

Beckhills and Miles Hill Priority Neighbourhood

Met with the Beckhill Implementation Group (BIG) partners meeting in December and agreed with them to develop an action plan for the next twelve months along with permission to complete this action plan with proposed outcomes for agreement at the next BIG meeting (provisional programme attached). The work areas covered in this report will consist of Education, Employment and Worklessness, Community Communications and Engagement, Health and Wellbeing, Youth Activities and Crime and Grime Issues.

Projects and progress will be outlined below.

Education, Employment and Worklessness

- Agreement was reached at the BIG meeting to schedule in more multi agency outreach operations to better signpost residents to support agencies and programmes linked to those run by the JET Partnership (BEST, Job Centre Plus etc)
- Identify agencies and locations to inform people about the support, education, training and employment advice available to them in the neighbourhood arranged through the BIG group.

Improve Communications and Engagement

- Have requested information about current groups in the area, where people meet, how many, who works with them etc for the next BIG meeting to give a starting point.
- Have repeated the above exercise with forms of communication such as newsletters that are delivered through doors on the estate by different agencies and started discussions about trying to make these as multi agency and multi faceted as possible.
- Have held discussions with the NPT team and the BIG group to examine opportunities for a partnership 'Confidence Mapping' exercise to complete a detailed engagement with residents, identify issues affecting them and improvements they would like to see take place in their estate and use it to inform the NIP.

Health and Wellbeing Activities

- Have linked in with NHS Leeds who have an action plan for this area and who will be carrying out a workshop at the February BIG meeting to develop their actions and to involve partners in its delivery.

Youth Activities

- Have invited Youth Services to the next BIG meeting to introduce themselves as there has been a significant change in staff.
- Have identified the empty community facility in the Beckhills and have invited and encouraged a number of youth providers and others to register an interest in using this facility. Once confirmation of the timescale for ensuring essential health and safety works are completed a meeting will be arranged to coordinate activity here and hopefully develop a management committee for this area.

Crime and Grime Issues

- Operation Champion will be focussed on the Beckhill and Miles Hill estate on Jan 20th 2010 targetting ASB perpetrators and providing high visibility reassurance to victims and residents on the estate. Partnership will be providing cover between 11am and 7pm agencies agreed to work include : Police, ENEHL, ASBU, Safer Leeds, Childrens Centre and still to confirm include, Youth Services, Probation, Environmental Enforcement and West Yorkshire Probation Service.
- Have commenced partnership and elected member consultation regarding a gating project to help tackle the crime and asb issues which are exacerbated by the very large number of secluded ginnels which provide numerous escape routes for perpetrators and make effective policing and other enforcement difficult.
- Through the BIG meeting have started working with Waste Management who have identified four sites on the estate for hard standing recycling centres which could be impactful at reducing rubbish build up.
- Have called a meeting of environmental partners to examine the overall environmental strategy for the estate and to examine how the partnership can best make a visible contribution to the neighbourhood. This is to take place on Friday 15th January 2010.
- Have worked on the COPS audit undertaken by Safer Leeds and on the AMT audit and have mapped out the major issues affecting the neighbourhood for discussion at the above meeting.

Miscellaneous

In addition to the above strong links have been established between the LCC Regeneration Action Plan for the area.

Chapelton Priority Neighbourhood

Because there has not yet been an IMPaCT meeting the work in this area to date has been project specific related. There is however an special time limited working group coming together on 14th January 2010 to examine the issues in the area and help steer the development of a NIP, to examine how the group can continue after March 2010 and the end of the SSCF funding stream and what role that group can have. These will then be used to feed into discussion taking place in the other priority neighbourhoods in the ENE AMT area. Projects undertaken to date are listed below:

Chapelton Shop Front Revival Funding

Work has been undertaken with LCC Regeneration Team and local elected members to look for innovative methods to improve the empty shop frontages along Chapelton Road. This is likely to involve working with local communities and artists to design improvements to shutters and poorly maintained walls in a number of shops in conjunction with Community Payback Activity to re-paint the street furniture along the road.

Derelict Land / Properties on Chapelton Road

Work has started with the LCC Planning Compliance Team to look at taking enforcement action where possible on two of the major sites along this major arterial route. This is likely to involve the serving of Section 215 Notices under the Town and Country Planning Act and Section 79 and Planning Compliance notices to force owners to complete improvements to their property.

Chapelton Facilities Meeting

An initial meeting to examine Youth Provision and facilities in the area took place in December 2009 and this has started to develop into initial examinations of a feasibility study examining the current community building and youth provision in the area and the effectiveness and suitability for purpose of them. From this it is hoped that work and planning can commence to develop and 'off the shelf' funding bid to help develop a youth HUB in the Chapelton area.

Chapelton Youth Action Plan Meeting

Helped plan, run and take part in the initial meeting of local agencies and groups working in the area delivering youth and / or education, employment training etc in the Chapelton area. The session took place on 12th January 2010 and involved partners examining the gaps in provision, the groups working in the area and what ideas, opportunities and issues there would be in taking this forward. These notes are still being put together but it is anticipated that this will form an action plan for the area.

DEEN Group Steering Panel

Have attended an initial meeting of this group to help guide the development of the Street Mentors Project due to start later this year.

IMPACT

Have helped prepare a special meeting of the IMPACT meeting to discuss the future of the group, what their new role can be and how to take this forward. In addition it is hoped that this meeting will help identify issues that are particularly affecting the Chapelton area and help develop the NIP for the area.

Chapelton Gangs Prevention Meeting

Have attended the December meeting of this group and will be looking to take this forward and developing strong links to the work undertaken in the Chapelton Youth Action Plan meeting outlined above to help reduce the numbers of socially excluded young people in Chapelton by including in positive activities.

PREVENT Locality Training Project

Along with the Area Management Officer have met with partners from across the city within LCC to help plan the locality training project in Chapelton. This will be funded by PREVENT and consist of new staff members to the area receiving information about the area and the opportunity to understand what groups and partners do (such as the role of the AMT, what community groups operate in the area etc) along with information about the area (demographics, crime levels etc) and where are the places of worship. It is

hoped to deliver this type of training alongside information provision about the different religions in the area, provide staff the opportunity to meet different community representatives and see the area . The intention is that this will then help develop an increased quality of service and remove some of the issues around staff turnover.

Health and Wellbeing

Have been invited to attend the new Health and Wellbeing group for Chapeltown with the next meeting to take place on 8th February 2010. This will help develop links between this group, the NIP and eventually the ADP for this area. Have also attended the Infant Mortality Group for Chapeltown and again hope to develop links between this group and the NIP and develop actions which can help in this area.