



## Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing

Meeting : Outer East Area Committee

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006

Subject: Priorities for the 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan

### Electoral Wards Affected:

Garforth & Swillington  
Kippax & Methley  
Temple Newsam  
Cross Gates & Whinmoor

### 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

The report summarises the successes of the 2006/07 Outer East Area Delivery Plan and work of the Area Committee and proposes priorities to form the basis of the draft 2007/08 ADP and spending plan. The report also considers actions to improve performance monitoring, influencing of non-delegated services and linkages with the District Partnership Area Plan.

### 1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to agree a set of priorities for the Area Delivery Plan 2007/08 so that a draft plan can be developed and consulted on and brought back to the next Area Committee meeting for approval. The report also seeks approval for greater linkages with Local Area Agreement outcomes to strengthen performance monitoring, influence on non-delegated council services and linkages with District Partnership.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Council's constitution requires Area Committees to produce and agree an annual Area Delivery Plan which sets out how it will ensure that:

- they identify the needs and **key priorities** of the committee area and inform decision-making and joined up service delivery. They will also advise and influence the City Council and other partner agencies in the allocation of resources.
- the **area functions** that it has been delegated achieve at least specified minimum service standards and performance targets and to contain spending within the available resources
- the use of the delegated **Wellbeing budget** will enhance service delivery outcomes within their area and support the social, economic and environmental well being of their area
- the roles of the Area Committee in respect of **community engagement**, democratic renewal and local accountability are to be met during the year

2.2 During 2006/07 the Council asked KPMG to undertake a review of Area Committee and Area Management work and identify issues for improvement. Those issues identified could be summarised as:

- The need for a more meaningful performance monitoring framework, including more measurable outcomes
- Better linkages of the area based working arrangements with partner organisations
- Greater influence over council services to meet local needs (eg Youth Services and Streetscene)

2.3 The Area Committee has also agreed to improve linkages with the District Partnerships area-wide plans (and vice-versa). The ADP for 2007/08 presents the first opportunity.

### 3.0 **SUCCESSSES IN 2006/07**

3.1 The Area Committee agreed an ADP for 2006/07 based on a number of key thematic priorities. To help deliver local actions to address these priorities a spending plan for the Wellbeing Budget was agreed which reflected those themes. These actions included:

#### **Area wide:**

- ✓ The employment of an officer to deal with problem-solving and potential closure of pathways/ginnels causing concern in the community
- ✓ The successful embedding of neighbourhood management as a way of working across the area – with monthly local tasking meetings between agencies the norm and the use of a local budget to tackle localised problems and to support community led environmental action (e.g. skip hire for clean up days)
- ✓ A series of successful community summer events across the area promoting community cohesion and access to council services
- ✓ Gardening project to support elderly and disabled residents delivered through Groundwork Leeds.
- ✓ Promoting sport and a healthy lifestyle to young people. Sports coaching in all primary schools through Leeds Community Sports; cricket coaching during the summer holidays provided by Yorkshire Cricket Academy
- ✓ Small Grants to support local projects
- ✓ Luncheon Club provision for elderly residents
- ✓ Celebration events for elderly people

### **Garforth & Swillington**

- ✓ Support the provision of a skate park on Ninelands Lane.
- ✓ Improving community facilities: The Miners Welfare Hall; Swillington Community Sports; Barley Hill Bowling Club.
- ✓ Football pitches in Great & Little Preston
- ✓ Improving Garforth Main Street

### **Kippax & Methley:**

- ✓ Bringing back derelict allotment sites into use
- ✓ Supporting 'in bloom' groups
- ✓ Work to provide additional sports pitches and changing facilities in Methley that are planned for 2007
- ✓ Supporting play provision for young children

### **Temple Newsam:**

- ✓ Proposed cctv provision extended into Halton in 2007 provided by Area Committee and Town & District Centre scheme
- ✓ Improving Halton Village
- ✓ Targeting hate crime and ASB in hotspot areas of Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe
- ✓ Improving facilities that support community engagement eg St Wilfrids Church Hall

### **Cross Gates & Whinmoor**

- ✓ Provision of out of school programme for young people during summer holidays at St Gregory's Y&A Centre.
- ✓ Supporting community organisations that provide healthy activities for young people eg Whinmoor Juniors JRLFC
- ✓ Providing additional security to vulnerable residents in Whinmoor sheltered accommodation.
- ✓ Improving facilities that support community engagement eg St Theresa's Church Hall
- ✓ Improving Cross Gates shopping area
- ✓ The employment of an additional Neighbourhood Wardens to strengthen the service in Swarcliffe (match funded by SE Homes).

## **4.0 PRIORITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2007/08 AREA DELIVERY PLAN**

- 4.1 In order to provide the Area Committee with a better performance monitoring framework and greater influence over non-delegated council service functions, it is proposed to develop an Area Delivery Plan for 2007/08 that continues the thematic priorities of 2006/07 but reads across to relevant outcomes contained in the Local Area Agreement for Leeds.
- 4.2 The Local Area Agreement contains outcomes which the Council and its partners must deliver in order to meet their commitment to Government Office.
- 4.3 Each outcome comes with agreed indicators and methods of measurement so that progress can be monitored and corrected where needed.

- 4.4 By aligning the ADP closer to the LAA blocks and their outcomes, the Area Committee will be in a stronger position to influence council and non-council services in their area; both through better monitoring of performance (potentially at ward level) and in its negotiation of local improvements/actions to meet the area's priorities and the setting of local stretch targets linked to the use of Wellbeing funds.
- 4.5 This will also have the additional benefit of joining up the work of the Area Committee to programmes such as Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, Safer Stronger Communities, Coalfield Regeneration Trust etc.
- 4.6 To provide an example of how this may work the following are some of the outcomes from the Safer Stronger block of the LAA which the Area Committee may consider should form the basis of priorities for local action in their ADP:
- Better local services that meet local needs
  - An improvement in the area as a place to live
  - A cleaner neighbourhood; free from litter, graffiti and flytipping
  - Better maintained and more useful open spaces
  - Less disturbance from noise
  - Less crime in the area
  - Less anti-social behaviour in the streets
  - To feel safer on the streets
  - More people to feel part of the community
  - Better influence on what happens in the area
  - More for young people to do
- 4.7 In order to develop a draft ADP for 2007/08 for the next Area Committee meeting, Members will be consulted on which LAA outcomes they would want so see a focus on in their wards. Negotiations with the relevant service providers will begin so that any additional resource requirements are identified and included in the draft spending plan.

## **5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and in particular the successes of 2006/07.
- 5.2 The Area Committee is asked to approve the drafting of an Area Delivery Plan for 2007/08 which uses the themes agreed in 2006/07, but focuses on the council led Local Area Agreement outcomes which are considered a priority for the Outer East area - which then become the basis for negotiation of local service improvements/ actions, use of Wellbeing funds and performance monitoring.