

EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 15TH MAY, 2012

PRESENT: Councillors S Armitage, J Cummins,
M Dobson, P Grahame, P Gruen,
M Harland, J Lewis, M Lyons, A McKenna,
K Mitchell, T Murray and K Wakefield

89 Election of Chair

As the Chair of East Outer Area Committee for 2011/2012 had stepped down at the last local elections, nominations to chair the meeting were sought
Councillor Murray was proposed, seconded and appointed to chair the meeting

Councillor Murray in the Chair

90 Introductions and welcome

Councillor Murray welcomed two new Councillors to the meeting; Councillor Cummins and Councillor Harland and asked Officers to introduce themselves

91 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

92 Apologies for Absence

It was reported that Councillor Armitage would join the meeting in due course

93 Minutes

RESOLVED - To approve the minutes of the East Outer Area Committee of 20th March 2012; the Extraordinary meeting of East Outer Area Committee of 30th March 2012 and to ratify the decisions taken at that meeting

94 Open Forum

minutes approved at the meeting held on 3rd July 2012

In accordance with paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. On this occasion, there were no matters raised

95 Election of Area Committee Chair for the 2012/2013 Municipal Year

The Chief Officer (Democratic and Central Services) presented a report setting out the process for electing the East Outer Area Committee Chair for the 2012/2013 Municipal Year. It was reported that Councillor Andrea McKenna had been nominated as the Chair

RESOLVED - That Councillor Andrea McKenna be appointed as the Chair of East Outer Area Committee for the 2012/2013 Municipal Year

Councillor Andrea McKenna thanked the Committee for their support and with Members' agreement, assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting

Councillor McKenna in the Chair

96 Outer East Area Committee Well Being Budget 2012/2013

East Outer Area Committee considered a report providing details of the Wellbeing budget allocated for 2012/13 together with the carry over of funds from 2011/12 and setting out details of commitments and proposals for targeting spend in 2012/13

The East Area Improvement Manager presented the report and outlined the proposed funding for one ongoing commitment – CCTV cameras – and proposed sums to be allocated to priority work, as detailed in the submitted report. Reference was also made to unspent funding of £35,873 from the 2011/12 allocation which would be carried over to 2012/13, with much of this arising from careful financial management ; underspends on a couple of projects and the need to retain funding for projects which arose late in the year

Members were informed of a recent funding request from West Yorkshire Police to continue with the provision of off-road motor cycles, with Ward Members to be consulted on this request

Members discussed the following matters:

- the importance of dealing with off-road bikers but the need to discuss with West Yorkshire Police their commitment to community policing in view of some concerns that what had been promised in some areas had not been delivered
- that information on the Community Payback Scheme be made available to all Members
- the need for a report detailing the ambitions and visions for the East Outer Area for 2012/2013 to be presented at an early stage

- concerns that funding had been needed to ensure the Youth Service could continue to use the East Leeds Leisure Centre, yet a significant amount of funding had not been spent when it could have been directed to provide help in a deprived area
- the importance of community engagement and the important role Area Committees should play in that; that more functions would be devolved to Area Committees and that issues like Jobs and Skills and Planning should form part of Area Committee discussions
- the need for agendas to be aligned differently, with regular reports being presented by Aire Valley Homes ALMO and West Yorkshire Police to update Members on projects and initiatives in the East Outer area but also to enable concerns to be raised by the Committee
- that consideration should be given to drawing up a Communications Strategy in the Vision for the East Outer Area
- that a recent offer from the GMB Union to provide 10 computers and printers at the former East Leeds Training Centre was welcomed, particularly in helping with jobs and skills and whilst accepting there was some costs for the running of the building, concerns that a charge was being levied for the use of these facilities
- the need for performance updates on the gardening scheme, with the Chair suggesting that Ken Hill who ran the scheme be invited to present a report to a future meeting
- the budget underspend and the need for this to be shared out equitably between the four Wards comprising East Outer Area Committee
- the need for the Outside Body appointments aligned to East Outer Area Committee to be made as soon as possible

The East Area Improvement Manager provided the following responses:

- that more of the budget be aimed to be used in the coming year, to avoid as large an underspend
- that £10,000 had been provided to East Leeds Leisure Centre and One Stop Centre to continue its use and that no request for further funding had been received. Members were also informed that although there had been an overall underspend of Well Being budget the amount allocated to Temple Newsam ward had been spent
- that a report setting out the vision and ambitions for the East Outer Area would be presented at the first meeting of the 2012/2013 Municipal Year which would take place on 3rd July 2012 as would the report on the Outside Body appointments

RESOLVED –

- i) To note the report and the comments now made
- ii) To note the allocation for 2012/13
- iii) To note the commitments for 2012/13

- iv) To agree to the allocation of the budget against priority work across the Outer East as follows:
 - a. CCTV costs (Leedswatch) - £33,000
 - b. Small Grants Budget - £10,000
 - c. Probation scheme 2013/14(provisionally set aside) - £15,000
 - d. Gardening scheme 2013 (provisionally set aside) - £20,000
 - e. Older persons events week - £3,500
 - f. Cricket coaching - £5,000
 - g. Tasking Teams - £40,000
 - h. Community engagement - £36,000
 - i. Activities for young people - £36,000
 - j. Skips - £5,000
 - k. Sum set aside for ad-hoc projects - £20,000

During consideration of this matter, Councillor Armitage joined the meeting

97 Date and Time of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd July 2012 at 3.00pm in the Civic Hall, Leeds