

Trident picks up 7 Regeneration Oscars



'NDC Partnership of the Year' amongst the wins. As it approaches the mid point of the ten year programme Bradford Trident confirmed its place as one of the top performing regeneration agencies in the country by winning seven awards, including 'NDC Partnership of the Year', at the inaugural New Deal for Communities (NDC) Achievement Awards. The ceremony took place on October 6 in Birmingham, where Jeff Rooker, Minister for Regeneration, congratulated the winners on their outstanding contributions to the rejuvenation of their neighbourhoods.

Awards recognise innovation and partnership

Bradford Trident was particularly praised for its innovative approach and also for its commitment to partnership working on its way to winning.

Presenting the awards Regeneration Minister Jeff Rooker said, 'The award-winners I have met today have demonstrated enormous personal commitment to the renewal of their neighbourhoods. They are developing imaginative solutions to difficult problems, ensuring that everyone benefits from improved services and a cleaner, safer, greener environment.

These are inspirational examples of what can be achieved when residents, councils, businesses and service providers work in genuine partnership to improve the quality of life in deprived communities.'

Chair of Bradford Trident Councillor Ian Greenwood commented, *'We are absolutely delighted to win this prestigious award. It is an accolade to all the hard work put in by our residents, the company board and staff. The work being done is of great and lasting benefit to our communities and this recognition confirms its value.'*

Partners praised

'The main aim of the Trident programme is to reduce the gap of inequality between the Trident area and the rest of the Bradford District. We have six theme areas of Jobs and Business, Education, Crime and Community Safety, Health and Social Care, Housing and the Environment and Youth and Community Involvement.

In all these areas substantial progress has been made' says Bradford Trident Chief Executive Steve Hartley. 'Much credit is due to the board, residents, staff, partners and service deliverers who have worked to achieve the gains that are benefiting our communities and neighbourhoods.'

The gap is closing...

As part of its agreements with central government the performance of Trident is monitored on a regular basis. Independent figures from government sources or polls conducted by organisations such as MORI assess progress made. Below are some key figures from each of Trident's areas of work.

Education

In 2003 29.7% of Trident pupils gained 5 or more GCSE's grade A*-C against 39.6% in the District. In 2004 this had improved to 35.6% in Trident compared to 39.4% in the District.

Housing and Environment

Residential property prices are up 85% since 2000 against a District rise of 65%.

Community Involvement

65% of residents are very or fairly satisfied with the area compared to 58% in 2002 and 50% in 1999

Jobs and Business

Benefit Dependency - Gap closed by 49%
Unemployment - Gap closed by 36%

Crime and Community Safety

Recorded crime - the gap between Trident and the District has narrowed by 84.9% since September 2001. Burglary to dwellings has decreased by 79.4% since March 2000. The Trident rate per 1,000 is now 26% lower than the District average.

Health and Social Care

When asked the question 'Over the last 12 months would you say that your health has on the whole been good' 39% said yes in 2002 whereas 46% said yes in 2004.



In addition to scooping the top 'NDC Partnership of the Year' award Trident was also successful in receiving six more listed here together with the comments of the awards panel...

Housing Award - **Winner: Facelift Project**

The Facelift (Plus) project seeks to encourage private sector residents to improve their properties both now and in the future. The project targets whole blocks of properties and improves their existing security and energy efficiency, while improving the visual appearance of the affected blocks. This has contributed to an increase in house prices of 36% in the area.



Some of the award winners at the presentation

Business Partnership Award - **Runner-up: David Austin**

David (pictured) has been closely involved with the development of projects to address the concerns of local business in relation to crime, security, environmental quality, accessibility and inward investment. His input has played a major role in formulating a successful jobs and business strategy.



Education Award - **Commended: Student Bursary Project**

This project gives cash grants of £750 per year to residents of the NDC area who enter full-time first degree courses, in return for their agreement to take part in community activities with young people. The concept combines practical support for youngsters with the provision of role models for attainment through education.

Service Provider Award - **Joint Runner-up: David Richardson**

Recently retired from his post of Chief Superintendent, David used the NDC programme as an opportunity to respond to the views of local people, creating a new model of community policing. This project formed part of a groundbreaking service level agreement, which has become the cornerstone of the community safety strategy, delivering impressive reductions in crime.



Councillor Greenwood

David Richardson

Elected Member Award - **Winner: Councillor Ian Greenwood**

Councillor Greenwood has made a significant personal contribution to Trident from its inception. Throughout, he has worked tirelessly to promote Trident and galvanise community engagement. His passion and commitment have been instrumental in the progress achieved.

Young Person's Award - **Commended: Balaal Hussain**

Balaal is a Trident Youth Ambassador who is commended for outstanding achievement, compassion and persistent dedication to the community in working to promote youth democracy, including playing a key role in conferences, team building events, education and community working groups and both individual and group community projects.



Balaal Hussain, NDC Young Person's award winner.