



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 4th December 2006

Subject: Area Delivery Plan Priorities 2007/08

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 provides information on the development of the priorities that will inform the Action Plan content of the Area Delivery Plan 2007/08.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides information for members of the Area Committee on the development of the Area Delivery Plan for 2007/08. It highlights priorities, identified through consultation with members at ward meetings and through feedback from community forums, to form the basis for the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan (ADP). Members are requested to consider and comment on the priorities proposed for 2007/08.

Background

2. The Council's constitution tasks Area Committees to produce an Area Delivery Plan which sets out priorities and actions for the local area. The Area Delivery Plan will identify priorities for 2007/08 and will inform decision making in the allocation of resources and the work programme for the Area Management Team. The Council's Executive Board approves each Area Committee's ADP each year and in doing so provides the Area Committee with the authority to take decisions in line with the stated ADP priorities.

Priority Areas and Themes

3. The Area Committee's priority areas in previous years have been closely linked with the service themes which the Area Committee has most influence over – the delegated functions of Youth Services, Community Safety and Streetscene. For the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan the development of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) offers an opportunity for the two to be linked together.
4. The LAA brings people and agencies together to deliver better, more co-ordinated results for the people of Leeds. The Agreement lasts for three years and is structured into four 'blocks':
 - Children and young people
 - Safer and stronger communities
 - Healthier communities and older people
 - Economic development and enterprise
5. The LAA has a number of cross cutting principles that reflect the principles and policy of the council and the Area Committees. These are:
 - Empowering local people and building the role of the voluntary, community and faith sectors
 - Utilising the role of culture
 - Promoting equality, diversity and social inclusion
 - Community cohesion
6. Given these links the Area Committee is requested to consider developing the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan using the themes identified in the LAA. Existing priority areas fit well with these blocks.

7. The priorities below have been identified through ward Member meetings and feedback from community forums held over the past year. They have been set out under the theme headings of the LAA blocks.
8. The Area Committee is asked to comment on the priorities so that officers can develop the actions needed over the coming months to complete the ADP. It is anticipated that a draft Area Delivery Plan will be presented to the Area Committee in February 2007. Members are requested to note that some of the actions developed will be addressed through projects funded from the Well-Being Fund. At the same time, the Area Committee will promote a co-ordinated approach to service delivery to make the best use of available resources.

Proposed Priorities

Children and Young People

- Provision of activities for children & young people by the Youth Service, voluntary and private sector providers
- Initiatives to improve school attendance and achievement
- Involvement of young people in decision making
- Help to prevent anti-social behaviour involving children & young people

Safer and Stronger Communities

- Action to tackle 'crime and grime'
- Preventative action to reduce crime and the fear of crime
- Improve the environmental appearance of inner north east Leeds
- Environmental initiatives to promote resident responsibility and community involvement
- Support partnerships working to address deprivation issues in priority neighbourhoods
- Support the delivery of Intensive Neighbourhood Management
- Engage with local communities across inner north east Leeds

Healthier Communities and Older People

- Support the voluntary and community sector, especially neighbourhood networks for older people
- Implement the 'way forward' for community facilities in Chapeltown as agreed by the Executive Board (due for Executive Board consideration in January)
- Establish a lettings policy for delegated community centres in inner north east Leeds
- Support voluntary, community and faith sector community facilities in inner north east Leeds

Economic Development and Enterprise

- Town and district centre improvement projects
- Support the implementation of the Investment Plan and Land Use Framework for Chapeltown Road as approved by the Executive Board (due for Executive Board consideration in January 2007)

Recommendations

9. The Area Committee is requested to comment on and approve the priorities proposed under each of the four blocks of the Local Area Agreement.