



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 26th March 2007

Subject: Area Committee Working Groups update

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report informs Members of the issues raised at the Area Committee Working Groups held since the last meeting of the Area Committee.

Purpose of this report

1. This report provides an update to the Committee on the progress of the Working Groups.
2. The Area Committee established the Working Groups at their meeting on 5th April 2005. The groups have no decision making powers, tabling recommendations for consideration by the Area Committee.
3. The primary roles of the Working Groups are to drive the achievement of actions in the Area Delivery Plan, and scrutinise service areas in order to meet local need.

Feedback from the Working Groups

Community Safety

4. The Area Committee will recall that a decision was taken not to continue with these meetings, as the working group were happy with officers progress in spending the Well-Being Funds and do not wish to scrutinise aspects of community safety at the moment. Updates on progress are dealt with through the Action and Achievements report.

Youth Issues – 2nd March 2007

5. The working group discussed the Children and Young People section of the draft 2007/08 Area Delivery Plan, particularly concentrating on setting the targets and performance indicators for each action. The group discussed the merits of mentoring as a method of helping achieve some of the actions in the draft plan, and a representative of Leeds Mentoring Service will be invited to the next meeting.
6. Through the ward member meetings a suggestion for looking at mobile youth provision had been made for an action in the Area Delivery Plan. This was discussed by the working group. Significant work took place last year by the Youth Service, investigating various different types of mobile provision. The issue last year was that the cost of purchasing a vehicle is expensive, and with staff capacity it would not be able to be used every night, therefore not offering good value to the Area Committee. A reconditioned bus or library vehicle is not considered suitable due to the need for a HGV license qualified driver, rather than a youth worker being able to drive it. This still remains the position, but other avenues will be explored to see if the north east might be able to 'purchase' use of another area's mobile bus on some evenings in the week.

Well-Being Fund – 5th March 2007

7. The recommendations of the working group are contained in a separate report to this meeting.

Recommendations

8. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.