



## Report of the North East Area Manager

### North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2007

### Subject: IMPaCT Neighbourhood Improvement Plan

<b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b> Chapel Allerton Gipton and Harehills	<b>Specific Implications For:</b> Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## Executive Summary

This report provides information on the IMPaCT Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) for January 2007 to March 2008. The Area Committee is requested to comment on and note the contents of the report.

### Purpose of this report

1. This report provides information for the Area Committee on the proposals for intensive neighbourhood management in the IMPaCT area in 2007-08. These are set out in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (Appendix A) which provides information on projects to be funded by the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) as well as describing other actions by the IMPaCT partners that add value to neighbourhood management.

### Background

2. The Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) for Chapeltown and Harehills sets out an ambitious series of actions to address the cause and effects of high levels of deprivation and to improve the delivery of services in the area. These actions are based on issues that residents have identified, the priorities of service providers and the need to improve the quality of life in the area, particularly in relation to crime, community safety and cohesion and the environment. Chapeltown and Harehills are considered to be amongst the most deprived areas in the country: working together for the good of the community is the only way in which this position will improve.

4. A key approach within the NIP is Intensive Neighbourhood Management, which involves the improvement of delivery of existing public services and providing new services to address clearly identified needs. The North East District Partnership established the IMPaCT subgroup as the mechanism to take forward Intensive Neighbourhood Management, providing a forum to enable local groups and agencies to develop a planned approach to tackle local problems.
5. The Neighbourhood Improvement Plan is aligned with the key priorities and outcomes of the Safer Stronger Communities block of the Local Area Agreement (LAA), the North East Leeds District Partnership Action Plan and the Leeds Regeneration Plan. The actions in this NIP are intended to accelerate the delivery of critical service improvements and to improve the overall quality of life in Chapeltown and Harehills.
6. In 2006-07, significant progress has been made in tackling the 3 objectives for intensive neighbourhood management:
  - To reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and drug use;
  - To promote cohesive communities;
  - To improve the liveability of areas by making them cleaner, greener and safer.

Projects have been developed under the local themes of:

- Community development;
- Intensive family support;
- Barriers to training and employment;
- Community safety;
- Environmental improvements.

## **Recommendations**

7. The Area Committee is requested to comment on and note the contents of the report.