



Report of the South East Area Manager

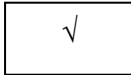
East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 6th July 2010

Subject: Area Delivery Plan 2010/11 – Annual Refresh

Electoral Wards Affected:

Cross Gates & Whinmoor
Garforth & Swillington
Kippax and Mentley
Temple Newsam
Ward members consulted (referred to in this report)



Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity



Community Cohesion



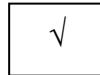
Narrowing the Gap



Council
Function



Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In



Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report



Executive Summary

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Purpose of this report

1. This report presents a refresh of the Area Delivery Plan 2010-11 for approval.
2. It explains the context for the plan including its links to the Leeds Strategic Plan and actions planned relating to responsibilities delegated to Area Committee by the Executive Board, both around Council functions and partnership working.
3. The report presents the Outer East area priorities around which the work of the Area Management Team will be focused in 2010/11 on behalf of the Area Committee.
4. The Area Committee is asked to approve the priorities for 2010/11.
5. It is important to note that the ADP is a working document. Actions will be added to it as the year progresses; for example through issues raised at community forums, ward member meetings etc and project proposals that come forward for funding from Well Being budget. It will also be updated periodically to reflect the outputs and outcomes of actions in the ADP.

Background

6. The Area Committee will recall previous reports giving information on the development of the Leeds Strategic Plan (LSP). This sets out the Council's priorities for Leeds from 2008 to 2011 and what the Council will do itself and in partnership with others to deliver these priorities.
7. The Leeds Strategic Plan brings together the themes in the existing Vision for Leeds, Local Area Agreement and Regeneration Plan, to provide an integrated framework geared to tackling neighbourhood needs and priorities. The Area Delivery Plan 2008-11 was agreed by the Area Committee in July 2008, this plan has been refreshed as part of an annual review to ensure that priorities and actions meet with current needs.
8. The 2010/11 plan translates the city –wide local improvement priorities in the Leeds Strategic Plan to specific priorities relevant to the Outer East.
9. There will be a further report to Area Committee at its February 2011 meeting to update Members on progress against the Area Delivery Plan actions.

Delegated functions

10. The Executive Board agreed a number of recommended changes to Area Committee responsibilities and working arrangements at their meeting in November 2007 and changes to the constitution took effect in May 2008. There is an increase in the range and number of service and function responsibilities the Area Committee now have which include:
 - Community engagement
 - Community Centres
 - Community safety eg CCTV
 - Environment (e.g. green and open spaces, Streetscene, environmental action teams, grounds maintenance)

- Highways maintenance
- Conservation Area Reviews
- Children and young people (e.g. youth services)
- Health and Well Being (including adult social care and healthier communities)
- Regeneration and development including neighbourhood management coordination

11. The ADP reflects these additional responsibilities presented within the themes of the Strategic Plan. It includes any priority actions the Area Committee may want to progress relating to these responsibilities, including priorities that can be assisted in achievement through the Well Being Fund that the Area Committee administer.

Area Partnerships and developing local actions

12. The Area Delivery Plan is the local expression of the Leeds Strategic Plan and therefore it will be a partnership document, and partners have been consulted in putting it together.

13. The District Partnership was dissolved in 2008 and replaced by thematic based area partnerships set up under the umbrella of the Leeds Initiative, with increasing accountability and direct links to Area Committees. The following is a list of the partnership groups covering the east area:

- North East Divisional Community Safety Partnership
- Children Leeds - East Leeds Leadership Team
- Jobs, Enterprise & Training (JET) Partnership
- Health & Well Being Partnership

14. The Area Delivery Plan in 2010/11 will endeavour to make clearer which partnership will be responsible for reporting performance against which ADP priority.

15. The Area Delivery Plan incorporates the 8 strategic themes of the Leeds Strategic Plan with each theme having an Elected Member as its champion. The champions agreed by Area Committee in 2008/9 and 2009/10 are listed below.

Theme	Champion
Culture	Cllr Bill Hyde
Enterprise & Economy	Cllr Tom Murray
Learning	Cllr Tom Murray
Transport	Cllr Mick Lyons
Environment	Cllr Keith Wakefield
Health & Well Being	vacant
Thriving Places	Housing – Cllr Peter Gruen Community Safety- Cllr Mark Dobson

16. There is a vacancy for the role of Health & Well Being 'champion'. In relation to the other 'champion' roles Members are asked to confirm if they wish to continue as theme champion. This role falls outside of the Appointment to Outside Bodies as outlined in a separate report to this meeting.
17. The ADP will continue to include local priorities and actions as identified by elected members and residents through local engagement activity, including the allocation of Well-Being Funds. Where these do not naturally sit within a themed partnership, the ADP will make clear which service will report progress to the Area Committee on that particular action.
18. The Area Management Team will work with members through their individual ward member meetings on further actions they would like to see included in the plan. Where these are ward specific actions, progress will also be reported at ward member meetings.

Community Charter

19. Area Committee has previously agreed to develop a simpler, more user-friendly and accessible document or "charter" for distribution at key buildings such as community centres, libraries etc. This will be set out as a series of pledges and actions that can be easily understood and list recently funded projects. It will also include a calendar of local engagement opportunities such as the community forums and other local events/consultations. In this way it is felt that the understanding of the work of the area committees, local councillors and public service providers can be better understood and held accountable to local residents. In effect this will be the resident-friendly version of the ADP.
20. Appendix 1 provides some details of the type of information that will be included in the charter.

Community Engagement

21. The Area Committee has a community engagement strategy which is based around a cycle of community forums, a number of ward events and a number of partnership events. The aim is to create opportunities for local people to influence service planning and ensure that residents are informed of how their views have been listened to and what will be delivered as a result.
22. A separate report details the forum schedule for 2010/11.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

23. The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan mirror the priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan. This will enable local interpretations of the priority outcomes for the area to be developed and delivered against. Actions in the plan were formulated based on consultation with key stakeholders in the local area.

Legal and Resource Implications

24. The Well-Being budget delegated by Executive Board is used to finance projects which meet the objectives of the Area Delivery Plan, which links to the delivery of Leeds Strategic Plan outcomes. Members of the Area Committee are keen that wherever possible the use of well-being funds brings in additional match funding to the area.
25. The Area Management Team will be responsible for organising and co-ordinating community engagement activity from within their existing resource and use of well – being funds where agreed.

Conclusions

26. The Area Delivery Plan refresh sets out the key priorities for 2010 - 2011 for Outer East Leeds. This is attached at the end of this report.
27. The focus of the refresh is on actions to be delivered and developed during 2010/11.
28. The Area Management Team will support partnerships and local services in this process and continue to champion the role of the Area Committee through the ADP.
29. The introduction of a resident friendly version of the ADP through a “charter” will be a significant step in promoting the role of the Area Committee and elected members in influencing local services and holding them to account.

Recommendations

30. The Area Committee is requested to;
 - a) Approve the annual refresh of the ADP 2010-11 (attached at the end of this report)
 - b) Agree strategic ‘champions’ for 2010/11.
 - c) Agree the content of the community charter.

Background Papers

- Area Delivery Plan 2008/11
- Area Functions Schedule 2010/11