
Report of the North East Area Manager

East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 3 February 2011

Subject: Area Delivery Plan (Community Charter) 2008-11 Update/ preparation of the 2011-12 Community Charter

Electoral Wards Affected:

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
Gipton & Seacroft
Killingbeck & Seacroft

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

This report provides members of the area committee with an update of progress on actions in the 2008-11 Inner East Area Delivery Plan, information about preparation of the 2011/12 Charter and details of the Area Committee forward plan.

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.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides Members with an update on actions and achievements since the October Area Committee meeting.

Background Information

2. The Area Delivery Plan for 2008/9 – 2010/11 was developed following the 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 Area Delivery Plan are:

- Culture
- Enterprise and Economy
- Learning
- Transport
- Environment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Thriving Neighbourhoods
- Harmonious Communities

3. The Area Delivery Plan for 2008-11 was approved by this Area Committee on 19th June 2008 and refreshed on an annual basis.
4. In 2009 the Area Committee agreed to translate the ADP into a shorter and more accessible document, the Community Charter. The Charter became a public document, widely distributed and the means by which the Area Management Team could report progress both, to the Inner East Area Committee and local communities against the promises contained in the Charter. The committee approved a refreshed ADP, presented as a Community Charter, at its meeting on 25th March 2010.
5. Appendix A provides a snapshot of each of the promises in the Charter. It is, giving the Area Committee a commentary on the actions delivered between the committee meetings. A traffic light system has been adopted and will be used, when appropriate, to highlight possible problems which may be encountered, together with a note on any remedial action which may have to be put in place. It will give the Area Committee and local residents an idea of achievement and progress. At this stage in the municipal year, the delivery of the Community Charter promises are progressing as planned. Projects commissioned through the wellbeing to support the promises are monitored at least quarterly, scrutinising agreed timescales and targets. A final evaluation is required at the end of each scheme.

Area Delivery Plan 2011/12

6. Preparations are underway to prepare the 2011/12 Community Charter promises. A questionnaire has been sent out to a wide range of organisations and individuals in the Inner East Area. Staff have also attended a number of events with a display stand including Seacroft Domestic Violence Event, Burmantofts and Lincoln Green pantomime, community forums and the New Year, New Start event at Compton Road library.
7. The priorities for the area are identified through:
 - local consultation as outlined in paragraph 6.
 - feedback from ward members through discussion at ward member meetings and this area committee;
 - feedback from the Crime and Grime tasking groups;
 - local ward forums which take place in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill;
 - the newly established Gipton and Seacroft Community Leadership Teams which enable local residents to determine and oversee the

local improvement agenda through working together with service providers within a 'team' ethos.

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. At citywide level, the Vision for Leeds sets out the long term priorities for the city. Public consultation has taken place on developing a Vision for Leeds for 2011 – 2030 and the new Vision for Leeds will be drafted before publication in summer 2011. The Leeds Strategic Plan sets out the strategic outcomes and improvement priorities, and can be seen as the delivery plan for the Vision for Leeds. The revised Community Charter will reflect the key themes for the Vision for Leeds.
10. 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.
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. The Community Charter will be prepared in order for it to be produced and distributed by the end of June 2011, subject to members confirming their support for the production of this document.
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.

Forward Plan

15. In order to help the Area Committee manage its responsibilities and business a forward plan has been produced. It captures the work of the committee and schedules in reports from partners responsible for the delivery of some of the Community Charter promises. The Inner East Area Committee forward plan for 2010-11 is in Appendix C.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

16. The priorities for the Community Charter 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.

Legal and Resource Implications

17. The Well-Being Fund is used to finance projects which meet the objectives of the Community Charter. Area Management work with Council services, partner agencies and local communities to take a strategic approach to using the Well-Being Fund which ensures best use of the funding.

Conclusions

18. The Area Delivery Plan set out the key actions for 2008 - 2011 for Inner East Leeds. This has been translated into the Community Charter which is a public facing document. Projects meeting the objectives of the Charter are funded through the Well-being fund. This report provides an update for members on progress in implementing the promises contained within the Community Charter. Preparation is underway on the 2011-12 Community Charter, and members are asked to consider the promises for inclusion in this Charter.

Recommendations

19. 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