

NORTH WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

6TH JULY 2004

PRESENT: Councillor M Hamilton in the Chair
Councillors Bentley, Ewens, Hussain, Illingworth, Jennings,
Minkin, Morton, Mulholland and Rhodes-Clayton

1 Election of Chair

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report explaining the arrangements for the annual election of the Chair of the Area Committee.

It was reported that nominations for Chair had been received for Councillors Illingworth and M Hamilton respectively.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That Councillor M Hamilton be elected as Chair of the North West (Inner) Area Committee for 2004/05.

2 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the North West (Inner) Area Committee.

3 Late Items

The Chair gave notice of a late item of business (Minute No 8), a report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer on Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies.

The Chair indicated that in accordance with his powers under Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, he had agreed to take this as a late item in order to agree the nominations, without delay, to those organisations which fall to the Area Committee to make appointment to.

4 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of personal/prejudicial interest for the purpose of Section 81(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 9 to 12 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

5 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were reported from Councillor Golton.

6 Area Management Introductory Issues

The North West Area Manager submitted a report setting out an introduction to area management and the Area Committee. The report required a decision about whether to establish a small grants budget at this stage, and the Area Committee community involvement arrangements.

In presenting her report, the North West Area Manager introduced to the meeting the following senior officers who would become, like herself, part of the Area Committee's support structure and the Area Committee's link to mainstream services:-

- Development – Paul Brook (Chief Asset Management Officer)
- Learning & Leisure – Keith Burton (Chief Officer Children & Young People)
- City Services – John Kearsley (Chief Support Services Officer)

Following the presentation, the Area Committee received a brief presentation from the above officers on the key Council services within their respective departments.

Detailed discussion ensued by Members on the following specific areas covered in the report of the North West Area Manager:-

- Grants
- Area Committee Constitution – Summary of Key Issues
- Community involvement arrangements

RESOLVED –

(a) That the contents of the report be noted.

(b) That the current 'snapshot' of service issues identified in paragraph 2.5 of the report be noted, together with the indication that work would take place over the summer between the North West Area Manager and service providers, with input from the North West (Inner) Area Committee Chair and other elected members as agreed by the North West (Inner) Area Committee Chair, in order to consider the new priorities of this Area Committee.

(c) That in the interim period, the North West Area Manager be requested to arrange a Member Briefing Session in two weeks time with elected members on the Area Committee to discuss such issues as the future and role of ward forums, appointment of co-optees, the future and the role of working groups, public participation at the Area Committee, etc.

(d) That the draft terms of reference of the District Partnership identified in paragraph 3.3 of the report be received and noted.

(e) That approval be given to establish a small grants budget of £10,000 at this initial stage and to agree the interim management framework as now outlined.

(f) That in respect of obtaining this Area Committee's initial views on community involvement, consideration of this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Area Committee in September 2004.

(g) That a vote of thanks be expressed to Mr Brook, Mr Burton and Mr Kearsley for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.

7 Constitutional Considerations Relating to Area Committees

The Chief Executive submitted a report outlining the basis upon which Area Committees were established by Full Council and specifically on how executive functions may be exercised by Area Committees.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- Article 10 Area Committees
- Terms of Reference Area Committees
- Area Committee Procedure Rules
- Area Function Schedule (Well Being)

The North West Area Manager made specific reference to the Well-Being Area Committee function schedule and it was noted that the Area Based Resources for the North West (Inner) Area Committee was £194,878 (minimum) in respect of Revenue and £378,930 (minimum) in respect of Capital.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

8 Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report outlining the Area Committee's role in relation to Elected Member appointments to Outside Bodies. The purpose of the report was to agree the nominations of those organisations which fall to the Area Committee to make an appointment to.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules
- Member Appointments to Outside Bodies Schedule of Appointments reserved to the North West (Inner) Area Committee

RESOLVED –

(a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.

(b) That in respect of the Outside Bodies schedule, approval be given to the following appointments being made:-

Mary Jane Butler Trust - Councillor B P Atha

North West Homes ALMO - Councillor B Jennings
Councillor J Illingworth
Councillor P Ewens

(c) That in respect of the North West Homes ALMO, Councillor D Morton be also recognised as having a direct link to the ALMO in respect of Headingley ward issues.

(d) That in respect of the Meanwood Valley Urban Farm Council and the Prince Philip Centre Management Committee, the North West Area Manager and the Chief Democratic Services Officer be requested to undertake further investigations on whether or not they are within the Area Committee's jurisdiction.

(e) That in respect of determining the other appointments on the Outside Bodies schedule, consideration of this item be deferred until the next meeting in September 2004.

9 Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report on a provisional schedule of meetings for future meetings of the North West (Inner) Area Committee.

RESOLVED –

(a) That the contents of the report be noted.

(b) That approval be given to the following dates and times for the North West (Inner) Area Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2004/05 and for rotating the venues within the four wards:-

Friday 24th September 2004 at 7:00 pm (venue to be confirmed)
Thursday 14th October 2004 at 7:00 pm (venue to be confirmed)
Thursday 9th December 2004 at 7:00 pm (venue to be confirmed)
Thursday 17th February 2005 at 7:00 pm (venue to be confirmed)
Thursday 7th April 2005 at 7:00 pm (venue to be confirmed)