

Report of Area Leader – West North West

Report to Inner West Area Committee

Date: 26th June 2013

Subject: Inner West Area Committee Business Plan

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input 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? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report presents a revised Inner West Area Committee Business Plan for 2013 – 2015. (Appendix 1).
2. The Business Plan Action Plan has been amended to include more specific and measurable actions that better reflect the role and influence of the Area Committee.
3. The revised Business Plan is presented to the Area Committee for approval.

Recommendations

The Area Committee is asked to:

- Note the contents of this report;
- Approve the revised Business Plan at Appendix 1;
- Agree to receive updates at future meetings and an annual refresh of the plan.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report presents for approval a revised Inner West Area Committee Business Plan for 2013 – 2015. (Appendix 1).

2 Background information

- 2.1 In December 2011, the Area Committee approved a proposal to replace the Area Committee Delivery Plan with an annual Business Plan. The Business Plan outlines local priorities and actions for the Inner West and provides a framework for the distribution of the Wellbeing budget.
- 2.2 The current Business Plan was approved by the Area Committee and Executive Board for the period 2011 – 2015. The Business Plan outlines the functions of the Area Committee, key priorities for each ward, and describes the sub group and partnership arrangements.
- 2.3 The Business Plan also includes an annual Action Plan that was revised for 2013 to reflect the Council's new 'Best City For' priorities. Members approved the Business Plan at their meeting in May 2013, but recommended that the 2013/14 action plan be revised to include more detailed and measurable actions.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The Action Plan has been reviewed by the Area Support Team alongside relevant services. Some of the original objectives have been merged or amended to better reflect current priorities.
- 3.2 Under each objective, there are now a number of specific actions that reflect the Area Committee's influence, investment and partnership working. All actions have clear timescales and measurable targets.
- 3.3 The Plan will be monitored by the Area Support Team, and progress against the actions will be reported to the Area Committee.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Members have been consulted on the contents of the plan.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 The Business Plan takes into account equality, diversity, cohesion and integration issues.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The themes in the Business Plan mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 As outlined in the Function Schedule 2011/12, the Wellbeing budget delegated by Executive Board is used to finance projects which meet the needs of the Area

Business Plan. Members of the Area Committee are keen that wherever possible the use of Wellbeing brings in additional match funding to the area.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are eligible for Call In.

4.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

4.5.3 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 This report provides an update for Members and seeks approval of a Business Plan Action Plan and therefore no risks are identifiable.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The Area Committee's Business Plan sets out the key priorities, links to city wide policies and provides a framework for the spending of the Well being budget.

5.2 The Business Plan Action Plan has been revised to include more specific and measurable actions, highlighting the Committee's influence, investment and partnership working.

6 Recommendations

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7 Background Documents

7.1 None