



Report of the East North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 31 January 2011

Subject: Area Delivery Plan/Community Charter Update Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

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

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Background Information

3. The ADP for 2008/9 – 2010/11 was developed following headings contained within the Vision for Leeds. It is a local expression of the city's commitment to the Local Area Agreement and partnership working. The themes of the current ADP are:
 - Culture
 - Stronger Communities
 - Enterprise and Economy
 - Transport
 - Environment
 - Health and Well-being
 - Thriving Neighbourhoods
 - Learning and Young People.
4. The current Area Delivery Plan and associated Community Charter runs to March 2011. The new vision and city plan are still being developed.
5. Indications are that the new city/strategic plan will be based around 5 key themes and the revised Community Charter/ADP will be adjusted to reflect this.
6. An update on progress against each of the promises within the 2010/11 Community Charter was presented to the Area Committee in December 2010 and a copy of the progress is included at appendix 1.

Area Delivery Plan Refresh for 2011/12

7. Work is ongoing to refresh the ADP for 2011/12. A questionnaire has been sent out to a wide range of community and resident organisations in the inner north east area. Staff have also attended a number of existing local events and meetings to consult with residents and groups; for example the Chapeltown festive lights switch on, an Open Door (Roundhay) coffee morning and local Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings at Chapel Allerton and Moortown.
8. Statistical information is provided through the Neighbourhood Index which is currently being updated for 2011/12. The Neighbourhood Index provides the Council and its partners with a robust evidence base by which to plan service interventions and to begin to identify and guide resources into the areas of greatest need. It contributes to a more sophisticated understanding of the problems and issues facing local communities and the people in those communities and provides a framework to benchmark progress in key neighbourhoods and communities.
9. The Area Committee is asked to consider the current priorities for the Area Delivery Plan and feedback any changes they want to see to the promises contained in the Community Charter. Members are asked to consider which promises they wish to

keep for 2011/12 and any amendments or new promises/priorities that they feel ought to be included.

10. Discussion about the charter promises is also taking place through the ward member meetings. A copy of the current Community Charter promises and progress made against each is provided at appendix 1 for information.
11. As part of the refresh process Area Management staff will liaise with the appropriate partnerships and services to secure support for delivery of the promises and agree lines of accountability through to the Area Committee.
12. The draft set of promises will be taken back to various community groups as part of the community engagement cycle during February/March, to ensure that they have further opportunity to influence the priorities and promises for the area.
13. The final draft promises will be presented to the March Area Committee, in order for the Community Charter for 2011/12 to be produced and distributed by the end of June 2011.
14. As with previous years, the Community Charter will inform the Area Committee's spending plans for its Wellbeing Budget. Discussion will happen at the Wellbeing Working Group on how the budget is best earmarked in order to ensure the proportion spent against each set of promises and within wards/priority neighbourhoods is appropriate.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

15. The priorities for the Area Delivery Plan currently mirror the priorities of the Leeds Strategic Plan. These improvement priorities are agreed between all the partner agencies and with government office as the local area agreement (LAA). Local interpretations of the priority outcomes for the area have been developed. Within each priority outcome actions are delivered in consultation with key stakeholders in the local area. The refreshed ADP for 2011/12 will contribute towards any new corporately agreed frameworks/strategies/plans that replace the LSP and LAA.

Legal and Resource Implications

16. The Well-Being Fund is used to finance projects/activities which deliver against local priorities as set out in the approved Area Delivery Plan. Area Management staff work with Council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to using the Well-Being Fund which ensures that opportunities for match funding, complementary activities and best value are achieved.

Conclusions

17. The Area Delivery Plan sets out the key priorities for action/improvements in inner North East Leeds. This report invites views and ideas on changes the Area Committee would like to see to the 2011-2012 Community Charter which is the public expression of the ADP.

Recommendations

18. The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and Members are asked to feed views and ideas for the refresh of the 2011/12 Community Charter through Area Management staff ahead of the March Area Committee where the Charter will be presented for approval.

Background Papers

Area Committee Roles and Functions 2010/11

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 2010/11 Charter Promises and progress