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## Report of the West Leeds Area Manager

### Inner West Area Committee

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Subject: Inner West Area Delivery Plan 2009/10 – Progress Report

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Armley  
Bramley & Stanningley

Ward Members consulted  
(Referred to in report)

#### 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

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### Executive Summary

This report informs Members of the progress to date for the first two quarters of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) 2009-10.

Members are asked to note the progress outlined at Appendix 1.

#### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform Members on progress to date for the first two quarters of the ADP for 2009-10.
- 1.2 Members are asked to note the progress outlined in Appendix 1 and comment on or query where necessary.

#### 2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The Area Committee approved the 2008 – 2011 ADP in June 2008. This new ADP contributes to achieving the strategic outcomes and improvement priorities set out in the Leeds Strategic Plan.
- 2.2 Since the approval of this ADP the Area Management Team have used the plan, which identifies key thematic actions, as a working document to inform Area Management Team work programmes and partnership action plans and to monitor

partner progress. Progress has been reported back periodically to Members via Area Committee meetings, and Ward Member meetings.

### **3.0 Main Issues**

3.1 The ADP for 2008/9 – 2010/11 has been developed under the headings contained within the Vision for Leeds (which all have specific implications for equality and diversity, community cohesion and narrowing the gap) and is a local expression of the city's commitment to the Local Area Agreements and partnership working. These headings are:

- Stronger Communities;
- Enterprise and Economy;
- Transport;
- Culture
- Environment;
- Health and Wellbeing;
- Thriving Neighbourhoods;
- Learning.

3.2 Progress against each of these headings is outlined Appendix 1 attached. The table outlines a description of each action (Local Improvement Priorities), the action that has been taken in 2009/10 (in the first two quarters), the lead agencies who have taken this action, and details of progress to date, against the quarter in which it has occurred.

### **4.0 Progress to date**

4.1 Members can see from Appendix 1 that significant progress has been made on the ADP, particularly where the Area Management Team has a direct responsibility for the action against the Local Improvement Priority. A number of work streams are detailed below to give a flavour of progress.

4.3 Currently, the Area Management Team has developed and revised its approach to community engagement through the Community Engagement Programme. This will help to formulate the ADP for 2010/11. The new Area Management Team web pages have gone live, new members have been recruited to the WNW Citizen Panels, and a calendar for on-line questionnaires for 2010 is being developed.

4.4 Extensive work has been undertaken to move the community cohesion work forward in the Wythers area, this has included working with multi-agency partners to gather quantitative and qualitative research in order to complete an audit methodology toolkit in the next quarter.

4.5 Developing intergenerational activities in Bramley has been significantly progressed through the establishment of Bramley for all Ages, which was formed by a broad range of local agencies at an event to celebrate the First European Day of Solidarity between the Generations (29<sup>th</sup> April 2009). Well Being funds allocated to Bramley Elderly Action has enabled the development of two events to be held in quarter 3 and 4. Along with responding to local need to support the development of diversionary

activities for young people, such as the graffiti scheme, the Friday night project in Armley, the Tuesday Night project in New Wortley and the Dreamscheme in Bramley.

- 4.6 There have been a number of large to medium cultural, arts and sporting events over the last two quarters. These have included the I Love West Leeds Festival, Summer Bands; summer sports programmes and sports camps with young people, Armley Fun Day and Bramley Carnival.
- 4.7 The Area Committee have funded a number of projects to enhance the delivery of services in the field of both community safety and worklessness, through the 4 families Project and Police off road motorcycle scheme, capture house and the alleging scheme. A 'raising aspiration' career event has been held with Leeds Ahead, to engage young people to work towards improving learning outcomes for young people. Whilst responding to the current economic climate by delivering debt advice pilots, training frontline members of staff and delivering Winter Well Being events focusing on fuel efficiency.
- 4.8 Holding Operation Champions, Days of Action, Community Clear Ups and environmental audits are delivered throughout Inner West to hotspot areas to engage multi-agency partners to respond to local issues and concerns, drawing the local community into these activities is a key element this work.
- 4.9 Decency work is nearing completion, and affordable housing schemes have started on site. The West Leeds Gateway and Leeds Bradford Corridor work streams are moving forward, and a social and economic advisory group has been setup to align the physical and social and economic priorities. Priority greenspace improvements, starting with Armley Moor, are moving forward, with consultation on the new plans to be held in the next quarter.
- 4.10 Winter Well Being events have been held in Armley and Bramley. The events provided older people with an opportunity to receive information, support and advice on a range of citywide and local services and projects to enable them to keep warm and safe during the winter months. There was also a 'sloppy slipper exchange', funded by the Inner West Area Committee, where older people were given a new, properly fitted, pair of slippers free of charge in exchange for their old pair to reduce the risks of injuries resulting from falls in the home. These events also focused on fuel efficiency and smoke free homes. NHS Leeds and local schools in Armley have also come together to develop an obesity project in Armley.
- 4.11 The Town Centre Manager is delivering local initiatives, events and activities to bring together local traders and draw in visitors to Armley's district centre. The Town and District Centre scheme has started on site to revitalize and regenerate the district centre, alongside this the Townscape Heritage scheme was launched, which seeks to repair and replace the shop frontages to commercial properties and reviving the Town Moor.

## 5.0 **Key challenges for the next quarter**

- 5.1 Supporting local community centres will be a key priority for the next quarter. There are three community centres, in some of the most deprived neighbourhoods that are

reliant on external funding applications to be successful and sustainability measures for the short, medium and long term to be developed and put in place.

- 5.2 Supporting the regeneration of our district centres, attracting new businesses and increasing visitor numbers.
- 5.3 Public transport remains a key challenge particularly with regard to accessing employment across the region.

## **6.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance**

- 5.1 Members have been fully consulted and involved in progressing the action points set out in the first two quarters of the 2009-2010 ADP.
- 5.2 The Area Management Team and its partners have been responsible for driving forward the delivery of the ADP.

## **5.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 5.1 The Well-Being Fund has been and continues to finance projects which meet the objectives of the ADP. The Area Management Team work with Council Services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to using the Well-Being Fund which ensures best use of funding.

## **6.0 Conclusions**

- 6.1 The new planning framework within which the ADP sits, has provided a more coherent and effective planning process. In turn, the role of the ADP has been strengthened as a tool to steer actions in the Inner West area over the period 2008 – 2011.
- 6.2 Significant progress has been made in implementing the actions outlined in the ADP for the first two quarter of 2009-10.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

- 7.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the progress outlined in Appendix 1 and comment on progress and challenges where necessary.

### **Background Papers**

Area Committee Report: Inner West Area Delivery Plan 2008 – 2011 (June 2009)