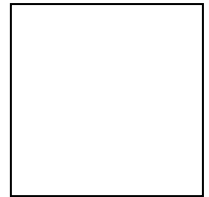




SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL North East Community Assembly Report



Report of: North East Community Assembly Manager

Date: 31st October 2012

Subject: North East Assembly Community Involvement
Plan – 2012/13

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Summary:

The North East Community Involvement Plan (Appendix A) sets out a programme of delivery for engaging with local residents over the next 12 months. The North East Community Involvement Plan also provides a focal point of information that can be shared between key agencies about what activities/events are taking place to deliver consultation that affects neighbourhoods across the North East area.

Reasons for Recommendations:

The involvement of communities is the main component in Sheffield City Council's ambition to change the way the council delivers services in the city. Communities and residents will continue to have more opportunities to influence service delivery in their neighbourhood so that they meet local priorities and needs. This will contribute to making communities safe and sustainable.

Recommendations:

That North East Community Assembly –

Adopts the North East Community Involvement Plan for 2012/13 (Appendix A) as a basis for involving local residents across the area in the work of the North East Community Assembly and other local issues over the next 12 months.

Background Papers: Appendix A – North East Community Assembly Involvement Plan

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
NO
Legal Implications
YES Cleared by:
Equality of Opportunity Implications
YES (North East Community Plan EIA) Cleared by Phil Reid
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO
Human rights Implications
NO
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
NO
Human resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
North East Community Assembly area of Sheffield
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
Safer and Stronger Communities
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
NO
Press release
NO

1. Summary

The North East Involvement Plan sets out a programme of delivery for engaging with local residents over the next 12 months. The North East Community Involvement Plan also provides a focal point of information that can be shared between key agencies about what activities/events are taking place to deliver consultation that affects neighbourhoods across the North East Community Assembly area.

2. What does this mean for people within the North East Community Assembly Area?

The consultation proposals outlined in the North East Community Involvement Plan set out the ways in which the people of the North East Community Assembly area can influence the North East Community Plan, the work of the North East Community Assembly and the services delivered by partner agencies.

3. Outcomes and Sustainability

The involvement of communities is the main component in Sheffield City Council's continued ambition to change the way the council delivers services in the city. Residents will have more opportunities to influence service delivery in their neighbourhoods so that they meet local priorities and needs. This will contribute to making communities safe and sustainable.

4. Full Proposal

The North East Community Involvement Plan sets out a programme of delivery for engaging with local residents over the next 12 months. The North East plan provides a focal point of information that can be shared between key agencies about what activities/events are taking place to deliver consultation that affects neighbourhoods across the North East area.

Therefore the North East Community Involvement Plan will –

- Identify and explore local priorities to support the refresh of the community plan
- Ensure local people have the opportunity to get involved in local issues and talk directly to the members of the community assembly
- Signpost local people to where they can find out information about what is going on in the area
- Provide councillors with information to assist them in making decisions.

5. Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications arising from this proposal. The work associated with the plan will be delivered by the assembly team.

6. Legal Implications

Under Sheffield City Council's constitution the terms of reference of each Community Assembly includes: "To agree a Community Involvement Plan for engaging with local residents and voluntary and community section organisations in improving the Community Assembly area".

The process of community involvement falls within the statutory powers given to the council by section 88, Local Government Act 1985 (research), and Section 142, Local Government Act 1972 (provision of information about council functions).

7. Equality of Opportunity Implications

The North East Involvement Plan endeavours to provide equal opportunities for all residents within the area to influence the work of the community assembly.

8. Human Resource Implications

There are no specific human resource implications for the Council as a result of the allocation of this funding.

9. Environmental and Sustainability Implications

There are no specific environmental implications for the council as a result of the allocation of this funding.

10. Mitigation of Risk

The risks relating to the proposal have been considered by the assembly team. These will be mitigated by regular review of the plan and its progress.

11. Alternative Options

The assembly could choose not to adopt an involvement plan or it could choose to use different forms of engagement and communication. The proposals within the plan set out are based on what is achievable through the resources of the assembly and what has worked previously.

12. Reasons for Recommendations

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13. Recommendations

That North East Community Assembly –

Adopts the North East Community Involvement Plan for 2012/13 (Appendix A) as a basis for involving local residents across the area in the work of the North East Community Assembly and other local issues over the next 12 months.

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