

Report of : Assistant Chief Executive Customer Access and Performance

Report to: Full Council

Date: 17th November 2011

Subject: State of the City report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

- This report introduces Leeds first annual State of the City Report.
- The State of the City Report was commissioned by the Leeds initiative Board and will be used by the Board to assess progress in delivering improved outcomes for the people of Leeds.
- The report will be published on the council's website and partner organisations will be able to link to the report from their own site.
- Feedback and areas for further analysis emanating from the debate around the report at the additional meeting of Full Council on 7th December will be very useful in shaping the report for next year to meet the requirements of users. Feedback can be sent by email to: research&intelligence@leeds.gov.uk

Recommendations

- The State of the City report be is to be received by Full Council.
- The contents of the report are to be discussed at the additional meeting of Full Council on 7th December.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce the first Leeds State of the City report.

2 Background information

- 2.1 This is the first Leeds State of the City report. The report has been commissioned by the Leeds Initiative Board and is part of a family of strategies and plans: The Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30; The City Priority Plans 2011 – 15, The Council Business Plan 2011 – 15 and the Equality and Diversity Position Statement 2011.
- 2.2 The report has been developed by colleagues across the council and wider partnership (including Health, Fire and the Third Sector). It provides an overview of what is happening in the city in 2011 and is structured around the five City Priority themes. The introductory section covers a range of contextual information and the report is a source of key facts about the city and provides links to a vast range of supporting reports, data and strategies.
- 2.3 The Executive Summary provides a high level summary of key issues highlighted in the report as well as a selection of key facts and figures. This will be used as a communication tool within the council to raise awareness of the range of issues affecting the city and its communities.
- 2.4 The report is illustrated by a number of photographs selected from submissions to a public photographic competition which took place in September 2011. Members of the public were invited to take photographs that reflected what its like to live, work, be active or learn in Leeds in 2011.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The report was approved at the Leeds Initiative Board on 6th October 2011. The report will be produced on an annual basis and will be used by the Board to assess progress in delivering improved outcomes for the people of Leeds.
- 3.2 The report will be published on the council's website and partner organisations will be able to link to the report from their own websites. It will be accompanied by a number of case studies related to the content of the report which demonstrate examples of positive outcomes for communities, innovation or effective partnership working.
- 3.3 Feedback on the report will be gathered in order that the report can be improved and developed next year and the website will offer the opportunity for users to provide comments. Feedback and areas for further analysis emanating from the debate around the report at the additional meeting of Full Council on 7th December will be very useful in shaping the report for next year to meet the requirements of users. Feedback can be sent by email to: research&intelligence@leeds.gov.uk

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 At the various stages of development the main report has been discussed and shared with the Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) and Strategic Planning and Policy Board (SPPB). Each of the City Priority themed sections have been

circulated around key stakeholders and leadership teams to gain the relevant sign-off. The report was approved at Leeds Initiative Board on 6th October 2011.

- 4.1.2 A photographic competition was launched during September 2011 to engage members of the public and invite them to take photographs that reflected what its like to live, work, be active or learn in Leeds in 2011.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 The issue of deprivation is a feature across the State of the City report and is highlighted as a key issue. There is an acknowledged link between deprivation and many of the equality groups.
- 4.2.2 The annual Equality and Diversity Position Statement provides a rich source of information about communities in Leeds. It also underpins the Vision for Leeds, City Priority Plan, Council Business Plan and links with the State of the City Report.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The report is structured around the City Priority themes and provide a high level summary of the current issues and challenges in these areas.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 Nothing specific to note.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 Nothing specific to note.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 Nothing specific to note.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 This is the first Leeds annual State of the City report. It presents a high level overview of the issues and challenges affecting the city. The report will be used as a key source of information about the city and will be used by the Leeds Initiative Board as a check on overall progress against the City Priorities. The report identifies a number of issues that, whilst not new are cross cutting and will impact on our ability to bring about the improved outcomes for communities we are looking to deliver.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The State of the City report be is to be received by Full Council.

7 Background documents

- 7.1 The State of the City Report.