



Report of : Director of Environments & Neighbourhoods

Area Committee : Inner North East

Date: 18th October 2010

Subject: Priority Neighbourhoods – Progress Report and Action Plans for 2010/11

Electoral Wards Affected:

**Chapel Allerton
Moortown**

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in 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

This report provides the Area Committee with a quarterly update on activity/actions in the agreed priority neighbourhoods within the Inner North East area.

The report also provides initial action plans for the Chapeltown/Scott Hall and Meanwood priority neighbourhoods. These show how actions are being developed and delivered to address the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priorities agreed by the Area Committee at the March meeting.

Purpose of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Area Committee with:
 - a) a quarterly update of partnership actions and activity in the three Inner NE priority neighbourhoods and identification of key activities.
 - b) Identify the priorities for the next quarter in each neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Improvement Action Plans for 2010/11

2. Provided in appendix A are the current 2010/11 Neighbourhood Improvement Action Plans for the Chapeltown/Scott Hall and Meanwood priority neighbourhoods. The Area Committee is asked to note the progress being made and advise on where it feels greater progress should be being made.
3. The Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP) has an existing Action Plan in place which will be reviewed and incorporated into a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan in line with the other priority neighbourhoods. A full NIP is being developed for this area and will be presented to a future Area Committee meeting.

Quarterly Progress Report (June – Sept 2010)

Chapeltown and Scott Hall Priority Neighbourhood

4. Key activity in the last quarter and planned for the next quarter:
 - Supporting Young People – Developments in this area include allocation of funding from PAYP (Positive Activities for Young People) to develop a project around conflict resolution which will look to teach young people about a range of life issues including confidence, aspirations as well as more direct improvements in understanding accountability of actions. Initial training through local agencies have resulted in 40+ young people benefiting from this project and this funding is anticipated to allow the project to further develop until Mar 2011 while a larger bid for longer term external funding is developed. There has also been FA Training provided through CYDC to 30+ young people in football coaching (levels 1 and 2) and the Backyard Breeze project funded through PAYP plus will be running for 12 weeks and started in late September 2010.
 - Positive Role Models – This was a project which local youth providers identified as being one which would be beneficial for local primary school children. The project consisted of local people and some statutory services visiting local primary schools in the CHESS cluster to deliver sessions to the young people and raise awareness and aspirations at a young age. Unfortunately there has been some time resource issues with this and a difficulty in engaging some local agencies in this project which require it to be delayed with an anticipated commencement in January 2011.
 - Infant Mortality – the Chapeltown Health and Wellbeing partnership and Infant Mortality group continue to be cautiously optimistic that there have been some serious inroads into this issue although the full findings are still to be confirmed. Activities have included running advice sessions around financial inclusion, promotion of the Healthy Start voucher schemes, linking with Care and Repair to promote insulation grants to reduce fuel poverty, Chapeltown Childrens Centre

are now included in the vitamin distribution through the Healthy Start scheme and promotion of this continues.

- Environmental Improvements – Probation have been active in recent improvements to the street furniture along Chapeltown road and tidying of the area where the new Way marker has been sited. The plans for the green space to the rear of the Reginald Centre have been finalised and positive feedback from the community has been received.
- Worklessness – The new Job shop situated in the Reginald Centre will act as a central hub for all worklessness issues within this area and will provide a visible face for local services operating in the area. This would sit alongside a new full time post being created by Unity Housing Association to serve as a community outreach worker for Chapeltown to link community groups to opportunities and target priority LSOA's and Streets. In addition a training package is being developed for local staff and volunteers from the voluntary and statutory sector to help them understand the range of support available and it is hoped that an initial training session will take place in November 2010. There are also discussions underway with Construction Leeds and local partners about opportunities for local and citywide projects (such as the Leeds Arena

5. The Key pieces of work proposed for the next quarter will be to populate and develop the new Community Leadership Team for Chapeltown and Scott Hall including the establishment of the reference group for this area. There are also projects relating to Worklessness and NEETs in development which are anticipated to be rolled out during this period.

Meanwood Priority Neighbourhood

6. Key activity in the last quarter and planned for the next quarter:
 - Environmental Issues – There have now been 5 multi agency clean up operations in the Beckhill estate which has been identified as the area in Meanwood most suffering from Environmental Issues. These have resulted in considerable improvements in the area. They have reached all of the estate with the exception of the area targeting for gating improvements. Residents have advised local agencies that a significant improvement has been noticed and agencies have also noticed an improvement, notably the EAT's which have seen their complaints from the estate fall dramatically. In addition, the Stonegate estate has seen a great deal of work from WYPS in improving the area and LCC Streetscene have been involved in cleaning the estate of graffiti following an audit. The Bandstand allotment clearing project started in September 2010 with an initial clearance of the lower parts of the site and three plots to allow more people to access this provision.
 - Improve Youth Provision – There has been a great effort from all local partners in developing summer events and gala days including fundays, backyard breeze, trips arranged through schools, voluntary groups, youth services and PAYP. There has been some Cage football sessions run in both the Stonegate and Beckhill estates although take up of these in both cases has been disappointing and resulting in their being suspended pending further consultation with young people.
 - Community Safety – The ward ASB meeting and operation Bewhisker (WYP, ENEHL and ASBU) are starting to make serious inroads into issues in the estates within Chapel Allerton, notably the Miles Hills and Beckhills which

remain the highest area within Meanwood for ASB. While much of this cannot be documented there are a number of ASBO's being sought on identified individuals through LCC ASB Unit and tenancy enforcement action being delivered in conjunction. There have been significant successes in relation to burglary in these areas which WYP and the local partners have led on and the improvements to the Miles Hill Ginnel and proposed improvement to Beckhill Approach also promise to provide further improvements in these areas.

- Health and Wellbeing – One of the major pieces of work which require improvement relate to the Cancer mortality rate in this area. Conversations have taken place between the Neighbourhood Manager and representatives from NHS Leeds and the citywide Health and Wellbeing Group to establish exactly what types of cancer this is and to develop actions to reduce this or raise awareness among the local community.

7. The key pieces of work will be to start to change the emphasis of the project from the initial neighbourhood management priorities of Crime and Grime which have been required in this area to the more difficult issues of Health and Wellbeing, Worklessness and School Attendance which are not in as advanced stage as those of the Chapeltown Priority Neighbourhood.

Moor Allerton Priority Neighbourhood

8. Work is ongoing to develop a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Moor Allerton Partnership (MAP), using the format already applied to NIPs in other parts of the area.
9. The draft NIP was discussed at the last MAP meeting and it was agreed that there was a need to refocus the existing action plan and ensure that it reflected the differing needs of the three estates that make up the MAP area.
10. The priorities are currently being identified by the group and will relate directly to the three estates making up the MAP area.
11. Work will continue to develop the NIP and be discussed at the Moortown ward member meetings and a copy of the NIP presented to a future Area Committee meeting.

Recommendations

12. The Area Committee are asked to:
 - (a) note and comment on the initial action plans for the Chapeltown/Scott Hall and Meanwood priority neighbourhoods.
 - (b) note the framework for overseeing the development and implementation of the NIPs and Action Plans in each priority neighbourhood and the link with the community engagement strategy.
 - (c) note the progress made in each of the priority neighbourhoods in the last quarter.

Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and functions 2010/11

Priority Neighbourhoods Report March 2010