



Report of the West Leeds Area Manager

Inner West Area Committee

Date: 8th February 2007

Subject: Inner West Area Delivery Plan

Electoral Wards Affected:

**Armley
Bramley & Stanningley**

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities
Women
Disabled people
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 informs members of the content and format of the Area Delivery Plan for 2007/8. The Plan will provide details of how the plan supports the Leeds Local Area Agreement and the council's strategic objectives, how the Area Committee functions, details of the well-being budget, an update on what has been achieved in the priority areas during 2006/7 and an action plan for 2007/8. The action plan provides a work plan for the Area Management Team.

Members are asked to approve the plan, recommend any further actions for inclusion, indicate whether or not a summary leaflet about the plan should be produced, suggest key actions which are appropriate for well-being spending, and note how the ADP will be implemented once it has been approved at the Council's Executive Board.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Inform Members of the proposed Area Delivery Plan in terms of its format, key themes, action plan and suggested summary leaflet;
- Seek approval from Members of the Area Committee on the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for the Committee area for 2007/08.

- Advise Members of the use of the ADP and its implementation
- Inform Members that following their approval the next step in the decision making process is for the ADP to be approved at Executive Board.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Area Committees are required to produce an Area Delivery Plan for their area.
- 2.2 The Area Management team has prepared a draft version of the ADP for 2007/8 taking into consideration ideas and issues which have emerged during the past year, including members' views and the general public's views.
- 2.3 The ADP carries forward those actions from the previous plan which will continue, together with new actions identified for 2007/8.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Local Area Agreement

- 3.1.1 Members will recognise the format of the plan as being similar to that of the previous year, using the Area Committee priorities as headings. However in response to recommendations made as part of a citywide review of Area Management and Area Committees undertaken by KPMG Consultants, there is a need to focus the plan around relevant, Council led Local Area Agreement outcomes.
- 3.1.2 This would strengthen the basis for negotiation of local service improvements and actions within a corporate context, ensure the most effective use of Wellbeing funds and enable clearer and more accountable performance management.
- 3.1.3 This would also improve linkage with the District Partnership's Area Action Plan.
- 3.1.4 The four LAA blocks are:
- Children and Young People
Healthier Communities and Older People
Safer Stronger Communities
Economic Development and Enterprise
- 3.1.5 Within these blocks, there are specific objectives and related outcomes, many of which will not be immediately affected by the work of local Council services for which the Area Committee may have delegated responsibilities or a significant influence on.
- 3.1.6 It is expected that such objectives/outcomes would be monitored by the District Partnership at an area level; where the responsible lead partner agencies would report progress through the appropriate thematic partnership group. Area Committee Chairs sit on the District Partnership.
- 3.1.7 To demonstrate the linkage to the Local Area Agreement, each of the priority areas in the action table includes those Local Area Agreement targets which the plan contributes to.

3.2 The Action Plan

3.2.1 The key priority areas for the Area Committee are:

Tackling Crime and Disorder
Streetscene and the Environment
Young People
Regenerating local neighbourhoods and localities
Community Engagement and Community Cohesion.

The action plan contains a number of actions, and states which of the Local Area Agreement Mandatory targets the actions contribute to.

3.2.2 Each action listed identifies the key agencies, target dates, and how success is measured. Members are invited at this meeting to suggest any other actions which could be suited to the key theme and objectives and suggest any priority weighting between the key themes.

3.2.3 For further area committee meetings, the action plan will be used to provide an update on progress on each action.

3.3 Using the ADP

3.3.1 The ADP identifies the needs and priorities of this committee area. It outlines the key activities that the Area Committee and the Area Management Team will co-ordinate and deliver on. As such the ADP is a document which:

- contributes to fulfilling the role and purpose of the Area Committee;
- informs the Area Committee's decision-making including its decisions on Well-being funding (see Article 10 of the Council's Constitution);
- helps to influence the City Council and other partner agencies allocate resources;
- provide a basis for providers of priority services and partners to improve local services and deliver in a more co-ordinated way;
- acts as a reference point for monitoring the progress and achievement of actions;
- guides and forms the work programme for the Area Management Team;

3.4 IMPLEMENTING THE ADP – the links between Area Committee decisions (including Well-being funding) and Area Management team work programme

3.4.1 Once approved the Area Management Team will develop a work programme in line with the ADP which will form the focus of work for the Area Management Team for 2007/8.

3.4.2 Unpredictable issues and needs will occur during the year. Consequently the Area Committee may feel the need to review parts of the ADP. The Area Committee will need to take into consideration:

- the nature and level of issues and needs that crop up;
- to what extent unpredictable issues fit with what the Area Committee has set itself out to do in the ADP.

- 3.4.3 The Area Committee is asked to ensure that wherever possible its decisions and requests of the Area Management Team are in line with its agreed ADP. In this way the ADP will be able to be implemented effectively and best ensure as speedy delivery as possible and change things for the better in the short and long term. In addition the Area Management team will be able to plan their work efficiently and in advance.
- 3.4.4 The ADP represents the priorities for the Area Committee, and decisions made on Well-being applications should reflect this.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

- 4.1 Following this Area Committee's approval of the proposed final ADP, the Area Manager will forward the ADP to the executive of the Council for its final approval. The Area Delivery Plan actions support the priorities of the Neighbourhoods and Housing Departmental Plan, and contributes to the key success measures outlined in the Leeds Local Area Agreement.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications to take into account.
- 5.2 There are no additional resource implications beyond the use of the Wellbeing budget.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 The Area Delivery Plan is a key document for the Area Committee setting out the key objectives and actions, highlighting areas of success and demonstrating which Local Area Agreement targets it contributes to. It provides the Area management team with a work plan which is subject to regular review.

7.0 Recommendations

The Committee is asked:

- (a) To approve the proposed final Area Delivery Plan including its key themes and in particular the Action Plan, attached, with its actions and outcomes.
- (b) To note
 - (i) the use of the ADP for the Area Committee;
 - (ii) the links to the Leeds Local Area Agreement;
 - (iii) the ways the ADP will be implemented including the Area Management Team developing a work programme based on the ADP and the need for Area Committee decisions and requests of the Area Management Team where possible to be in line with its agreed ADP;
 - (iv) the next steps in approving the ADP regarding Executive Board's decision;