

Report of : Deputy Chief Executive

Report to : Inner West Area Committee

Date: 12th December 2012

Subject: Inner West Neighbourhoods Improvement Board

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley Bramley & Stanningley		
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. There are four neighbourhoods in the inner West area that are classified as among the most deprived in Leeds according to the index of multiple deprivation, these are Broadleas and Fairfield in Bramley and Stanningley ward and New Wortley and Wythers in Armley ward.
2. In June, the Area Committee approved the establishment of the Inner West Neighbourhoods Improvement Board to better co-ordinate services to improve outcomes for people living in these neighbourhoods.
3. The Neighbourhoods Improvement Board has now met, and new Neighbourhood Partnerships are replacing the former LAMP multi-agency meetings. A launch event is planned to engage with front line managers and set priorities for a new Neighbourhoods Improvement Plan (NIP).

Recommendations

4. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - Note the content of this report

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report updates the Area Committee on progress made on the new inner West Neighbourhoods Improvement Programme.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Area Committees in Leeds have the delegated function of Neighbourhood Management Co-ordination to agree priority neighbourhoods and to approve and monitor Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for the Committee's area.
- 2.2 Since 2006 the West North West Area Support Team and partners have delivered small scale improvements in the four priority neighbourhoods of New Wortley and Wythers in Armley ward and the Fairfields and Broadleas in Bramley and Stanningley ward. The method of delivering these improvements has been through neighbourhood based LAMP (local area management plan) meetings attended in the main by front line staff working on the estates.
- 2.3 In June, the Area Committee agreed to establish the Inner West Neighbourhoods Improvement Programme. A Neighbourhoods Improvement Board was set up to oversee the programme, and the former LAMP groups have been changed to Neighbourhood Partnerships to bring together front line staff and local residents to see through some of the important changes this programme will deliver.

3 Main issues

Neighbourhoods Improvement Board

- 3.1 The first meeting of the Neighbourhoods Improvement Board was held on 12th October, and chaired by Cllr Peter Gruen, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing. The meeting was attended by Ward Members and senior managers from West North West Homes, Children's Services, Public Health, the voluntary sector and the police. Only two residents attended the meeting, although residents from all four neighbourhoods had been invited.
- 3.2 The Board identified three key themes that will form the basis of the Neighbourhoods Improvement Plan; health and wellbeing, worklessness and learning outcomes for children and young people.

Neighbourhood Partnerships

- 3.3 The three Area Support Team LAMP meetings in New Wortley, Wythers and Fairfield plus the West North West Homes Broadlea Improvement Group have all now become Neighbourhood Partnerships, directly accountable to the Neighbourhoods Improvement Board.
- 3.4 The meetings will continue to be an opportunity for front line staff to discuss priorities and partnership working at a local level. They will also have a new role to deliver some of the actions from the NIP and provide regular updates to the Board.

- 3.5 Local services have welcomed the revitalisation of the LAMP meetings, and already some opportunities for partnership working have been identified around nuisance motorbikes in Fairfield and increasing attendance at the multi-agency drop in at New Wortley Community Centre.

Community Engagement

- 3.6 Increasing the number of residents participating in the programme is a priority for the Board. Officers from the West North West Area Support Team and West North West Homes are looking at ways of recruiting more local people to the Board and Neighbourhood Partnerships. A public meeting was held in the Fairfield Community Centre to try and recruit to a new Tenants' and Residents' Association, and in the same neighbourhood, BARCA and the Area Support Team hosted a family Halloween party and consultation where six residents indicated they would like to get more involved in their local community.
- 3.7 There is a public meeting planned for the Broadleas in December, and it is hoped that more residents from here will come forward to attend the new Neighbourhood Partnership which will for the first time be held on the estate.
- 3.8 Two Community Organisers have recently started working in New Wortley and Fairfield. They are hosted by Barca but employed through a government backed programme. Their role is to knock on doors and speak to local residents about their community and support them to get their voices heard or develop new projects. The community organisers have joined the Neighbourhood Partnerships and it is hoped that they will help to support increased resident participation.

Officer Network Launch

- 3.9 As described in the previous report, existing multi-agency meetings will be used where possible to develop the NIP. These include school cluster meetings, the Police and Community Safety tasking meeting and the new Worklessness Working Group.
- 3.10 A launch event has been arranged for front line managers to learn more about the Neighbourhoods Improvement Programme and begin the process of identifying projects and priority themes for the NIP.
- 3.11 Where appropriate meeting exists, actions will be developed through time limited working groups or simply closer partnership working individual managers. The Area Support Team will develop the NIP that will also encompass actions from existing plans such as the West North West Homes neighbourhood plan and the tasking action plan.
- 3.12 It is hoped that a draft action plan will be available to present at the next Area Committee meeting on 20th February.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Ward Members and LAMP attendees have been consulted on the proposal. Community engagement plans will form part of the work programme for each neighbourhood, and local residents will be recruited to the Board and Neighbourhood Partnerships.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 This section is not applicable to this report

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1. The Area Committee Functions and Priority Advisory Functions were approved by the Executive Board in June 2009, this approval was rolled forward to 2010/11, and rolled forward again to 2011/12 with amendments only to environmental delegations.

- 4.3.2. The Area Functions are included in the Council's Constitution (Part 3, section 3C).

- 4.3.3. The work of the Neighbourhoods Improvement Board will contribute at a local level to the themes contained in the:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1. Programmes of work outlined in this report are resourced in the main by Area Support Team staff and where relevant their partners which in turn provides value for money.

- 4.4.2. In order to meet the Area Committee's functions (see Council's Constitution Part 3, section 3C), funding is available via Well-being budgets and the Community Centres Budget.

- 4.4.3. In order to meet the Area Committee's roles, funding is in the main supplied by other Leeds City Council Departments main stream budgets, and external partner agencies for example the Police and Primary Care Trust, which is in turn reflected in the fact that the Area Committee's role here is to influence, develop and consult. However, on occasion, Well-being funding has resourced some projects related to its roles, for example community engagement, area based regeneration schemes and community projects.

4.4.2 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1. This report is the report of the Area Leader for West North West Leeds who has delegated responsibility to action decisions in accordance with the Area Support Team's work programme in accordance with part 3 of the Council's Constitution in relation to Area Committee Functions.

4.5.2. This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.

4.5.3 This report is not subject to Call In.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no significant risks identified in this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The new Inner West Neighbourhoods Improvement Board has met and identified key priority themes for the programme.

5.2 The LAMP meetings and Broadlea Improvement Group have had their membership reviewed, and have now become Neighbourhood Partnerships.

5.3 Community Engagement activities are being identified through the Neighbourhood Partnerships, starting in communities with low resident involvement.

5.4 The launch event will raise the profile of the programme among front line managers and begin the development of a Neighbourhoods Improvement Plan.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the content of this report.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.