

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 20 October 2011

Subject: Area Committee Business Plan

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

This report presents the new annual Business Plan which replaces the Area Committee's Area Delivery Plan (ADP). The report explains the context for introducing a new business plan; including changes to the city and council planning and partnership framework and reviewing the ADP format. A draft plan is included with the Area Committee papers for Members to approve. Appendix A provides an update on progress made on actions contained in the Community Charter which is the public facing action plan for the area committee and forms part of the business plan.

Recommendations

1. That ward members approve the Area Committee business plan for 2011/12 and
2. note the progress made in relation to the plan.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report presents the draft Area Committee Business plan for the Area Committee to consider, plus information made on progress made in relation to the priorities in the Community Charter.

2 Background information

- 2.1 At the June 2011 Area Committee meeting the Delegates Roles and Functions of the Area Committee were presented along with a forward work programme detailing how the roles and responsibilities would be discharged and action taken during 2011/12.
- 2.2 Since then work has been ongoing to create an Area Committee Business Plan which takes the forward work programme a stage further and sets out in more detail the work of the Area Committee and replaces the Area Delivery Plan.
- 2.3 The Business Plan has being developed to provide a consistent approach and framework across the City following the direction from Councillor Gruen, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration and James Rogers, Assistant Chief Executive, Policy Planning and Improvement. The plan provides a business planning framework with the main headings that the Area Committee are expected to adopt with information beneath to reflect the local circumstances. The proposed format of the plan was approved at the September 2011 meeting of the Area Committee.
- 2.4 The Area Committee Business plan will provide a complete set of papers relating to the area, which will be refreshed annually. The actions and priorities will be monitored at the Area Committee meetings and performance managed.
- 2.5 Changes are being implemented to the partnership framework of the Leeds Initiative and the planning framework for the city in response to the new government programme, including:
 - Central Government removing many its requirements and delegating more flexibility to local areas.
 - Abolishment of Yorkshire Forward, the Regional Development Agency.
 - Reforms to the NHS through the health white paper 'Equity and excellence – liberating the NHS'.
 - The Comprehensive Spending Review setting challenging public service funding reductions.
- 2.6 These changes to the city and council planning and partnerships framework have been progressed over the past few months. In particular an approach to ensure the partnerships structures, strategic plans and performance management arrangements all dovetail into an effective system for delivering real changes across the city. Work is progressing to update the Vision for Leeds, the Council Business Plan and replace the Leeds Strategic Plan with new city wide partnership plans. They are being developed to reflect the current financial context by focusing on a smaller number of priorities for the city and council. These priorities will be supported by action plans and be measured through a small number of indicators. Any future local Area Committee plan will have to take into account and reflect these changes.

2.7 The proposed partnership framework for Leeds Initiative will consist of a main board, five strategic partnerships and a wider network of supporting partnerships and independent partnership activity to deliver the aims of the what will be the Vision for Leeds 2011-2030. The five strategic partnerships with the lead role for developing policy and strategy across each theme and driving the delivery of the new City Priority Plans are:

- Health and Well being Board
- Children and Families Board
- Safer and Stronger Communities Board
- Sustainable Economy and Culture Board
- Housing and Regeneration Board

2.8 The new partnership framework and Vision for Leeds 2011-30 was presented at Executive Board in July and Full Council in July for approval. This will provide a lead for the Area Committee business plan.

3 Business Plan 2011

3.1 In light of the changes city wide following the June Area Committee, Area Management have developed a draft Business Plan for consideration and comment by Members which has been circulated with the papers. This is structured around the format which was agreed at the September 2011 Area Committee. The Business Plan is being developed to provide a consistent approach and framework across the City.

3.2 It is proposed that the Area Committee adopt the annual Business Plan as the document that frames its priorities and actions for the Inner East.

4 Community Charter

4.1 The Community Charter is the public facing action plan for the Area Committee which sets out key priorities for the Inner East Area Committee. The Appendix A provides an update on progress in delivering these priorities.

5 Corporate Considerations

5.1 Consultation and Engagement

5.1.1 Since 2009, the Area Committee approved an annual Community Engagement Plan for the Inner East. This was in addition to an Area Delivery Plan. As a Priority Advisory Function of the Area Committee, Community Engagement work will continue to play a key role in work undertaken in 2011.

5.1.2 To ensure community engagement is embedded and recognised in all aspects of the Area Committee work it is recommended that community engagement planning and actions are included in the new business plan rather than a separate plan.

5.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

5.2.1 Well Being Funding is used to ensure that inequalities within the local area are addressed through local projects and schemes and equality impact assessments carried out where necessary.

5.2.2 The priorities identified in the Area and Neighbourhood Improvement Plans are developed with consultation with the local community and aimed at addressing the inequalities within the area.

5.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

5.3.1 The themes in the proposed Business Plan will mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.

5.4 Resources and Value for Money

5.4.1 As outlined in the Function Schedule 2011/12, the Well being budget delegated by Executive Board is used to finance projects which meet the needs of the Area Delivery Plan or its successor. Members of the Area Committee are keen that wherever possible the use of well being brings in additional match funding to the area.

5.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

5.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from the Executive Board are eligible for Call In.

5.5.2 There are no key or major decisions included in this report.

5.5.3 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

5.6 Risk Management

5.6.1 Not applicable under this section.

6 Conclusions

6.1 The Area Committee requires a document to set out the key priorities for the year that, links to city wide policies and provides a framework for the spend of the Wellbeing Budget.

6.2 The new business plan will support and contribute to changes already being put in place to the planning framework at a city wide level. It will continue to illustrate how the Area Management Team will support partnerships and local services in this process and continue to champion the role of the Area Committee.

6.3 The new business plan is another step forward in the increasing role and influence of the Area Committee. Further work is needed to strengthen the performance monitoring information available at area level. A draft business plan is provided with the area committee papers.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 That ward members approve the Area Committee business plan for 2011/12 and
- 7.2 note the progress made in relation to the plan.

8 Background documents

- 8.1 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2011/12