

Community involvement

The North-East Leeds District Partnership held a community-involvement workshop in March 2005. The outcome of the workshop helped to:

- identify gaps and develop actions to increase the involvement of communities and groups not currently taking part; and
- make clear how communities can get involved with the district partnership and develop methods for the partnership to use from 2006 onwards.



Measuring progress

The North-East Leeds District Partnership Executive is responsible for putting into practice and reviewing this plan and reports its progress to the Leeds Initiative.

The partnership has agreed a framework to measure progress – each action has a deadline, a lead organisation and officer responsible for putting the action into practice. A 'champion' for each theme will act as the formal link

for each Leeds Initiative strategy group. The yearly review process will give the district partnership the opportunity to influence how partners' resources are used from 2006 onwards, as well as making sure that it receives the funding needed for future partnership activity in the north-east Leeds district.

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- 2 Wetherby market
- 3 Police Community Service Officers (PCSOs), Brackenwood Estate, Roundhay
- 4 Primary school children at a breakfast club at Miles Hill School, Meanwood
- 5 Pupils enjoying a rugby league coaching session with Leeds Rhinos at Archbishop Cranmer Church of England Primary School, Alwoodley



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North-East Leeds District Partnership Action Plan 2005 to 2008

Context

The north-east Leeds district is the largest of the five districts in Leeds. The area forms a wedge with the point at the Sheepscar Road interchange just north of the city centre. The outer ring road divides the district into inner and outer areas, with the outer area taking in the suburban ward of Alwoodley, the rural wards of Harewood and Wetherby, including the well-known market town of Wetherby itself.

126,560 people live in 52,600 households. About 22,409 people from black and ethnic-minority communities live in the area – at 17.7% of the total population, this is higher than the city average of 8%. Most people from black and ethnic-minority communities live in the inner north-east Leeds area, with many living in the Chapeltown area.

There are a number of neighbourhoods in the district that have relatively high levels of deprivation compared with other local and national areas. One in eight neighbourhoods in this area are among the 10% most deprived in the country, with the greatest concentration being in the Chapel Allerton ward nearest the city centre.



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Priorities

The partnership believes that there is now a major opportunity to improve the quality of life for people across north-east Leeds by taking advantage of a series of planned investments and by making sure that partners work together to make the most of these improvements and assets. Parts of the north-east Leeds district are covered by government-funded regeneration schemes. Qualifying for these schemes is based on deprivation statistics. As a result, Chapeltown, Moor Allerton, Miles Hill, Beckhill and Potternewton (including the Scott Hall area) have benefited from government regeneration funding over a three-year period between September 2002 and March 2005. Regeneration funding from the European Union has also benefited parts of Chapeltown. North-east Leeds has two Sure Start programmes – the Government's programme to give children the best start in life – covering Chapeltown and Miles Hill. Funding from these schemes is helping to improve buildings and services for children aged 0 to 4 and their families. The district plan sets out how further major funding programmes from the Government, council and the NHS will help these areas.

Actions

The North-East Leeds District Partnership will carry out the following actions to help achieve one of the main aims of the city's long-term plan for the future – Vision for Leeds 2004 to 2020 – to narrow the gap between the most disadvantaged people and communities and the rest of the city.

Overall, the district partnership wants to raise the profile of north-east Leeds as a place to live, to work and to invest. The North-East Leeds District Partnership developed priorities for its work between 2005 and 2008 following its workshops at the 'conference of ideas' held in November 2004.





Culture

We will:

- work with our partners to produce a map of cultural opportunities in the north-east;
- support cultural initiatives that create a greater pride in the community; and
- promote the use of parks and green space as outdoor areas for learning, play, sport, and recreation areas for the whole community, within the framework of the parks and greenspace strategy.

Enterprise and economy

We will:

- reduce the gap in employment rates between the different communities in the north-east;
- develop an enterprise strategy for the area that will focus on social enterprises – businesses that use their resources to help local communities – and link in with the council's city-wide approach;
- make the most of inward investment by identifying sites for development and encouraging the active marketing of sites;
- make the most of development opportunities by attracting development that can provide work opportunities for less-skilled people in the area;
- put into practice a promotional campaign highlighting how people who receive benefits can find work; and
- support the Wetherby Market Town Strategy.

Environment

We will:

- encourage and increase community involvement through the neighbourhood environmental action teams;
- identify and prevent hot spots for litter, fly-tipping and needles through the new Community Area Service Team; and
- carry out waste education programmes in at least two schools linked to the healthy schools programme.

Harmonious communities

We will:

- carry out a programme of four multi-agency community safety projects in the priority neighbourhoods of Beckhill and Chapeltown (Operation Arrow) and six major programmes every year throughout the district;
- set up four priority neighbourhood programmes in the areas of Beckhill, Chapeltown, Lingfield and Cranmer Bank to develop specific schemes that encourage young people to get involved;
- set up activities to help young people avoid antisocial behaviour;
- put into practice awareness training to reduce the amount of crime; and
- hold at least one training event on domestic violence for front-line staff.

Health and wellbeing

We will:

- work with partners to make sure there is a long-term future for voluntary and community organisations delivering health and social-care services;
- contribute to the Leeds NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust project to redevelop the Hayfield site and make sure local people and partners are involved in planning and development as appropriate; and
- contribute to developing and putting into practice the Choosing Health Action Plan 2005 to 2008.

Learning

We will:

- work with the Leeds Mentoring Scheme and relevant community education groups to support and increase the number of voluntary mentors from the black and ethnic-minority communities in the north-east;
- encourage local people to take part and get involved in planning and developing the 'Extended Schools' and 'Building Schools for the Future' programmes to create more learning opportunities in the community;
- develop closer working arrangements between the north-east partnership and schools in the area; and
- provide vocational training so that local people can get local jobs in building and health.

Transport

We will:

- influence the Local Transport Plan consultation, raising priorities for north-east Leeds;
- develop a traffic-management plan for Wetherby; and
- make sure there is an improved licensed taxi service for the north-east.

Thriving places

We will:

- put into practice two neighbourhood action plans in 2005 to 2006 in the neighbourhoods of Beckhill and Chapeltown to tackle the main challenges in the areas of health, education, employment, housing and crime;
- agree an improvement and investment strategy for Chapeltown;
- build on the city-wide agreement to set up a set of rules for recognising and involving the voluntary sector; and
- promote and market the benefits and opportunities of the north-east district by promoting events and key activities.

