund. This is going to continue for the next 18 months.
 - In order to improve quality of housing and future energy efficiency the Committee have contributed £3,000 towards a city wide aerial energy survey.
 - Access to information on jobs and training is also provided through our local libraries. As is a financial literacy package for children.
 - The worklessness pilot (4 Families) is now well established. It identifies barriers to employment / training in participating families and provides a mentoring service.
 - 4 new building apprenticeships were created through the improvement work on Clarks binyards.
 - Plain clothes police have been operating in local parks to reduce the incidents of drug dealing. The levels of both reporting and arrests have gone up as a consequence.
 - In response to particularly high levels of teenage pregnancy identified in Inner East Leeds multiagency groups are looking at how increased aspirations can affect the situation, how to improve access to pregnancy and sexual health advice as well as support to young people. A pilot in parts of Seacroft and Harehills is producing a plan of action.
 - Since October, a Selective Licensing Scheme has been operating in Cross Green/East End Park area. It aims to improve the quality of rented housing by

compelling landlords to maintain properties at an appropriate level and deal with cases of anti-social behaviour.

Promises at risk

9. Members will also be made aware here of any potential difficulties the officers are encountering in the delivery of the ADP promises. In Appendix A, these are identified by a traffic light system. Some concerns and remedies have been identified as follows:
- The Harehills headline event proved difficult to achieve, although two smaller scale events – Jobs and Skills Market and “Plan It Harehills” event were highly successful. A lot of work has been done since with the partners to engender a “team” spirit. Work has started already on I Love Harehills Festival for next summer.
 - Safety of children in our area will be better addressed following the introduction of preventative tasking supported by children’s and care agencies.
 - Police statistics still show excessive levels of crime in our area. This will continue to be tackled through tasking and additional days of action.
 - There remains £7,008 in the POCA budget. Additional effort through publicity and tasking teams is needed.
 - Harehills remains a particularly difficult area to engage. This is being addressed by the tasking partners.
 - The older people’s agenda is not as well developed as our work with younger people. Better links with Good Neighbour Schemes will be established.
 - Walking to school is being addressed through extended services.

Community Events

10. In line with the community engagement strategy agreed by the Area Committee community engagement events were held during the Autumn; in Harehills in September, Richmond Hill and Burmantofts in October and Gipton and Seacroft during November. The purpose and aim of the events was to seek views of local residents to shape actions for next year’s Area Delivery Plan (ADP) and assist in informing what promises to consider for the 2010/2011 Community Charter with partners. Appendix B gives summaries of those events.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

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

Legal and Resource Implications

12. There are no additional legal or resource implications other than those set out in terms of earmarking against future Wellbeing allocations for the continuation of Neighbourhood Managers.

Recommendations:

13. Members are requested to note the report.

Documents used in the preparation of this report: Inner East Leeds ADP and Community Charter