



From Areas to Neighbourhoods

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the decision and actions agreed at Full Council on 18 July 2007 to approve in principle the transformation from Area Panels into Neighbourhood Forums as part of the new framework for neighbourhood working. The report outlines the new working arrangements and constitutional changes approved by Council Cabinet on 4 September and Full Council on 12 September 2007.
- 1.2 Full Council agreed on 18 July to:
 - the basic structure within each ward will include a Neighbourhood Board of partner and resident representatives, led by elected members, and a Neighbourhood Forum open to all residents. Any supplementary resident engagement mechanisms will be agreed by each Neighbourhood Board.
 - ask the Community Overview and Scrutiny Commission for its views on the implementation of these arrangements.
 - ask officers to report to Council Cabinet on whether ward based neighbourhood arrangements should be integrated with the area management arrangements being developed for Children and Young People's Services.
 - ask officers to report back to Council Cabinet and Full Council in September 2007 with details of the constitutional and financial implications.
 - that subject to Council's agreement of the final proposals, the final round of Area Panels will be in September 2007 with the new Neighbourhood Partnership Boards and Neighbourhood Forums being implemented throughout October and November 2007.
- 1.3 At the Community Commission meeting on 23 July 2007, the Commission proposed the production a Good Practice Guide. This was in response to a number of issues raised about future working arrangements for Neighbourhood Boards and Forums.
- 1.4 The Good Practice Guide has been produced and was considered at a special meeting of Community Commission on 29 August 2007, to which all local ward councillors were invited. The guide includes details of how the new arrangements for neighbourhood working will work including constitutional and financial implications. Community Commission made 18 recommendations to Council Cabinet.
- 1.5 The views and recommendations of Community Commission on the Good Practice Guide and constitutional and financial amendments were reported to Council Cabinet on 4 September prior to Cabinet making recommendations to Full Council on 12 September.
- 1.6 On 12 September Full Council approved the Council Cabinet recommendations to:
 - approve the arrangements for Neighbourhood Boards and Neighbourhood Forums.

- approve the amendments to the Constitution
 - approve the Good Practice Guide with minor amendments in response to views of Community Commission and to authorise the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Social Cohesion and Housing Strategy to approve any further minor amendments prior to formal publication.
 - agree that the Area Panel budget of £99,000 be divided equally between each ward (equivalent to £5,823 a ward) and allocated to the Neighbourhood Board to be used to help meet neighbourhood priorities.
 - appoint the chairs of Neighbourhood Boards for the remainder of the current municipal year and agree that the other two ward councillors will act as vice chairs
- 1.7 Details of how neighbourhood working is implemented in Blagreaves, Littleover and Mickleover wards are attached in Appendix 1, including Neighbourhood Forum dates, funding and budgets and the petitions process.
- 1.8 Outstanding issues within the Community Issues Update Report will be referred to the relevant Neighbourhood Board for resolution. This will include any outstanding petitions and Lead petitioners will be informed of the new arrangements.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To note this report.

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Background papers:	Report to Full Council 18 July 2007
List of appendices:	Neighbourhood Working In Blagreaves, Littleover and Mickleover

Neighbourhood Working in Blagreaves, Littleover and Mickleover

Area Panel 4 consists of three electoral wards Blagreaves, Littleover and Mickleover. The agreed framework for neighbourhood working will mean there will be one Neighbourhood Board for each ward.

At an operational level in the new framework, one of three different levels of neighbourhood management will be developed for each ward in the area. This will reflect the intensity of interventions needed. There will be:

- Standard neighbourhoods – with a lighter touch of neighbourhood coordination provided. **All wards are classed as standard neighbourhoods in this area.**
- Enhanced neighbourhoods – with support from Derby Homes taking on the role of Neighbourhood Managers, with limited additional staff support.
- Priority neighbourhoods – each with its own Neighbourhood Manager and team.

Neighbourhood Management

In Area Panel 4 area the level of neighbourhood management in each ward will be:

Forum	Level of Neighbourhood Management	Neighbourhood Manager/Team and base
Blagreaves	Standard	Sarah Dosunmu, Neighbourhood Manager, St. Peter's House Telephone 01332 258501
Littleover	Standard	Sarah Dosunmu, Neighbourhood Manager, St. Peter's House Telephone 01332 258501
Mickleover	Standard	Richard Smail, Neighbourhood Manager, St. Peter's House Telephone 01332 258505

Neighbourhood Forum meetings

The timetable for the Neighbourhood Forum meetings is still being agreed, it is currently proposed to hold the first Forum meetings as follows:

Forum	Date	Time	Venue
Blagreaves	Wednesday 14 November	6.30pm	To be confirmed
Littleover	Thursday 25 October	6.30pm	To be confirmed
Mickleover	Wednesday 28 November	6.30pm	To be confirmed

Funding

In line with the approval at Council Cabinet and Full Council, and subject to the allocations made by Area Panel 4 on 26 September, the funding available to the Neighbourhood Boards is indicated in the table below

AREA PANEL 4				
Budget for 2007/8	£17,472			
Carried forward from 2006/7	£6,436			
Funds returned from 2005/6	£1,000			
Total Budget for 2007/08	£24,908			
Committed in 2007/8	£600			
Total Available to allocate in September 2007	£24,308			
Requests for funding to Area Panel 4 on 26 September	£10,448			
Budget remaining if proposals on 26 September approved	£13,860			
Total Budget Available to Neighbourhood Board	Blagreaves	Littleover	Mickleover	
	£4,620	£4,620	£4,620	

Outstanding Petitions and Community issues

Resolutions and responses to all existing petitions and community issues will be referred to the relevant Neighbourhood Board. The Area Panel will agree at the meeting on 26 September which outstanding Community Issues in the Update Report and petitions will be referred to the relevant Neighbourhood Boards. The lead petitioners and originator of issues raised will be informed of the process.