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**Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing**

**Neighbourhoods and Housing Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: April 2007**

**Subject: Area Delivery Plans**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

All

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of the Area Delivery Plans for 2006/07 and the process for preparing and agreeing the plans for 2007/08.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Scrutiny have received reports previously on Area Management, the Area Delivery Plans and the Area Management Review which is currently underway.
- 2.2 Annually, each Area Committee is required to prepare an Area Delivery Plan for endorsement by the Executive Board after the Council's budgets have been set.
- 2.3 The 10 Area Delivery Plans set out service priorities and improvement strategies for each area based on local priorities and delegated functions (community safety, streetscene and children and young people). The plans also provide a framework for investing Well Being budgets in each of the areas.
- 2.4 Each Area Delivery Plan contains an Area Action Plan. Through these plans the Area Committees are able to address priorities which meet the specific needs and circumstances of their area.

**3.0 AREA DELIVERY PLANS 2006/07**

- 3.1 Area Delivery Plans were agreed at each of the Area Committee meetings early in 2006 and then endorsed at Executive Board in the Spring. Appendix 1 highlights the

priority areas for action for each Area Committee and identifies linkages to Corporate Priorities.

- 3.2 Area Committees receive regular progress reports on their Action Plans and the plans direct how the Committee's resources should be deployed. These are supported by frequent reports to the Committees on Well Being Revenue and Capital Budgets and District Partnership activities.
- 3.3 A system of monitoring performance against actions detailed in the action plans was established and forms part of the quarterly performance reporting process in the Neighbourhoods and Housing Department. The position at the end of Quarter 3 (December 2006) for the plans was:

**Progress against Area Delivery Plan targets at the end of Quarter 3 2006/07:**

<b>GREEN</b> - Progressing as expected or actions not due to commence until later in the year.	<b>85%</b>
<b>AMBER</b> - Minor delays or issues to address	<b>9%</b>
<b>RED</b> - Significant delays or issues to address	<b>2%</b>
<b>WHITE</b> – Not due to start until later in year or no further action to be taken	<b>4%</b>

QUARTER 3 2006/07									
Area Committee	No of Actions	GREEN		AMBER		RED		WHITE	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Inner East	56	50	89%	4	7%	2	4%	0	0%
Outer East	67	62	93%	3	4%	2	3%	0	0%
Inner North East	36	30	83%	4	11%	0	0%	2	5%
Outer North East	55	38	69%	13	24%	0	0%	4	7%
Inner North West	69	61	88%	4	6%	2	3%	2	3%
Outer North West	71	55	77%	0	0%	3	4%	13	19%
Inner South	65	57	88%	3	5%	0	0%	5	8%
Outer South	69	52	75%	16	24%	0	0%	1	1%
Inner West	80	78	98%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%
Outer West	81	66	81%	12	15%	3	4%	0	0%
<b>Total/Average %</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4%</b>

#### **4.0 AREA DELIVERY PLANS 2007/08**

- 4.1 Area Delivery Plans for 2007/08 are now being finalised and are being presented to Area Committees in the current cycle of Area Committee meetings which runs until the 20<sup>th</sup> April. A report is then scheduled to be presented to the Executive Board to seek endorsement for them. A further report to the Executive Board will detail the Area Function Schedules for 2007/08 and these will then be presented to the Area Committees at their first meetings in the new municipal year.
- 4.2 The plans for 2007/08 are being linked to relevant Local Area Agreement outcomes. This should help to strengthen local service improvements and actions within the context of agreed corporate priorities. It will also help improve linkages with the District Partnership action plans and the work of other key local partners.
- 4.3 Once agreed each Area Delivery Plan will:
- Inform Area Committee decision making particularly concerning the use of the well being budgets;
  - Help to influence City Council services and other partner agencies about the use of resources in the area;
  - Act as a reference point for monitoring the progress and achievement of actions; and
  - Inform the work programme for the Area Management team

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- 5.1 Note the current position regarding the Area Delivery Plans.
- 5.2 Consider if it wishes to pursue any further scrutiny in relation to Area Delivery Plans as part of its work programme for 2007/08.