

Cabinet – 14 April 2010

Neighbourhood Management - Update

Portfolio: Councillor Perry – Communities and Partnerships

Service: Walsall Partnership

Wards: All

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan: No

1. Summary of Report

This report sets out the programme for implementing Area Partnership/Neighbourhood Management in Walsall following the approval of full council on 28 January 2010.

2. Recommendations

That Cabinet approve the programme, **Appendix A** to this report, for implementing Area Partnerships/ Neighbourhood Management in Walsall.

3. Background Information

A full proposal for Area Partnerships/Neighbourhood Management implementation was set out and approved by full council on 28 January 2010.

4. Resource Considerations

4.1 Financial:

- 4.1.1 The financial resources to deliver the implementation of Neighbourhood Management can be met within existing budgets. This constitutes £0.727m from council resources in 2010/11 (£0.672m in future years) and £0.150m from partners in the form of secondments of 3 staff.

4.2 Legal:

4.2.1 There are no known direct legal implications arising from the implementation of Area Partnerships. However, the data collection activities may flush out data sharing/data protection issues. It is likely that large proportions of the collective public sector budget is spent on a relatively small proportion of the population and data collection work may include identifying where problem families/individuals add costs across partner organisations.

4.3 Staffing:

4.3.1 The commitment of senior staff and partners will be significant and the support received so far in this regard is very encouraging.

5. Citizen Impact

Citizen impact is expected to be positive.

6. Community Safety

Impact on community safety is expected to be positive, particularly where this is raised as a priority issue for our customers.

7. Environmental Impact

Impact upon the environment is likely to be positive, particularly in finding and engaging local people in developing sustainable approaches to protecting and maintaining their environment.

8. Performance and Risk Management Issues

8.1 Risk:

8.1.1 Risk will be managed as part of the overall project approach.

8.2 Performance Management:

8.2.1 Performance of the project implementation will be monitored and managed by the Implementation Group, reporting to the Walsall Partnership Board.

8.2.2 Performance of Habanero Consultants in terms of their contract and programme will be delivered by a Contract and Programme Board (working title) under the leadership of Rory Borealis, Executive Director.

8.2.3 The project is envisaged to impact positively on a number of indicators in the national indicator set, particularly NI4 (people believing they have influence over decisions in their area).

8.2.4 The project is specifically designed to improve how customers experience our services and make services more responsive to local community needs.

9. Equality Implications

The project will impact positively on improving our performance on equalities by seeking and considering the views and needs of minority or vulnerable groups.

10. Consultation

10.1 The members of the Implementation Group have been directly responsible and therefore directly engaged in developing and delivering the implementation of Area Partnerships.

10.2 The data-gathering aspects of the project implementation will bring together, for the first time, a myriad of information and data about our communities. This will be available in the form of a report describing the needs of each Area.

Background papers

Neighbourhood Management report version 14.

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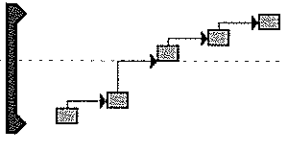
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AREA PARTNERSHIP IMPLEMENTATION WORKSTREAMS

Work-stream	Outcome	Deadline	Responsibility Level	Risk	Comment
Team recruitment	Area Managers recruited Support Officers recruited Project Manager recruited	31 March 2010	Clive Wright	Partners not being able to meet required timescales.	A second round of recruitment to go external will be necessary
Prototype building (see Appendix B)	Data collected and used Leaders develop skills and initiate required change	30 April 2010	Clive Wright Tim Ferguson (data)	Council not going forward with Habanero Contract not being agreed with Habanero	Contract issues raised with R Borealis
Accommodation set up	Area managers have either a method of working in various places or a base established	31 May 2010	Area Managers	Not yet planned (@ 18/3/10)	
LNPs are decommissioned	Final LNP meetings are held	31 March 2010	Clive Wright	Flexible approach agreed and being taken	On track (@ 18/3/10)
Governance arrangements established	Governance arrangements are developed, documented and approved	31 May 2010	Jo Lowndes	Potential different points of view means consensus unlikely	
Communications planned	A comprehensive communications plan	30 April 2010	Darren Caveney	To be identified	

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	is produced to include new channels, new messages and utilising all partner resource				
Arrange inaugural community and partnership meetings	Meetings are arranged for each Area to occur in June/July 2010	30 April 2010	Area Managers		Needs to be post-election
Elected members are engaged	An engagement plan is established and implemented	30 April 2010	Area Managers	Election/accessibility of elected members	
Referral Hub proposal is developed	The referral hub is developed to a point where a decision to implement or abort can be taken	31 May 2010	Adam Jones (WM Fire Service)		
Secure WMRIEP funding for consultant work	£50,000 secured for 2009 / 10	ASAP 31 March 2010	Clive Wright	Funding applied for, but not yet approved	Built into request for services to R Borealis / B Kelly

ID	Task Name	Duration	10	15 Feb '10	22 Feb '10	01 Mar '10	08 Mar '10	15 Mar '10	22 Mar '10	29 Mar '10	05 Apr '10	12 Apr '10	19 Apr '10	26 Apr '10
			T	F	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	M	T	F
1	Information Data and Intelligence Group	30 days												
2	Data, information and intelligence required is scoped	2 wks												
3	Current information, data and intelligence reviewed - gaps identified	1 wk												
4	Additional data, information and intelligence is collected	2 wks												
5	Data and intelligence reports for each area are produced	1 wk												
6	Implementation Leadership Group Development	18 days?												
7	Small groups have met with Habanero consultants	1 day?												
8	Small groups have met with Habanero consultants	1 day?												
9	3 hour training session for whole group delivered	1 day?												
10	Accelerator week is briefed	1 day?												
11	Accelerator Week	5 days?												
12	information data and intelligence reviewed	1 day												
13	Knowledge and data processed	1 day?												
14	Statement of what is wrong and what needs changing	1 day?												
15	Prototype is designed and tested inc safety tests	1 day?												
16	Prototypes further tested and wider testing outside the group planned (who, what, why, where)	1 day?												
17	Prototype Testing	1 day?												
18	Decision Accelerator.	1 day?												



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Task Split

Progress Milestone

Summary Project Summary

External Tasks External Milestone

Deadline