



Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods & Housing Department

Outer South Area Committee

Date: Monday 18th December

Subject: AREA DELIVERY PLAN 2007 / 2008 – AGREEMENT OF PRIORITIES

Electoral Wards Affected: All Outer South Wards	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/>
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Executive Summary: To approve the main headings and key thematic priorities which will form the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for 2007/2008; and make comment on the framework from which local projects and service improvements will be negotiated using the 2007/2008 corporate planning/budget process and Area Well-being Budget.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council approved a new constitution making provision for Area Committees in June 2004. This gives Area Committees the task of producing an Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) for their areas.
- 1.2 Area Delivery Plans identify the needs and priorities of the Area Committee and informs decision-making and encourage joined up service delivery. They also advise and influence the City Council and other partner agencies in the allocation of resources.
- 1.3 The first ADP for this Area Committee (for 2005/06) was produced and agreed by the Area Committee and subsequently endorsed by Executive Board.
- 1.4 The Area Committee agreed to the production of a summary of the current ADP for public consumption. This has been made available in a number of forms, including the council website.

2.0 WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ADP FOR 2007/08?

- 2.1 It is proposed that this Area Committee's ADP will include the following **main headings** which will include updated sections from the 2006/07 ADP:

- **Introduction and Strategic Objectives** – covering the overall aims of the Area Committees and Area Management and to show the links between the Area Delivery Plan and other strategic documents, including the City Council Corporate Plan, the Vision for Leeds 2004-2020 and other key plans.
- A **profile** of the area drawing on relevant statistical data (in particular Super Output Area information) which will provide a range of indicators on a sub-ward basis to identify neighbourhood hotspots of concern. These will help target/focus the commissioning of projects and neighbourhood focused work.
- **Working arrangements** for the Area Committee describing the Committees decision-making process.
- An **engagement statement** describing how the Committee aims to develop and support community engagement and involvement in the decision making process and work of the Council and the Area Committee.
- An **area priorities statement** which sets out the Area Committees strategic priority themes for the year in order to meet its corporate obligations/targets and more localised priority plans.
- An **action plan** to provide a monitoring and reporting tool for the Area Committee in ensuring the thematic priorities and local commitments are being met
- A **statement of resources** to deliver the priorities (executive functions and service schedules).
- **Service Performance Monitoring and Development** arrangements; including performance standards, measures and any local service level agreements for delegated services.
- A statement on **partnership working** (a summary of area based approaches in South Leeds in which the Area Committee is involved and contributing to, particularly the District Partnership. There may be opportunities to address the wider priorities of the Area Committee's Area Delivery Plan through links to the work of the South Leeds District Partnership.

3.0 WHAT WILL THE AREA THEMATIC PRIORITIES BE?

3.1 It is proposed to continue with the key thematic priorities identified for the 2006/07 ADP on the principles that:

- (a) sufficient consultation has been undertaken in recent years to identify priorities.
- (b) a continued focus is required on those priorities
- (c) consistency and stability is required in order to encourage further development of area-based service planning and the development of local forums and groups in their capacity to influence decision-making and local service improvements.
- (d) the priorities link with those service themes which Area Committees will continue to have most influence over

3.2 Therefore, the key thematic priorities which will underpin the 2007/2008 ADP and inform the use of the Committee's Well-being Budget are proposed as:

- **Safer neighbourhoods** – focusing on reducing crime and the fear of crime
- **Cleaner neighbourhoods** – focusing on developing a better quality street environment, green and open spaces

- **More for young people** – focusing on developing opportunities for young people out of school to be healthier, safer and successful.
- **Thriving and harmonious communities:** focusing on regenerating town centres, improving neighbourhoods in need and involving communities

4.0 WHAT WILL THE SPECIFIC SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES BE FOR 2007/2008?

4.1 The ADP will set out the contribution of Area Functions and those delegated Council Services as a whole to the delivery of the Committee's priorities. This will include service monitoring/performance arrangements and details of any existing local service delivery agreements (such as the Streetscene CAST resource)

4.2 However, on top of these existing delegated services and delivery arrangements, the Area Committee is likely to want to negotiate enhancement or variations to local service delivery to better meet specific area needs and opportunities.

4.3 The Area Committee then has the opportunity to comment from an area perspective on any specific service delivery areas that it would wish Departments to be giving attention to as they start their budget and service planning for 2007/2008. For instance, and assuming at this stage a standstill budget for 2007/2008:-

- Are there any realignments of service provision that the Committee would wish to be put forward to Departments for consideration in order to prioritise particular aspects of a service above others?
- Are there any specific gaps in service provision that the Committee would wish ideally Departments address?
- Are there any new ways of working that the Committee would wish Departments to be considering from examples of good practice within or outside Leeds?
- Are there any areas of wider partnership working that require further attention?

Working on the basis of no new extra resources for 2007/2008, the opportunity at this stage is about suggesting, influencing and debating with services the opportunities for 2007/2008 before decisions are finalised through departmental processes. These can then be reflected in the Area Delivery Plan and for Departments to be note in their budget proposals.

4.4 **The Area Committee is therefore asked to consider what specific service delivery enhancements/variations it would request consideration in the corporate/departmental planning and budget setting processes for 2007/2008.**

4.5 Should any further services, functions and schedules be delegated to the Area Committees by the Executive, Members may wish to consider integrating these as part of the priorities of the ADP.

5.0 TIMETABLE FOR CONSULTATION AND COMPLETION OF 2007/2008 ADP

5.1 The ADP will be developed through stakeholder consultation and negotiation with at least the key service providers and the Area Committee and where possible with key community networks between November 2006 and January 2007.

5.2 It is anticipated the ADP will be finalised by the Area Committee's meeting in February 2007.

6.0 LINKS TO THE WELL-BEING FUND

6.1 The ADP will need to continue to frame and guide the Committees' allocation of Well - being resources in 2007/2008 and as such the Committees' service and theme priorities should be reflected in the commissioning decisions from the Well - being funding.

6.2 Through discussions with Ward members, service providers and key local community and voluntary groups a number of schemes may be identified over the next few months for the Area Committee to consider commissioning from next year's Well - being Budget once this is confirmed. **Members are encouraged to suggest ideas.**

6.3 The key thematic priorities are being brought to the attention of the Committee at this time in order for development work to be carried out by officers, without prejudice to the Area Committee.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

7.1 Note the report including the timetable set out in section 5.0

7.2 Agree the proposed ADP content as listed in section 2.1

7.3 Agree the area-wide thematic priorities for the 2007/08 ADP as outlined in section 3.2

7.4 Agree what service delivery enhancements/variations it would ask to be considered in the corporate/departmental planning and budget setting processes for 2007/2008

7.5 Suggest ideas for schemes which they might commission in 2007/2008.