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Aspley, Bilborough, Leen Valley

ITEM NO:
WEST AREA COMMITTEE
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REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANS - PROGRESS REPORT

1. SUMMARY

The Community Plan (2006-2009) was launched on 19 May 2006. The local area action plans are the local dimension of the Community Plan. This report seeks to inform Area Committees of the progress made and next steps in developing and completing these Local Community Plans.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that each Area Committee:-

- (i) Receive and comment on a presentation at the meeting outlining emerging interventions / actions identified through the action planning process.
- (ii) Note proposals and timescales for the next stages of the development of the Local Community Plans as contained in this report.
- (iii) To note the alignment and linkages with Floor Target Action Plans and use of NRF, further details contained within the One Nottingham report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Each Area Committees, working alongside local partners and the community, have been developing a longer-term vision and priority outcomes for their area.
- 3.2 In developing the Local Community Plan for an area a wide range of individuals, community groups and agencies have been consulted and involved. To date, the Area Committee and its local partners have agreed priorities (which have been ranked) and measurable outcomes based on (a.) desk-based research examining the Government's published Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) statistics; (b.) consultation with the community.
- 3.3 In order to provide the Area Committee with a full picture across the City, the agreed priorities in each area have been included at Appendix A. All areas have identified Health and Crime as local priorities, ranked primarily between 1 and 3 across all but one area. All areas have identified 'Cleaner and Greener' (the so-called "Liveability" agenda) as a priority as this was a key issue identified in the MORI Survey findings 2005.
- 3.4 Based on analysis of where an area is now (position statement / baselines) and where an area wants to be in the future (vision statement / outcomes), discussions have been taking place with service providers to identify appropriate interventions / actions that will make a significant contribution to delivering the outcomes required. Importantly, resources will need to be harnesses from the mainstream as well as external funding streams (e.g. NRF).

- 3.5 The Local Community Plans have been developed within the strategic framework and timescales of the Community Plan (2006-2009) and Local Area Agreement (LAA). The Community Plan was finalised and published in May 2006. The Local Area Agreement was formally signed in March 2006. These plans provide the strategic framework for prioritising activity and focusing the mainstream resources of service providers across the City.
- 3.6 In addition, One Nottingham (in conjunction with theme partnerships) has been leading the work in developing Floor Target Action Plans to focus the NRF specifically to deliver 'added value' in the most deprived Super Output Areas (small 'neighbourhoods' as defined by statistics). This work has been required by the Neighborhood Renewal Unit, the 'sponsor' for NRF monies delivering National Floor Targets (Education, Health, Crime, Employment, Housing).
- 3.7 One Nottingham has prepared a separate report on the development of the Floor Target Action Plans and use of NRF which has also been circulated to all Area Committees. The NRU have required that NRF be focused on the National Floor Target themes (as detailed in paragraph 3.6 above) and targeted in the worst areas of deprivation. Further details of the process and timescales for agreeing future funded activity is contained in the One Nottingham report.
- 3.8 The Local Community Plans have been developed alongside Service Planning (paragraph 3.5) and Floor Target Planning (paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7). The Local Community Plan, when completed, will provide a local framework for delivery and future negotiation with service providers about service priorities and resources. It is proposed that the vision and outcomes provide the medium-term framework (5 years) with the delivery plan being reviewed annually.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 It is proposed the Local Community Plans are a 5-year strategic Plans (2006-2011) with 3-year delivery plans (2006-2009) reviewed annually. It is important that the delivery plans are reviewed annually because service providers review their Service Plans annually and it may be necessary to refine the focus or emphasis of interventions / actions as progress is made and/or resources change or new opportunities arise (e.g. external funding).
- 4.2 It is proposed that at each Area Committee meeting in September, a progress presentation is made by the Neighbourhood Manager and Area Coordinator. In particular, this will cover the emerging interventions / actions identified through the action planning process. In terms of the timescale for completion and adoption of the Local Community Plans, this is being aligned to the production and completion of Service Plans and Floor Target Action Plans.
- 4.3 It is expected that Service Plans and Floor Target Action Plans will be completed during June/July 2006. In order to allow for any further amendments / refinements to these plans, the intention is to finalise the Local Community Plans during July/August, with a view to presenting the final plans to the Area Committees for adoption during September/October. This timescale is dependent on other plans being completed within the expected timeframe.

- 4.4 Measuring the impact of the Local Community Plans over time will be a key role for Area Committees. In order to demonstrate alignment (the “golden thread” between plans and therefore maximise synergy and impact), it is proposed that the Performance Management Framework (the way we measure and evidence progress) for Local Community Plans be developed alongside that of the Community Plan, Local Area Action Plan and Floor Target Action Plans.
- 4.5 For further information about the Floor Target Action Plans and use of NRF, this report should be read alongside the separate report prepared by One Nottingham. The Commissioning Framework is being discussed by One Nottingham’s Board on 23 June 2006. In addition to the report which will be circulated in advance to Area Committees, One Nottingham will also be asked to provide a further verbal up-date following the Board meeting on 23 June.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any financial implications will be identified specifically by service providers as part of their Service Planning Process. In terms of NRF, a specific report from One Nottingham has been requested.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None specifically relating to this report.

7. OBSERVATIONS OF OTHER OFFICERS

None specifically relating to this report.

8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

Local Community Plans reflect issues and needs of local communities. Involvement of local people and communities of interest / identity are at the heart of the plans. They seek to improve services and opportunities for local people and ensure we address inequalities by making sure we provide services which reflect need and the population in our diverse communities.

9. BEST VALUE

10. List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information – N/A

11. Published documents referred to in compiling this report – N/A

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