



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

To: North West (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 24th February 2011

Subject: Hyde Park Neighbourhood Management

Electoral Wards Affected:

Headingley
Hyde Park & Woodhouse

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

Following a deputation to full Council and subsequent report to Executive Board, the Executive Member, Neighbourhoods and Housing has instructed the West North West Area Management Team to undertake a programme of Neighbourhood Management in the Hyde Park area covering parts of Headingley and Hyde Park and Woodhouse Wards. This report outlines the strategic approach to Neighbourhood Management and highlights a number of opportunities for improvements that will address some key issues faced by the local community.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the Area Management Team's approach to Neighbourhood Management in Hyde Park and seeks the Area Committee's support for its governance and partnership arrangements.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 In June 2010, a delegation of Hyde Park residents presented a deputation to full Council outlining a number of issues facing the neighbourhood including; housing density, crime, poverty and environmental concerns.

2.2 A report was prepared for the Executive Board on the issues raised in the deputation. It concluded there were several challenges faced by services and the local community

that were unique to the neighbourhood, often because of its high and transient student population.

- 2.3 The Executive Board recommended that a programme of targeted interventions be developed to address these issues through closer partnership working between the public sector, universities, voluntary organisations and the local community.
 - 2.4 Following meetings with the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing, local Ward Members, Area Management Officers and the Chief Regeneration Officer, it was agreed that a structured programme of Neighbourhood Management should be developed for the area.
 - 2.5 A Neighbourhood Board has been established to oversee the programme. A neighbourhood improvement plan will be developed in consultation with a wider stakeholder group.
- 3.0 Main Issues**
- 3.1 The first meeting of the Neighbourhood Board was held on 28th January 2011, chaired by Cllr Gruen, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing, attended by service managers, voluntary organisations and resident representatives.
 - 3.2 The Board supported the proposal for a new Neighbourhood Management Programme for Hyde Park, and it was acknowledged that a set of priorities for the area should be agreed with a wider group in order to develop a neighbourhood improvement plan.
 - 3.3 The West North West Area Management Team will be responsible for co-ordinating the Neighbourhood Management Programme, with a named officer taking a lead role.
 - 3.4 To support the development of a neighbourhood improvement plan, an event will be arranged to enable front line services and the wider community to share their experiences of living and working in Hyde Park. Participants will be asked to identify some of the key issues and barriers to service delivery that the Neighbourhood Management programme should address.
 - 3.5 Delivering improvements on the ground will be the responsibility of the Hyde Park Neighbourhood Tasking Team. Front line services will meet every six weeks to agree short term priorities and partnership initiatives. For the first few months, the tasking team will be asked to concentrate on crime and the local environment.
 - 3.6 The Neighbourhood Improvement Plan and tasking team work programme will include measurable outcomes underpinned by a robust performance management structure, and overseen by the Neighbourhood Board.
 - 3.7 The Inner North West Area Committee has delegated responsibility for Neighbourhood Management. Bi-annual reports will be prepared for the Committee on the Hyde Park programme.
- 4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance**
- 4.1 There are no implications for council policy or governance.
- 5.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 5.1 Co-ordination of Neighbourhood Management activity is a responsibility of the Area Management team. A service wide restructure is underway, and it is expected that responsibility for the programme will transfer with the Area Management Team to the Chief Executive's Department.
- 5.2 No additional resources have been identified by services to contribute to the programme. Service improvements are expected to be achieved through the better use of existing resources and closer partnership working.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 A new Neighbourhood Management project has been established for Hyde Park to address some of the area's unique challenges and deliver a long term improvement programme, overseen by a Neighbourhood Board chaired by the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing.
- 6.2 The Area Committee has delegated responsibility for Neighbourhood Management, and a request has been made for additional resources to support the new project.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Area Committee is requested to;
- i) Note the progress made to establish a new Neighbourhood Management programme in Hyde Park and;