

INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor A Khan in the Chair

Councillors R Grahame, R Harington,
G Hyde, M Ingham and B Selby

CO-OPTES – Sue Lynch – Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT
Rod Manners – Killingbeck & Seacroft CLT
Phil Rone – Burmantofts & Richmond Hill CLT

Approximately 50 representatives of the local community, stakeholders and partners attended the meeting

14 **Chair's Opening Remarks**

Councillor Khan, Chair of the Community Committee, welcomed all present to the meeting and reported on changes to the format of the meeting in response to feedback received from members of the public who had attended the July Community Committee (CC) meeting. Short introductions were made before the meeting went into a workshop session

15 **7:00 PM - COMMUNITY BUSINESS - Informal Workshop Session - Re-engaging with Young People in Inner East Leeds**

Councillor Maureen Ingham, Children and Young People's Champion for the Community Committee, introduced the report of the East North East Area Leader on re-engaging young people in Inner East Leeds for discussions on the issues with young people, residents, stakeholders and partners in an informal workshop session.

Andy Birkbeck, Area Officer, presented the findings of various conversations held with young people during the summer and reported that the findings of this workshop would be used to inform and support the future work of the CC and enable the Committee to monitor future progress.

The report contained recommendations for consideration by the workshop.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the discussions be noted and that the priorities identified during the workshop be reported back to the next meeting and used to inform the future work of the CC to tackle the issue of re-engaging with young people in Inner East Leeds. The findings would also be reported on the CC's social media pages

8:00 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

16 **Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

17 **Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The agenda contained no exempt information.

18 Late Items

There were no late items of business.

19 Declarations of Disclosable Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable interests.

20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Maqsood and V Morgan

21 Open Forum

No matters were raised under the Open Forum

22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th July 2014 be agreed as a correct record

23 Matters Arising from the minutes

Minute 8 Area Lead Appointments - Members expressed a preference for the title of "Area Lead" rather than Community Champion which had been adopted as the corporate title for CC Members taking lead roles in a given service area. Members requested that their comments be reported back to the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities).

24 Housing Leeds Update Report

David Longthorpe, Head of Housing Management, Housing Leeds (East and North East Leeds) presented a report on the progress made to redesign and restructure a single Housing Management Services for Leeds. Members were introduced to Pam Parker, Inner East Housing Manager, and noted the following key points:

- Implementation of the changes was anticipated by November 2014
- Housing management boundaries to be aligned to mirror Community Committee boundaries
- Housing management patch size to be reduced
- Number of front line housing staff to be increased
- Housing services would still provide residents with access to services now provided by the anti-social behaviour teams and the environmental action service
- Comments made on the provision of the estate caretaker function at weekends, particularly in high rise flats were noted.

Members noted the intention to provide them with a comprehensive list of officer contacts for the redesigned service areas

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and the comments made by Members be noted

25 Environmental Service Level Agreement

Councillor G Hyde, Community Committee Champion for the Environment, presented the report of the Chief Officer, Environmental Action Service, on

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how improvements will be made to a range of locally delivered environmental services. Additionally, the report described how the services would continue to be delivered as normal this year whilst the changes are made, including the continuation of the current Inner East Service Level Agreement (SLA) that covers street cleaning and environmental enforcement/regulatory work undertaken by the Locality Team

John Woolmer, ENE Locality Manager, Environmental Action Service, attended the meeting to respond to comments with discussion concentrating on the following:

- The reasons for change – including reductions already made to management levels/costs
- The pros and cons of the current ways of working and how improvements would be made
- The need to continue working patterns/shifts that help deliver a 7 day service, and the creation of zonal teams to better tackle environmental issues in each locality
- Improved working conditions and job satisfaction for front-line staff a priority
- The importance of working with the council's grounds maintenance contract
- Clarification that the upkeep/cleaning within council owned multi-occupancy flats and void properties will be done through Civic Enterprise Leeds (C.E.L.) for Housing Services.
- Household bulky waste collection being added to the service's responsibilities
- The need for intensive work in the Harehills area to tackle environmental issues in partnership with residents and stakeholders such as businesses and landlords.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report and:

- a) Approve the continuation of the existing SLA for the 2014/15 municipal year
- b) Note the proposals for new services to be added to existing ones to form a new Locality Team service; delivered through Inner East zonal teams operational from early 2015
- c) Note the development of a new, enhanced SLA (for 2015/16) to be co-ordinated through the Committee's Environmental Sub Group and then presented to the Community Committee with their recommendation
- d) That the issues raised in respect of an audit of the existing bulky waste collection service and proposals for intensive work in Harehills be considered by future meetings of the Environment Sub Group

26 Community Safety Update report

Councillor B Selby, Community Safety Community Champion, presented the report of the North East Locality Safety Partnership which provided an overview of the NE Locality Safety Partnership for the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014.

Bev Yearwood, Area Community Safety co-ordinator attended the meeting to respond to comments. Chief Inspector Matt Davison and Inspector Mark Wheeler of West Yorkshire Police were also in attendance. The CC's attention was drawn to:

- The need to remind residents to secure their homes, particularly when attending community events
- The fact that the number of recorded drug offences had fallen
- The incidents of violent crime had increased and this had been identified by Safer Leeds as an issue to tackle in the CC area with a workshop being planned for December 2014
- Community Safety Teams continued to work closely with partners and overall, levels of satisfaction for the support provided to residents had increased

RESOLVED – That the Community Committee continue to support the Locality Community Safety Partnership in relation to prioritising and tackling Burglary Dwelling during 2014/15 through partnership work at neighbourhood level

27 Area Update Report

Andy Birkbeck, Area Officer, presented the Area Update report and highlighted the following:

- The proposal for a multi-agency referral scheme to be piloted in Inner East Leeds to develop the idea of one point of access to various services relating to health and wellbeing.
- The launch of the CC's social media sites
- The first meeting of the Employment & Skills board would be held on 22 October and be reported on the CCs social media sites

During discussions, Members noted the theme of the next CC meeting would be Health, with a specific focus on mental health and social isolation. Additionally, Members considered how to monitor and report on the outcomes of the work done to tackle the issues identified as priorities for the CC

RESOLVED - That the contents of the report and the comments made be Members during discussions be noted

28 Wellbeing report

Andy Birkbeck, Area Officer, presented information on the Inner East Community Committee budget, particularly funds still available to spend; and sought consideration of applications made to the Wellbeing Fund.

The recommendations of the Elected Members as previously discussed at Ward Member briefings on the applications were contained in a schedule circulated to Members prior to the meeting for their reference.

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the contents of the report and the current budget information
- b) To note the comments of the Elected Members in respect of applications received

- c) That the following be agreed in respect of the applications to the Wellbeing Revenue Fund:

Project	Award
Mini Bus project, SSGN	£3,000 agreed
Haslewood West Subway, Seagulls	£3,975 agreed (although could be reduced subject to outcome of bid to Area Housing Panel)
Operation Flame	£1,575.84 agreed (to be split between the 3 wards)
B&RH Celebration event	£1000 agreed
Crossgates Festive Lights	£585 agreed
Sandhurst & Dorsets CCTV	Deferred. To be taken from Ward Based Initiatives instead
Greenacres Brighter Gardens Project	Refused. Insufficient information

- d) That the following be agreed in respect of applications to the Wellbeing Capital Fund:

Studio Equipment, EMAAN TV	£3,000 agreed
IT refurbishment, Shantona WC	£1,865 agreed
Dame Fanny Waterman Centre IT	£700 agreed

- e) That the following be agreed in respect of applications to the Youth Activity Fund:

On Street Project	£3,870 agreed
Wednesday Night Football	£3,500 agreed

- f) To note the funding decision taken by delegated authority as detailed in paragraph 28 of the submitted report

Harehills Gala Project	£1,284 agreed
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29 **Community Comment**

The Chair noted the introduction of a new item for the CC in order to promote further engagement with the public on the work of the CC. This item would provide an opportunity for members of the public to feedback or comment on the reports presented to this Community Committee meeting. On this occasion, no comments were made

RESOLVED – The CC welcomed the introduction of the item

30 **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

RESOLVED - To note the date of the next meeting as Thursday 22nd January 2015. The start time was amended to 7.00 pm. A venue would be confirmed nearer the date.