

**Report of the North East Area Manager**

**North East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

**Subject: Chapeltown & Harehills Intensive Neighbourhood Management Initiative**

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p> <p><b>Chapel Allerton</b></p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></p> <p>Ethnic minorities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Women <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disabled people <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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**Executive Summary**

This report provides an update to the Area Committee on the Intensive Neighbourhood Management initiative in the Chapeltown area and provides details of the activities and projects being developed within the area, addressing predominantly issues of the environment, crime and worklessness.

## Background Information

1. The Area Committee received a report on the development of the Intensive Neighbourhood Management (INM) initiative in Chapeltown at its March 2006 meeting. The INM programme is designed to improve neighbourhoods with a degraded environment and streetscene, high crime levels and fear of crime, anti-social behaviour, poor housing conditions and a high number of empty properties.
2. As neighbourhoods in the 3% poorest areas of England, Chapeltown, together with parts of Harehills, are eligible to receive the following funding from the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund: Neighbourhood Element and Safer, Cleaner and Greener Allocation.

Financial Year	Revenue – Neighbourhood Element
2006/07	£ 223,460
2007/08	£ 276,720
2008/09*	£ 223,460
2009/10*	£ 138,360
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 862,000</b>

\*Year 3 and 4 funding is subject to confirmation in the 2007 Spending Review.

Financial Year	Capital - Safer, Cleaner and Greener Allocation
2006/07	£ 160,500
2007/08	£ 200,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 361,000</b>

3. This report provides the Area Committee with an update on the activities and projects being developed, under the key themes of environment, crime and worklessness.

## INM Activities in Chapeltown and Harehills

### Neighbourhood Management Co-ordination

4. The Neighbourhood Manager will be recruited to work on developing and delivering the INM programme over the next 4 years. The post holder will provide overall management and ensure co-ordination between the different strands of the programme. In addition to this, s/he will oversee the monitoring and improvement of service delivery in the area through, amongst other means, engaging with the community.
5. A Project Administrator post will also be recruited to support the programme and monitor performance. Both of the posts are being advertised extensively in the locality to encourage as many local residents to apply as possible. Appointments to these posts are expected to be made in July 2006. The Area Management Team are currently examining options for the office base of the Neighbourhood Management Team, ensuring that the location is as central to the INM area as possible.

### **Community Caretaking Service**

6. A team of Community Caretakers, to be known as the Chapeltown Environmental Pride Team and dedicated to Chapeltown will work to address environmental issues in the area. The team will replace the existing CAST service within the area, having enhanced skills to address issues that CAST could not. Other parts of the North East Leeds Inner Area will also receive a new Environmental Pride Team (see maps attached).
7. The team of three has been recruited from local unemployed people and are currently going through a 6 week training course. Training will cover a wide range of basic skills including carpentry, brick-laying, horticulture and customer service. It is anticipated that the Chapeltown Environmental Pride Team will be on the ground, delivering the service, by August 2006.

### **Environmental Enforcement**

8. A new Environmental Enforcement Officer post is being recruited to enable a fast response to environmental problems and to make an immediate impact by focussing on household fly tipping, litter clearance notices, tackling waste in gardens and derelict properties and ensure that statutory undertakers maintain their land. The post is expected to be filled by August 2006.

### **Physical Environmental Enhancements**

9. It is planned for visible on-street environmental improvements will be carried out at the following sites:
  - Woodland Mount
  - Junction of Shepherds Lane and Markham Avenue
  - Sholebroke Mount shopping parade.

Local residents are to be consulted on the plans before construction begins.

### **Community Involvement**

10. Local voluntary, community and faith organisations will be facilitated over two days to discuss and develop a community development strategy for the INM. Following this, residents and local community groups will be invited to deliver key projects and activities.
11. An early action under this theme will be a summer youth cohesion event which will bring together all the youth groups in Chapeltown for a music and sports event which they will develop and run themselves.

### **Intensive Family Support**

12. This project will help to bring together a multi-disciplinary team that can co-ordinate services to tackle barriers to good citizenship for families with complex problems, in particular anti-social behaviour by young people, and will fund activities such as parenting skills or anger management classes. It is aimed at contributing to the well-being of both the families involved and the wider community.

### **Tackling Barriers to Employment**

13. A workshop was held in April 2006 for statutory, voluntary and community organisations working with communities in the Chapeltown area to tackle barriers to entering training or employment. The delegates agreed that they would be able to offer more effective support to residents if all their services were mapped and this was available to service providers as well as residents. The mapping project is nearly complete and will be published in accessible formats by September 2006.

### **Community Safety Projects**

14. Ginnels and alleys will be gated and fenced so that only residents and services will have access, therefore reducing the opportunity for anti-social behaviour and crime to be committed in the ginnels or at properties adjacent to them. The priority ginnels are: Gathorne Terrace / Bankside Street, Louis Street / Louis Grove / Leopold Gardens, Back Hill Top Mount and Back Pasture Road.
15. Damaged or missing street signs will be repaired or reinstated to assist residents, visitors and services to navigate around Chapeltown. A path with a blind bend will be straightened to improve feelings of personal safety and remove a site for criminal activity to take place.

### **Monitoring**

16. Arrangements have been put into place to monitor quarterly the outputs of all the projects within the INM initiative, in line with requirements for the Local Area Agreement. Each delivery organisation will sign a Project Delivery Statement, detailing reporting requirements against set outputs.
17. The quarterly reports will be collated by the Neighbourhood Manager and forwarded to the central SSCF monitoring team within Leeds City Council. Update reports will be submitted to the District Partnership and Area Committee on a regular basis.

### **Recommendations**

18. Members are requested to note progress on Intensive Neighbourhood Management in Chapeltown.