

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: Thursday 8th September 2011

Subject: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Neighbourhood Management Update

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	
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Summary of main issues and corporate governance considerations

The report provides an overview of neighbourhood management activity in the priority neighbourhoods of Burmantofts and Richmond Hill.

Recommendations

1. Inner East Area Committee are asked to note the content of this report and comment as appropriate.

1.0 Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Inner East Area Committee with an overview of neighbourhood management activity in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill.

2.0 Background information

2.1 In March 2010, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill were identified as priority neighbourhoods by the Inner East Area Committee. To enable the delivery of neighbourhood management in the area, a neighbourhood manager was funded by the Inner East Area Committee in October 2010. This is an annually reviewable funding agreement, with in principle agreement for three years. The role of the neighbourhood manager is to implement the neighbourhood management approach.

2.2 The principles of the Area Committees neighbourhood management approach are 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 Community Charter.
- Establish a setting for managers of local service providers to meet, 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

3.0 Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Neighbourhood Management Update

3.1 The section below provides an overview of the work which has been undertaken in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill over the last few months. The headings below are the priorities the neighbourhood manager is focussing on for 2011/12. A refreshed list of priorities will be presented to Inner East Area Committee in March 2012.

3.2 Local Management Team (LMT)

A LMT has been established for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill. The first meeting of the LMT took place on the 12th May. Representatives of 14 different organisations attended, with apologies provided from a further six different services. The initial meeting which was used to agree the Terms of Reference, agree additional membership to the group, gain an overview of each organisations priorities and look at opportunities to work better together. All partners who attended the session provided positive feedback and welcomed the opportunity to meet together in a team. The next meeting of the LMT is to take place on 15th September.

3.3 Community Engagement

- Two community forums are continued to be supported in the area. The latest round of the quarterly community forums are currently taking place, with a further two forums planned for early December.
- It is proposed that in order to develop the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for 2012/13, a neighbourhood survey is carried out. The survey will be distributed via the Citizens Panel, which is in the process of being established by Leeds City Council on a city wide basis, existing community and residents groups and through schools and youth groups to get a young person's perspective of the issues in their neighbourhood.
- East North East Homes Area Panel was attended to ensure there are better linkages and a closer relationship between the Area Panel and neighbourhood management activity taking place in the area.

3.4 Reduce crime and increase community confidence

- Phase two burglary reduction project has just been completed. The project targeted the 25 streets which had the highest burglary rate in the ward. The project is to be evaluated through an Outcome Based Accountability workshop.
- Operation champion days of action are continuing across the ward. The annual Environmental Visual Audit on the Selective Licensing area was undertaken, stop and search activity took place across Richmond Hill and visits were made to by the Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team across the Torres. Work is to be undertaken to strengthen school involvement and participation in future Operation Champion activity.
- Live on the Drive took place on Saturday 20th August around the East Park Drive area. This brought together a number of partners to provide sports and art activities for young people, as well as food and music for the community to enjoy.
- East End Park played host to Lark in the Park on the 23rd July. The event was hailed as the best yet and attracted over 2000. The afternoon provided free activities for the whole family to enjoy.
- The neighbourhood manager is working with members of the East North East Area Panel on the Diversity United event, scheduled to take place on Saturday 17th September. The event will bring together local people from a range of different communities for an afternoon of music, food and family activities
- Burmantofts and Richmond Hill crime and grime Tasking meetings are working well and are continuing to meet on a six weekly basis.
- Articles have been submitted for the next Operation Confidence newsletter which will be distributed to every household in the ward in September

3.5 Improve environmental conditions

- A project to clear the railway embankment at the rear of Cross Green Crescent was undertaken. The project managed to clear 48 tonnes of rubbish over three days. Co-ordinated by the neighbourhood manager, the scheme involved ENE Locality Team and East North East Homes Environmental Caretakers. Network Rail are using the scheme in their communication toolkit, highlighting effective partnership working.
- A series of community clean ups have been taking place across the ward. The most recent activity has focussed on the Aysgarths and Kimberleys / Bullers.
- A programme of environmental improvement schemes are currently being worked up by the neighbourhood manager. These include improvements to Beckett Street corridor, enhancements along Lincoln Green Road and Cherry Row and a number of sites in Richmond Hill / East End Park

3.6 Tackle worklessness including Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

- Burmantofts and Richmond Hill are to benefit from the Inner East Area Committee funded Garden Gang scheme. This will provide training opportunities for young people who are NEET. A referral process is currently being worked up in partnership with Igen, the neighbourhood manager and Avalon Group.
- A mapping exercise has been undertaken by the neighbourhood manager using data from LCC Youth Service highlighting where NEETs live across the ward. This will be used to direct specific projects / resources over the coming weeks.

3.7 Improve physical health and emotional wellbeing

- A Burmantofts Health Improvement Partnership has been established and is being led by NHS Leeds. The focus of the group is to undertake a health needs analysis in the neighbourhood. Once this has been undertaken, then this will highlight the issues which will be tackled through the group
- The first of two health and financial inclusions events took place in Lincoln Green on 25th August. The event provided local people with information, support and advice on a number of health and finance issues. The next event is planned for Saturday 22nd October at Shakespeare Children's Centre.

3.8 Address persistent absenteeism

- A presentation was given to the July round of crime and grime tasking for Burmantofts and Richmond Hill by Children's Services around the Top 100 project. A number of families have been referred through by tasking partners to look at support which may need to be provided.
- Meeting to be arranged with School Attendance Advisor for the area to discuss ways in which the LMT can support activity to tackle school absenteeism in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill.

4.0 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.4.1 As outlined above, the current method of consultation and engagement is through the two community forums covering the ward. It is proposed that consultation is to be undertaken in the form of a neighbourhood survey, as outlined above.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 All activities and projects implemented as part of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan have a light touch or full Equality Impact Assessments undertaken on them to ensure that all equality and diversity considerations are taken into account prior to implementation.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The neighbourhood management work being undertaken in the area contributes towards the City Priority Plan priorities of:
- Best City for Communities
 - Reduce crime levels and their impact across Leeds

- Effectively tackle and reduce Anti Social Behaviour levels in our communities
- Ensure that local neighbourhoods are clean
- Increase a sense of belonging that builds cohesive and harmonious communities
- Best City for children and young people
 - Improve behaviour, attendance and achievement
 - Increase the number of young people in employment, training or education
- Best City for health & wellbeing
 - Ensure that people who are the poorest, improve their health the fastest

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 The neighbourhood management process for Burmantofts and Richmond Hill is led by the neighbourhood manager for the area. The neighbourhood manager co-ordinates the activity by involving partners and commissioning projects funded by the Inner East Area Well Being Budget allocation for the ward.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

4.5.2 There is no exempt or confidential information contained in this report.

4.5.3 There are no key decisions associated with this report, so it is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no major risks associated with the content of this report.

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 The details above give a comprehensive overview of activities which have taken place or are underway to contribute towards tackling the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priorities. An update report will be presented to Area Committee in March 2012 to outline priorities for 2012/13. The priorities will be developed through analysis of Neighbourhood Index statistics and results of community consultation from the neighbourhood surveys.

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Inner East Area Committee is requested to note the content of this report and comment as appropriate.

Background documents

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Neighbourhood Improvement Plans – Inner East Area Committee 24th March 2011.