



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 5th February 2007

Subject: Actions and Achievements

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

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 Members with a summary of recent actions and achievements of the Area Committee and Area Management Team.

Purpose of this report

1. This report enables the Area Committee to track progress of the actions identified in the Area Delivery Plan 2006/07, and provides details of work achievements of the Area Management Team since the last Area Committee meeting.
2. Appendix 1 refers to progress on specific issues raised by Members at Area Committee meetings.
3. Appendix 2 tracks progress against the Area Delivery Plan 2006/07.

Significant action and achievements since the last Area Committee meeting

4. The Volunteer Thank You Event took place on Monday 4th December in the Lord Mayor's Banqueting Hall and was a great success with over 100 representatives from voluntary and community groups attending alongside Members, officers and the Lord Mayor of Leeds. Entertainment was provided by pupils from Roundhay High School working with East Leeds Community Radio, the New World Steel Orchestra and a dance group who won the Chapeltown talent competition which was funded by the IMPaCT partnership in summer 2005. The event was widely advertised including an article in the Yorkshire Evening Post.
5. Work on a proposal to retain Miles Hill Primary School site for community benefit has been progressing since the Council's Executive Board agreed to the proposed closure of Miles Hill and Potternewton Primary School and the establishment of a one and a half form of entry primary school on the Potternewton site. It should be noted that the final decision has been referred to the School Organisation Committee meeting in January. A scoping exercise is underway to establish if this is a realistic proposal and how the site could be linked with the Meanwood Extended Services initiative. A meeting of potential stakeholders will take place in January.
6. The Oakwood Town and District Centre proposal may be considered for funding this financial year, following the news that Tesco are planning a major redevelopment of their Roundhay Road site at the southern end of the Oakwood district centre. This offers opportunities to link both developments together and maximise funding opportunities including S106.
7. The Council's Executive Board agreed at its meeting on 24th January, the recommendations of the North East Inner Area Committee that the review of community facilities in Chapeltown demonstrates there is no case for the Council to consider the release of land as requested by the Chapeltown Community Centre Action Group (CCCAG) for the purposes of a new community centre. They also supported the way forward, as outlined in the report, to improve community provision through some form of consolidation of existing provision. The Area Management Team facilitated a meeting of providers of community facilities in Chapeltown on 15th January. The aim of the meeting, attended by eight providers of the fifteen facilities identified in the review, was to discuss the findings of the review that many of the facilities are underused and poorly coordinated. There was general consensus that existing provision will benefit from improved coordination, marketing, alternative managements arrangements and some form of consolidation. Those who attended the meeting expressed their willingness to engage with the Area Management Team and the other providers in finding a way that supports and

enhances the community facilities provision for Chapeltown. It was agreed to hold a further meeting in February. At the meeting of the North East (Inner Area Committee) on 5th December, during the Public Open Forum, representatives of CCCAG outlined their proposals to establish the need for a community centre in Chapeltown. They requested that the Area Committee give their support to the group and work with them to identify land for the group to buy at market value to build a new community centre. Given the findings of the review supported by the Council's Executive Board, members of the North East Inner Area Committee are requested to support the recommendation that there is no case for land to be earmarked for the purposes of a new build community centre.

8. Following agreement by the Area Committee to the priorities for next year's Area Delivery Plan, work is progressing with officers from across the Council to develop actions and initiatives to meet them. These will be presented for Member comment through the ward Member meetings in February before coming to the Area Committee for final agreement at the March meeting.

Recommendations

9. Members are requested to note the recent actions and achievements and provide comment as appropriate, and support the recommendation as outlined in paragraph 7.