



Report of: ENE Area Leader

Area Committee: Inner East

Date: 23 June 2011

Subject: Inner East Priority Neighbourhoods 2011/12

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Gipton & Harehills Killingbeck & Seacroft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Council Function <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for call in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Executive Summary

The report provides an update on Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs) for the Burmantofts, Gipton, Harehills, Seacroft and Richmond Hill priority neighbourhoods.

The report focuses on work to put in place new local delivery and accountability arrangements in the priority neighbourhoods as part of an innovative 'team neighbourhood' approach to locality management and to support the delivery of the Area Committee's community engagement strategy.

Members are asked to:

- Note the progress made in developing the NIPs.

Purpose of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - Provide the Area Committee with a summary of progress since the March by Neighbourhood Managers in the five priority neighbourhoods of Inner East (Burmantofts, Gipton, Harehills, Richmond Hill and Seacroft). This is set against the Inner East Community Engagement Strategy approved in March 2011.

Background Information

2. The Area Committee has agreed to establish and support five priority neighbourhoods in the Inner East area with effect from April 2010. These are:
 - Burmantofts (includes Lincoln Green)
 - Gipton
 - Harehills
 - Richmond Hill (inc. Cross Green, East End Park and part Osmondthorpe)
 - Seacroft
3. These priority neighbourhoods have also been agreed at city level through the corporate Neighbourhood Policy Group, at the East North East Office Coordination Group and through area based partnerships such as the Divisional Community Safety Partnership and Children Services Leadership Teams.
4. Each priority neighbourhood represents a gathering of super output areas (SOAs) that fall in the 10% most deprived according to the latest statistics and builds on previous arrangements that followed Safer Stronger Communities Funding (SSCF) boundaries.
5. In 2010/11, to support the development and the implementation of action plans for each priority neighbourhood, the Area Committee approved funding for two Neighbourhood Manager posts within the Area Management team to report to the Area Committee. This is an annually reviewable funding agreement, with in principle agreement for 3 years. The second year of funding for these posts was approved at the February 2011 Area Committee.

Framework for Overseeing Delivery of Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs)

6. The framework for overseeing delivery of NIPs sits within the Inner East community engagement strategy.
7. The proposal creates a consistent framework for the priority neighbourhoods in Inner East and builds on lessons learnt from the SSCF driven approach, examples of local partnership work and feedback from Area Committee and Ward Member meetings.

8. The framework seeks to:
- ✓ Strengthen the role of the Area Committee in overseeing progress made in each priority neighbourhood against the agreed, key deprivation indicators and the link with the Area Delivery Plan.
 - ✓ Establish a clear role for managers of local service providers to meet and take responsibility developing partnership working and activities that tackle the agreed key NIP priorities
 - ✓ Establish a clear role for representatives of the community in overseeing the development of the NIP action plan and assessing the effectiveness of actions in delivering improvements to the key priority indicators approved by Area Committee; including effective community engagement.
 - ✓ Support the role of Elected Members in leading neighbourhood improvement and community engagement.
 - ✓ Support the civic role of residents and the development of their capacity to inform decisions relating to the most effective use of local resources
 - ✓ Improve the accountability of local partnership working

Progress update March – June 2011

Gipton

9. Mon 11th April – Gipton local management team meeting. Progress has been made in Gipton in terms of discussions with Jobs and Skills around worklessness provision – actions are reflected in the NIP. The Cluster arrangements for actions around school attendance and NEETs are not included in the NIP as we are still awaiting this information from Children’s Services. The full NIP action plan is at Appendix A.
10. Wed 20th April – Gipton and Harehills Community Leadership Team (CLT). After consultation with local ward members the decision was taken to combine the Gipton and Harehills CLT for initial meetings while the groups are established. The first meeting was held on 20th April with 13 attendees, see appendix B for the full notes of the meeting. The group were introduced to the concept of a CLT and completed an exercise where they considered ways in which they currently influence local services and how they can build on this by being part of the CLT. Residents responded very positively to the concept and were keen to progress it. The next meeting was set for Wed 29th June 5:30 – 7:00pm at the Henry Barran Centre. The residents decided that the theme of the next meeting should be Environment, given the delegation, and comments were made about how businesses should be made to be more responsible for their waste, around Harehills in particular.
11. During May the Police delivered their Operation Confidence newsletters to every household in Gipton (4,700 households), and included an article about the CLT, inviting residents to contact the Neighbourhood Manager, Hayley Clifton, if they are interested in participating.
12. Crime and Grime Tasking is running productively, although there is a general feeling amongst local staff that Operation Champions could be improved. The management team are looking at this at the moment and may reintroduce

planning meetings for the Operations to ensure maximum participation and organisation.

Seacroft

13. Wed 9th March – Seacroft local management team meeting. There was some discussion around the Neighbourhood Index statistics not identifying environmental priorities for Seacroft, when local professionals consider that we should be including environmental issues due to the local environmental quality being poor in some estates. Hayley advised on the delegation and that hopefully the Streetscene / environmental restructure will begin to resolve some of the longer standing issues. It was agreed that for the time being we would not add a 'new' priority to the NIP, however we will add actions as appropriate to tackle environmental issues as they arise. The full NIP action plan is at Appendix C.
14. Wed 13th April – Killingbeck and Seacroft CLT meeting. The CLT received a presentation from Hayley on the NIP, and looked at the draft action plan. The theme of the meeting, which was decided by the residents, was finance, specifically the budgets for Killingbeck and Seacroft. The residents received information on Area Committee funding from last year and the budget for this year, and completed an exercise around the NIP priorities and what they would spend the money on, commenting with suggestions which may not already be included in the NIP. The residents had also requested information on the school/cluster budgets but this information is yet to be provided by Children's Services.
15. The CLT was also asked to nominate a co-optee for the Area Committee. Full notes from the meeting are attached as appendix D.
16. The next meeting date was set for 9th June, 5:30 – 7:00pm at Seacroft Methodist Church Hall. The residents decided the theme of the next meeting should be 'A Cleaner Seacroft', and they requested further information on the delegation, and information on the Dog Control Order implementation and consultation (due to go live in July 2011).
17. During May the Police delivered their Operation Confidence newsletters to every household in Killingbeck and Seacroft (10,700 households), and included an article about the CLT, inviting residents to contact Hayley if they are interested in participating.
18. Crime and Grime Tasking is operating well, as are Operation Champions. The CLT receive an update on tasking from the NPT Inspector at each meeting.

Harehills

19. Representatives from Harehills were invited to a joint CLT meeting referred to in paragraph 10.
20. A Youth Strategy group has been established with the purpose of providing a more integrated approach to delivering services and activities for young people in Harehills. The group has met twice, and have developed a project plan outlining the main aims and objectives which are:

Perceptions Overcome perceptions that venues are targeted at particular sectors of the community. For example the Bangladeshi Centre is for everyone to use, not just the Bangladeshi Community;

Provision Map out existing provision, and identify any gaps and duplication;
Long term we need to develop a comprehensive joined up approach to delivering services which meet the needs of young people in Harehills;

Publicity Use effective communications to increase awareness of what services and activities are available for young people in Harehills;

Participation Involve young people in developing service provision;

21. The group is well attended with representatives from the Council, ENEHL¹, police, Extended Services, and the voluntary sector. At its latest meeting the group undertook a mapping exercise to identify what services and activities are being delivered for young people. This information will be used to identify any gaps and duplication so that best use can be made of available funding and staff time. All those involved with this group are signed up to working together to provide a better service for young people.
22. A streetscape group has been established to look at short and long term solutions to improve the environment for Harehills. This group includes representatives from the Council, the Police, ENEHL, Registered Social Landlords, a private landlord and local residents. This group is currently looking at ownership of binyards and how we can work together to clear them and reduce the risk of further flytipping.
23. Crime and Grime Tasking is operating well, membership of the group has increased over the past few months. During May the Police delivered their Operation Confidence newsletters to every household in Harehills.
24. The action plan for Harehills is in the early stages, and a progress update on Harehills will be brought to the Area Committee later in the year.

Burmantofts and Lincoln Green Richmond Hill

25. Community Forums are continuing to operate in Burmantofts & Lincoln Green and Richmond Hill in accordance with the wishes of local ward members. Neighbourhood Improvement Plans are being developed for these areas, and an updates on these two priority neighbourhoods will be provided at the September area committee meeting.

Implications For Council Policy and Governance

¹ East North East Homes Leeds

26. The Area Committee has a specific role in relation Community Engagement, and has a strategy to support this which will gives residents an empowering role which links to Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.

Legal and Resource Implications

27. Support to the priority neighbourhoods in developing the Neighbourhood Improvement Plans and Community Leadership Teams and Management Teams is provided by two neighbourhood managers which are supported by the Area Committee wellbeing fund.

Conclusions

28. Progress in developing Community Leadership Teams for Killingbeck, Seacroft, Gipton and Harehills is ongoing, with Neighbourhood Improvement Plans at various stages of development. The Area Committee can expect further updates later in the year.

Recommendations

25. The Area Committee is asked to note the review of progress since March 2011.