

**Update - May 2007**

**Neighbourhood Management  
South Ward, Weston-super-Mare**

**The Neighbourhood Management Team has been in place since 1 February 2007. They set themselves three priorities for the first six months of the programme.**

These are:

- **Board Development** - ensuring representation and an agreed constitution, development of a structure to manage and drive the work programme.
- **Work Programme** - agreement on the priority themes for the work programme, developing an evidence based process, setting the budgets and agreeing activities.
- **Community Engagement** - broadening the reach of the neighbourhood management programme by engaging with a wide range of local residents, including local young people.

**Board Development**

The first task has been to move from the interim Board to a more permanent structure. The Neighbourhood Management Team have run development sessions for the Board during April and May to establish a clear vision, underpinned by a delivery structure, with an agreed membership.

The new Board has 16 members - 8 service providers and 8 local residents. The service providers represent the strands of the work programme and the link to key providers and the residents have two members from each of the four estates that make up South Ward.

**Work Programme**

The Team are now engaging with partners (residents and service providers) to develop a proactive and evidence based work programme.

They have run a series of participative action planning sessions around each of the four key themes:

- **Children & Young People** - looking at developing mobile youth provision, holiday activity schemes for 0-19s and targeted work for excluded young people.
- **Cleaner and Greener** - improving the three local shopping parades, tackling rubbish and litter problems and enhancing local parks and open spaces.
- **Crime & Community Safety** - tackling anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and vandalism, reducing domestic violence and improving people's perceptions of South Ward.
- **Employment & Skills** - increasing opportunities for young adults and helping adults access training and skills development.

## **Community Engagement**

The Team have focused on the following priorities:

- Building the capacity of resident Board members - each now has a personal development plan in place to help them meet the demands and challenges of being a Board member.
- Building the capacity of other local voluntary organisations working in South Ward.
- Encouraging volunteering.
- Involving young people in the Neighbourhood Management processes. A youth event, planned and organised by local young people, is being held on 1 June at Weston St Johns Football Club.