

**Summary of Large scale Inner South Area Committee proposals for 2011/12
for Locality working in Belle Isle and the continuation of Middleton
Regeneration Partnership work**

Introduction

The overall purpose of this work is to improve the quality of life of local communities in both Belle Isle and Middleton by increasing the numbers of active citizens in local neighbourhood initiatives and improving the effectiveness and efficiency of local services.

The work to date in Middleton has begun to deliver real improvements by bringing together the efforts of local community organisations, ward councillors, area management and the various service agencies. For example, as a direct result of more integrated and coordinated services around holiday activities, young people in Middleton now have access to a wide and varied menu of out of school activities in a variety of community settings.

Below is a summary of our proposal for our in 2011/12.

Locality working in Belle Isle – outline proposals for 2011/12

Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation (BITMO) and its predecessor Belle Isle North EMB has been at the forefront of local service delivery and positive community engagement for nearly 20 years, and as a result, BITMO provides a sound basis for the development and integration of a neighbourhood based priorities plan, to tackle issues in response to local need.

The main proposals for Belle Isle are:

- Exploring suitable structures for the integration of the existing Middleton Partnership and Belle Isle activities in line with the new Area based leadership teams.
- Supporting the development of a multi-agency partnership encompassing local Ward Councillors, BITMO, Area Management, key council services, Neighbourhood Policing teams and other voluntary sector partner agencies such as Health for All.
- Establishing the key working relationships needed to make locality working effective and to promote commitment to the area's regeneration among these individuals and their agencies
- Developing a Vision, a Neighbourhood Promise/Charter in response to local need.

- Developing the role of local community groups and other local groups and agencies to develop new approaches to self reliance, empowerment and community leadership.
- Increasing levels of community participation, engagement and involvement in their community.

Continuation of Middleton Regeneration Partnership – outline proposals for 2011/12

The detailed programme of events and activities will emerge from a more comprehensive discussion with the Partnership, local ward councillors and the Council's Area Management Team.

- Continued support to the Middleton Regeneration Partnership(MRP) Board including developing the partnership's forward plan to achieve a better quality of life for residents in Middleton in a more integrated way.
- Work with Ward Members and Area Management to review the structure of the MRP in line with future locality working and local leadership teams
- Community participation and capacity building including work with the established Middleton community groups to develop skills and confidence allowing them to better influence the area's regeneration as well as taking more ownership, for projects in the locality, creating a sense of 'self reliance' and pride in their neighbourhood.
- Approaches such as "Middleton Bright Ideas" (participatory budgeting) will continue to be supported and further developed, subject to funding.
- Further developing the Middleton Community Network, as a way of raising levels of engagement. This includes developing sustainable community events such as a Community Gala, Christmas activities and the Middleton community calendar (all subject to funding)
- Developing a coordinated approach to communications and marketing across the neighbourhood.
- Monitoring and refreshing the Middleton Regeneration strategy encompassing reporting to the Partnership Board and, where appropriate to Leeds City Council's Inner South Area Committee. This work combines assessment of progress on the main local priorities and reviewing the strategy to incorporate new ideas and approaches as they arise

These options were presented for consideration at Inner South Area Committee in February 2011 and include;

Options	Cost	Days allocated
Option 1	£26400*	3 days Currently our work is 3 days allocated in Middleton
Option 2	£26950*	3.5 days This would allow under current arrangements an additional ½ day to carry out the work required in Belle Isle. There is the opportunity to split the 3.5 days between the two neighbourhoods.
Option 3	£30800*	4 days Provide the opportunity to have 2 days spent in each neighbourhood or as required (totalling 4 days)

The full project application (and this summary) is based on Option 3 and assumes a 4 day working week allocated to both neighbourhoods. The detail of which will be agreed and determined in discussion with Ward Members, Leeds City Council's Area Management Team and BITMO.

Please note that a reduction in allocation of days/funding will result in a review of the outcomes to be delivered.

*Please note that these are not the total project costs for each option and do not cover the total costs incurred for each option. re'new are willing to meet the additional costs incurred from other sources. Full project cost breakdowns will be available with the full application.