

Report of Area Leader – West North West

Report to Inner West Area Committee

Date: 14th December 2011

Subject: Inner West Area Committee Business Plan

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The report presents an update on the work to date to develop an Area Committee Business Plan Action Plan and presents a draft version.
2. It is proposed that between November 2011 and March 2012, Area Management will continue to develop the Action Plan. The timescale will ensure that Members have been consulted on the production of a plan that is fit for purpose and reflects the new city wide priority plans and performance monitoring principles.
3. The full Business Plan will be presented to the March 2012 Area Committee for final approval. The plan will be a four year plan running from 2011 -15 and will be refreshed annually.
4. Recommendations
The Area Committee are asked to:
 - a) Note the contents of this report;
 - b) Note the draft Action Plan at Appendix 1;
 - d) Agree to the Area Management Team continuing to develop a Business Plan;
 - e) Agree to receive updates at future meetings and for the Area Committee to adopt a four year plan at the March 2012 meeting that will be subject to a refresh annually.

1 Purpose of this report

The report presents an update on the work to date to develop an Area Committee Business Plan Action Plan.

2 Background information

In 2008, the Leeds Strategic Plan brought together the themes in the existing Vision for Leeds and Local Area Agreement to provide an integrated framework for partners to tackle city wide priorities. To translate city wide priorities and outcomes to local improvement priorities, the Area Committee approved a three year Area Delivery Plan in June 2008 which was refreshed in June 2009 and June 2010.

The Area Committee delegated functions and priority advisory functions were approved by the Executive Board in June 2009. This approval was rolled forward to 2010/11 and 2011/12 with amendments made to the environmental delegations.

The 2008-2011 Area Delivery Plan (ADP) which underpins the work of Area Management, came to a formal end in March 2011, however the work programme has continued with many projects rolling forward from the ADP.

It is proposed to replace the ADP with a new annual Business Plan that would reflect changes to the City and council planning and partnership framework and incorporate local community engagement planning and actions. The Business Plan will continue to outline local priorities and actions for the Inner West and provide a framework for the spending of the well being Budget. The Business Plan will enable the Area Committee to fulfil the principles of integrated locality working.

The Area Committee received an introductory report on Area Management's Plans to develop a Business Plan at their October meeting.

3 Main issues

A draft Business Plan Action Plan 2011-2015 (appendix 1) which includes priorities for action is attached for consideration. It is proposed that between October 2011 and March 2012, the Area Management team will continue to develop the business plan.

This timescale will ensure that Members have been consulted on the production of a four year plan (workshops and ward briefings) and that the business plan reflects the views of local elected members and the communities that they represent. In addition, the timescale will ensure that it reflects the new city wide priority plans and performance monitoring principles, and Area Leadership Team priorities.

In Inner West a Business Plan development workshop was held in November with Members, and the "fruits" of this meeting have been added to the draft Action Plan, in italics, for consideration.

Performance Monitoring

The Business Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee who will be presented with regular progress reports.

4 Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

Members will be consulted further on the content of the business plan for Inner West. The final business plan will be presented for adoption to Members, in March 2012.

Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

The Business Plan will take into account equality, diversity, cohesion and integration issues.

Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.1.1 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.

Resources and Value for Money

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 (the Business Plan). Members of the Area Committee are keen that wherever possible the use of well being brings in additional match funding to the area.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

Risk Management

This report provides an update for Members and therefore no risks are identifiable.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 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 spending of the well being budget.
- 5.2 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 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 Recommendations

6.1 The Area Committee are asked to:

- a) Note the contents of this report;
- b) Note the contents of the Business Plan Action Plan at Appendix 1;
- d) Agree to the Area Management Team continuing to develop the Business Plan;
- e) Agree to receive updates at future meetings and for the Area Committee to adopt a three year plan at the March 2012 meeting that will be subject to an annual refresh.

7 Background Documents

Inner West Area Delivery Plan 2008-11

Executive Board Report, Proposed Changes to the Leeds Initiative Partnership and the City Planning Framework, 15th December 2010