

Inner North East Progress against the 34 Community Charter Promises

Promise	Progress against action	Concerns to highlight/traffic light
Theme: Things to do		
1. Provide local activities for young people, particularly in school holidays.	A varied menu of activities is being developed and a new sports and arts development group has been set up to focus on providing a range of activities across the full year.	
2. Modernise facilities at Mandela and Palace Community Centres so that they are better used by the community.	Work ongoing to improve the flooring to the entrance of Mandela. Groups identified to fill rooms in Palace and all internal painting now undertaken.	The young people's steering group is not being well attended and work in ongoing to address this and try to identify a core group to work with by WYYWA (the project). Work to improve heating to top floor rooms still requires completion and funding identification.
3. Develop plans to improve pitches and facilities at King Alfred's fields so that they are better used by the community for sports and leisure activity.	Funding is in place for the development of Gaelic football pitches on the site and work is ongoing to identify additional funding sources to secure a MUGA and football pitches on the site. Consultation to be completed with residents in relation to the site and future developments.	
4. Renovate children's play areas and make better use of public open spaces including at Meanwood Park, Roundhay Park and The Bumps (Roundhay).	Roundhay, The Bumps: consultation has now been completed and final plans are being drawn up. Work is anticipated to start early in the new year funded through playbuilder. Roundhay Park: Work is being progressed to develop an older children's play area. Investigations into refurbishments to the tennis courts in Roundhay is ongoing. Meetings are also being undertaken with the Friends of Roundhay Park to develop idea's.	

	<p>Meanwood Park: consultation is now complete and final plans being drawn up. Work is anticipated to start early in the new year on site.</p> <p>Potternewton Park: playbuilder funding was secured to improve the play equipment in the park. Work is ongoing to complete the project.</p> <p>Chapelton Road: consultation is to commence with residents regarding the land to the rear of the new Joint Service Centre shortly. This is being linked up with consultation on community art for the area and the naming of the centre.</p>	
<p>5. Increase community access to school facilities out of school times.</p>	<p>Work is ongoing to ensure that a coordinated programme of additional activities is provided across the area out of school times through the cluster leadership team meetings.</p> <p>An outline bid is being drafted to look at the use of the land on Leopold Street which is now under the management of the Chess Cluster.</p> <p>The Networks and Chess Clusters are further developing a programme of activities to broaden access to facilities for the wider community.</p>	
<p>6. Develop the Mandela centre into a hub providing a variety of activities for young people - overseen by its own youth management group.</p>	<p>West Yorkshire Youth Work Association – The Project (WYYWA) have been commissioned to develop the young people’s steering group and provide support to them. An activities group has been set up to look at activities for the whole of the Inner North East and will input into the development of the centre and activities provided from there. Meetings to discuss the linkages between the various facilities including Palace and Prince Phillip Centre are ongoing.</p> <p>Activities run from the centre are to be showcased on an open day on 16th January and some consultation with young people on what</p>	<p>There is a risk currently of delivery of this due to the under attendance of young people to the steering group. However through the North East activities group the variety of activities will be achieved.</p>

	they would like to see developed in the area as well as recruitment to the young people's steering group will be done at this event.	
Theme: Clean & Green		
7. Make improvements to existing allotments (e.g. providing fencing at Stonegate Road Allotment site) and deliver schemes to encourage more people to grow their own food.	Funding has been approved for security fencing to Stonegate Rd Allotments and a bid is currently being considered to extend the number of plots to the allotment site at Roundhay. Work is ongoing to investigate the feasibility of allotment sites in Chapel Allerton on unused garage sites, as well as a suggestion for plots as part of the plans for the land on Leopold Street. Meetings are to take place to further discuss a new project in Chapeltown to better utilise front garden spaces for growing projects.	Planning permission to original design spec was not agreed, amendments to the specification has now been considered and resubmitted. Shortfall in funding to be provided through ward members funds.
8. Tackle green areas of neglect and get them tidied up for the community to enjoy.	Probation service continue to address locations through the Community Payback scheme with great success. In addition through the tasking meetings potential locations of concern continue to be raised and addressed. Throughout the year 6 weekly operation champion days are held and the aim for the year of delivering 8 is on target.	
9. Take enforcement action against those known to be flytipping and people who always leave their gardens untidy.	Operation champion action days are planned to tackle this issue and are scheduled to be held every 6 weeks across the area. Letters are issued by the wardens either before or during the action days to households with untidy gardens asking them to be tidied up. If this is not done further action is taken through enforcement.	
10. Deliver community clean-ups through the year with the involvement of local	Events have taken place in the Beckhills, Chapeltown, Farmhills and other locations to	There is currently a lack of involvement in some parts of the area but this issue is

resident groups.	hold events are currently being identified.	being tackled through involvement of local tenants groups and also local schools.
11. Provide support and funding to help those residents wishing to improve their local environment through “in bloom” and “friends of” groups.	<p>Work is ongoing to develop an Oakwood in Bloom group with the first meeting held on 19th November.</p> <p>Funding was provided to Moortown Community Group for them to develop and In Blooms group which is progressing with bulb planting already underway.</p> <p>Meetings are ongoing with Friends of Roundhay Park to identify what support may be provided to them to develop further.</p> <p>Public Realm work to improve the appearance of the Chapeltown Road area is ongoing through the THI project and funding from section 106 from the new joint service centre.</p>	
12. Promote recycling and anti-litter campaigns through community events and in schools.	Investigations currently ongoing to identify suitable locations for recycling centres in Beckhills which will also include increased education and awareness in the local community.	
Theme: The Local Economy		
13. Make improvements to the centre of Chapeltown by restoring historical features of buildings, improving accessibility and encouraging business investment.	<p>A paper recommending a common THI grant rate of 80% (increased from the previous anticipated rate of 65%) for repairs and for architectural restoration works has been submitted to the THI monitor for approval. Once confirmation from the monitor has been received the new grant rate will be advertised and eligible property owners will be advised.</p> <p>Proposals for the Chapeltown Enterprise Infrastructure Fund (CEIF) have been short-</p>	No candidates came forward for the Construction Diploma with Heritage Skills (NVQ Level 1). Two new dates of 4th and 11th January have been identified and Leeds College of Building are to be proactive in advertising and promoting the scheme.

	<p>listed, a further meeting will be held on 14th December to determine applications. The November LEGI Board, again deferred a decision on the THI application for match funding. A decision is now anticipated in January.</p> <p>Unity Housing Association have instructed Bauman Lyons to develop a shopfront scheme for 105 and 113-117 Chapeltown Road (East Street Arts and Unity's Offices) to develop a scheme for a traditional shopfront.</p> <p>A brief is being prepared for SDA to reinstate railings and gate piers to the Chapeltown Road frontage of Norma Hutchinson Park.</p> <p>Shop keepers have been consulted about repainting bollards along Chapeltown Road, no comments were received and the Probation Team have now been advised to proceed with the works.</p> <p>Consultation workshops are underway to inform the design of the Chapeltown Waymarker Public Art feature. Three designs are to be produced and an exhibition is to be held in Union 105 (East Street Arts) in January 2010 for people to vote on the preferred design.</p>	
<p>14. Make local shopping centres more attractive by putting up festive and Christmas lights and keeping streets clean and safe.</p>	<p>Festive lights have been installed on Street Lane, Chapeltown Road and treelights erected in Chapel Allerton Centre.</p> <p>In 2010 additional festive lights will installed across all three wards following the installation of new strengthened lamp columns.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to secure sponsorship and additional funding to further extend the programme and provide enhancement to the</p>	

	public realm.	
15. Create new local enterprises and jobs through the Chapeltown Biz Centre.	Meetings to take place with the centre to identify projects and initiatives that may be supported. In addition actions will be delivered through the JET partnership. 4 new jobs have been created through the future jobs fund for working with young people and will be for the Chapeltown area.	Due to the current economic climate this promise is at risk. Work is ongoing to identify partners to support the delivery of this action and updates will be provided for members.
Theme: Learning For All		
16. Create links between businesses and schools to help our young people get the jobs they want.	Leeds Ahead have been commissioned to deliver World of Work days in three local schools and these will be delivered over the winter and spring terms.	
17. Provide out of school activity that supports homework and extra curricular learning.	Sessions are currently delivered at Mandela and Palace for homework clubs. Additional provision being considered through the cluster leadership groups and planning in preparation for additional activities funding.	
18. Provide learning opportunities for all residents from local community buildings.	New occupants looking to be based in Palace community centre are keen to start running adult learning sessions from the building, particularly during the day and work is ongoing to support this, looking at possible links in with Neighbourhood Learning.	

Theme: Safe Neighbourhoods

19. Provide support for local Neighbourhood Watch schemes and help for anyone wishing to set up a new one.	Update required to be obtained from DSCP & ENE homes	
20. Take action to tackle under age drinking by working with licensed premises to reduce sales to young people.	Scheme launched in July 2009 with a press release on 17th September 2009. During Sept/Oct a programme of test purchase operations took place and a perceptions letter has been issued to residents. An evaluation of the scheme will be provided to the committee in due course.	
21. Invest in physical measures to help reduce crime such as improved lighting and alleygating schemes.	An alleygating programme in continuing with sites currently being considered funded through well being.	
22. Deliver burglary reduction schemes through the Neighbourhood Policing Teams such as providing property marking kits and trembler alarms for residents.	Trembler alarms and Smartwater kits have been funded through well being and are currently being offered to residents in vulnerable properties across the area through the Neighbourhood Policing Teams.	
23. Tackle local crime and ASB priorities identified in public Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings which will be held every 4 weeks.	Operation Champion in Chapeltown planned to take place during November to provide reassurance against for residents in relation to ASB.	
24. Work together to safeguard local children and vulnerable adults.	Chapeltown preventative tasking to be launched on 24 th Nov which seeks to support the CAF and intergration panels in the area by providing support to front line staff and highlighting issues at a much earlier stage.	

Theme: Community Life		
<p>25. Provide support to community-led events across the area such as school fairs, church galas and fun-days by awarding small grants, helping with publicity and making sure local services attend where appropriate.</p>	<p>Through the community engagement strategy support is provided to various events across the area. Additional publicity is now provided through the events planner in the charter document and an events calendar is shared with partners and community groups across the area. Work is ongoing to develop a new community engagement strategy for the area to be submitted to the February Area Committee.</p>	
<p>26. Deliver at least three events in each ward over the year so that people can be more involved in making decisions about the area they live in, get to meet local services and influence what is in next year's charter.</p>	<p>Events were held in October in Hillcrest and Allerton Grange which provided residents with an opportunity to get involved and shape priorities for the area. Dates are scheduled for events during the spring to continue the cycle. A volunteer thank you event is to be held in December to acknowledge the added value and input that volunteering provides in the area an opportunity to be acknowledged for the good work that is provided in the area.</p>	
<p>27. Work with residents on improvement plans for the Beckhills, Chapeltown and Moor Allerton neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>Action plans have been reviewed and updated for all 3 priority neighbourhoods. An engagement plan to ensure more resident involvement is being developed. Partnership meetings for the areas are ongoing with positive attendance and input from partners. Further intensive work will be delivered through the Neighbourhood Manager.</p>	
<p>28. Provide support to local community and voluntary groups delivering services and activities for residents in the area through our local budget and</p>	<p>This is ongoing with recent applications being supported from Moor Allerton Elderly Care, Friends of Highwoods, APNA youth club, People in Action and Friends of PHAB.</p>	

<p>use of Proceeds of Crime Act monies.</p>	<p>This financial year so far £6215 has been awarded through POCA and £7186 in small grants to groups in the Inner North East to deliver projects for the local community.</p>	
<p>Theme: Healthy Living</p>		
<p>29. Organise events in community venues to provide residents with information and activities that encourage healthier lifestyles.</p>	<p>Through the Beckhill's Improvement Group a number of sloppy slipper exchanges and winter warmth events have taken place. As well as healthy living events for young people with learning difficulties.</p> <p>The activities group is working to develop a full programme of activities to be delivered in various locations across the area during every school holiday throughout the year ranging from sporting and arts activities to music and dance.</p>	
<p>30. Improve sports and leisure facilities at Scott Hall Leisure Centre, local playing fields and parks to increase opportunities for physical activities.</p>	<p>Gym and changing room facilities at Scott Hall are undergoing a £500,000 improvement over the next couple of months. This is a key time to make sure usage is then increased and area management will investigate what assistance can be given.</p> <p>Improvements are being sought at King Alfred's fields to provide sports pitches and Gaelic football.</p> <p>Investigations are also taking place into the installation of adult outdoor exercise equipment in Meanwood park, which if successful could be rolled out across the area subject to funding.</p>	
<p>31. Organise activities that bring older people together, happy, active and independent.</p>	<p>Meeting with local neighbourhood networks to be set up to look at possible projects to ensure the delivery of this promise.</p>	

Theme: Getting Around

32. Help local schemes that encourage greater use of bicycles and walking; for example the Walking Bus initiative in schools.	Investigations to look at the link with the new cycle track, with meetings to be arranged with the local cycling officer to progress. And work with extended schools and Meanwood Urban Valley Farm to support and further develop a bicycle recycling scheme social enterprise.	
33. Prioritise dangerous roads for action such as traffic calming measures or maintenance / repair.	Additional white lines and dropped kerbs to be installed on the King Alfred's Estate following residents consultation.	No specific action taken to address this issue by AMT needs consideration.
34. Increase the number of grit bins available in our streets for residents.	Sites for additional grit bins have been identified across the area following consultation with ward member and orders raised. Following from a residents meeting request bins have now been installed on the King Alfred's Estate (Moortown) which were part funded through ENE Homes.	