



Report of the Directors of Neighbourhoods and Housing and Corporate Services

Executive Board

Date: 14th June 2006

Subject: Area Function Schedules 2006/07

Electoral wards affected:

All

Specific implications for:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the gap

Eligible for call In

Not eligible for call in

(details contained in the report)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report covers updated Area Function Schedules, detailing the budgets available for delegated services for 2006/07. It also includes an initial Area Function Schedule for Community Centres and suggests the ones currently vested with Neighbourhoods and Housing formally become the responsibility of the Area Committees from 1st July 2006.

1.0 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The report outlines the Area Function Schedules for 2006/07 and seeks Executive Board endorsement for them.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 In June 2004 the Council established Area Committees and set out arrangements under which their functions could be exercised. Annually, each Area Committee is required to prepare an Area Delivery Plan for endorsement by the Executive Board after the Council's budgets have been set. Also, each year the Executive Board agrees the budgets available for the delegated functions.
- 2.2 The first Executive Functions were delegated to the Area Committees in September 2004 and cover services relating to community safety, streetscene and children and young people.
- 2.3 The Council also gave Area Committees a responsibility to promote the social, economic and environmental well being of their areas. A well being budget was delegated to the Committees to support this function. It covered a three year capital allocation and an annual revenue allocation. Both allocations are based on the population of the area and deprivation indicators.
- 2.4 At Executive Board in March 2006 Members gave support for the staged transfer of responsibilities for community centres in 2006/07. This report includes an initial Area Function Schedule for the centres currently vested with Neighbourhoods and Housing. It is anticipated that a further Area Function Schedule incorporating centres currently vested with Learning and Leisure will be reported to the Board later in the year.

3.0 Area Function Schedules for 2006/07

- 3.1 Schedules, detailing the budgets available for delegated services for 2006/07, are attached as Appendix One of this report. They cover the following functions:
- Youth Service
 - Community Centres
 - CCTV
 - Neighbourhood Wardens
 - Waste Management – Recycling Banks
 - Public Conveniences
 - Well Being – Revenue and Capital
- 3.2 In addition, responsibility for the management of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) will also be part of the delegation of Area Functions for 2006/07.
- 3.3 Subject to Executive Board approval of the delegated budgets, information will be provided to Area Management Team to allow them to report budget information to each of the Area Committees alongside any other resources available.
- 3.4 The Authority to exercise these functions will continue to be held concurrently by the Executive Board, Area Committees and relevant Directors (within their scheme of delegated authority). Any proposed changes to area committee budgets relating to these services would need to be made in consultation with the relevant service

Director(s) and with the agreement of the Area Committee and Executive Board where appropriate.

4.0 Implications for council policy and governance

4.1 The functions described in this report and the recommendations fit with existing Council policy and governance arrangements.

5.0 Legal and resource implications

5.1 There are no new legal or resource implications arising from the contents of this report.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 Executive Board is asked to:

- Endorse the updated Area Function Schedules for delegated budgets for 2006/07, and
- Endorse the initial Area Function Schedule for Community Centres currently vested with Neighbourhoods and Housing and agree that they formally become the responsibility of the Area Committees from 1st July 2006