

NORTH WEST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor P Wadsworth in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, C Campbell,
B Cleasby, R Downes, G Latty,
C Townsley, P Latty and D Collins

18 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

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

19 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

20 Late Items

With the agreement of the Chair, two late items were submitted to the meeting- Agenda Item 9- Wellbeing Fund Update Report and Agenda Item 10- Children and Young People's Sub Group. It was considered that both matters needed to be considered by the Committee prior to the next scheduled meeting.

In addition, information relating to the Open Forum, and a response to this from Adult Social Services, was circulated at the meeting at the request of the participants of the Open Forum and Adult Social Services.

21 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations made.

22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors JL Carter and C Fox.

23 Minutes - 17th June 2013

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2013 be approved as a correct record.

24 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute 7; 17th June 2013 refers

Members discussed the wording of the minutes for this item. Members stated that the officer from Adult Social Care had given clear assurances that no resident would have to move from Manorfield House Residential Home, Horsforth if they did not want to, and felt that this had been diluted in the minute for this item. Members sought clarification that this assurance still stood.

25 Open Forum

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 ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

Mrs Holt and Mrs Chapman addressed the Area Committee regarding the proposed closure of Manorfield House Residential Home, Horsforth, updating the Committee on a number of issues which they had previously raised in the Open Forum and Full Council meetings relating to the consultation process and future accommodation provision in the Horsforth area.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:

- The impact of moving home on elderly people, many of whom are disabled and therefore particularly vulnerable to stress including that caused by relocating.
- The variation in expert opinion on the impact that moving can have on elderly people
- Concerns regarding the information which was available regarding the alternative accommodation available in the Horsforth area
- Concerns regarding the costs of alternative accommodation, and clarification on Leeds City Council's commitment to meet these costs was sought
- The methodology used to classify the alternative accommodation currently available, and to predict future demand in the area for this type of accommodation.
- Confirmation was sought regarding the assurances made at the previous North West (Outer) Area Committee meeting by Adult Social Care that no resident would be forced to move if they did not wish to.

26 Adult Social Care Cover

The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care, Dennis Holmes, presented the response from Adult Social Care to the Deputations brought to the previous North West (Outer) Area Committee with regard to the proposed closure of Manorfield House Residential Home, Horsforth.

Discussion ensued on the contents of the response from Adult Social Care, and the information provided by the participants of the Open Forum.

The list of alternative independent care facilities contained within the Adult Social Care response was discussed, with particular emphasis on the

methodology used to determine the distances quoted within the response, the type of accommodation included in the list and the number of beds available today and in the future.

The bedroom sizes of Manorfield House Residential Home was discussed, with particular focus on the criteria used to determine their suitability now and in the future.

The figure of £384,000 for future maintenance works required at Manorfield House Residential home was discussed. The Area Committee was informed that this was an estimate, and whilst this alone would not decide whether the home was kept open or not, the point was made that Manorfield House Residential home is expensive to maintain, and in the current financial climate it may be better to allow the private care providers to bear the cost of maintaining accommodation rather than Leeds City Council paying to maintain older buildings which may not be fit for purpose under modern care methods.

The methods used to measure future demand for accommodation, together with the boundaries and criteria used were discussed. The Area Committee was informed that the address of the residents' next of kin was used rather than that of the residents' support network. Councillors suggested it might be preferable to use the address of the residents' support network rather than that of their next of kin as this might be more relevant to the individual situation of the residents.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:

- The financial pressures faced by Leeds City Council, now and in the future, and the need to make efficiencies where possible to ensure that services could be provided within the financial constraints while facing increased demand for services from Adult Social Care.
- The views of the friends of Manorfield House Residential Home, and those of other deputations regarding other residential homes for whom consultation has taken place regarding possible closure, will be added to the consultation responses already received for evaluation prior to recommendations being prepared for consideration at the Council's Executive Board on 4th September 2013.
- That Leeds City Council could not start approaching private care providers regarding the purchase of beds for residents of Manorfield House Residential Home or other homes for which consultation on closure had been carried out until a decision on their future had been made i.e. if they would be closed Leeds City Council would then approach alternative care providers to secure alternative accommodation for the residents of the homes affected.
- Leeds City Council is a major purchaser of accommodation, therefore if alternative accommodation was required, the amount that Leeds City Council would be able to buy the accommodation for would be less than that quoted by the providers to individuals. The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care confirmed that Leeds City Council would fund the

cost of the care for the residents affected by any Residential Home closures for life.

- The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care reiterated that Adult Social Care was committed to ensuring that any residents affected by a Residential Home closure would not be forced to move to accommodation they did not wish to go to providing they were acting reasonably in considering other accommodation available.
- Adult Social Care have successfully managed home closures in the past with residents being moved to alternative accommodation that was acceptable to them. The one case of court proceedings being used against a resident who did not wish to move was done with the support of the resident's family, and was necessary to ensure the safety of the individual due to the nature of the building works at the Residential Home that they were resident of. The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care informed the Area Committee that the individual concerned was now happy and settled in new accommodation. The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care stated that Adult Social Care / Leeds City Council is a social care organisation with a duty of care towards its service users, and that it is not in the business of evicting residents of Residential Homes to places that they and their families do not want. If a resident was so frail that it was considered unsafe to move them then they wouldn't be moved.
- The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care gave an undertaking that Adult Social Care would seek to minimise the chances of residents having to move again in the future however this could not be guaranteed.
- Specific information relating to the consultation process would be available as part of the report to be considered by the Executive Board on 4th September 2013.

RESOLVED-

- a). That Adult Social Care would provide the Area Committee with a weekly list of beds available in the Horsforth Area.
- b). That Councillors requiring specific information in respect of this matter inform the Area Support Team in order to enable a list to be collated for Adult Social Care for response.
- c). That the contents of the presentation be noted.

27 Wellbeing Fund Update Report

The Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) submitted a report updating Members on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14, and highlighting the position of the Small Grants and skip pots, and those Small Grants and skip pots that have been approved since the last meeting.

Gerry Burnham, West North West Area Support Team, presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

RESOLVED-

- a). That the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14 be noted;
- b). That the current position of the Small Grants and Skips pots and those Small Grants and Skips that have been approved since the last meeting be noted;
- c). That the following be agreed in respect of those expressions of interest received for Wellbeing funding, as detailed within Section 4 of the submitted report:

Project	Adel & Wharfedale	Guiseley & Rawdon	Horsforth	Otley & Yeadon	Decision
National Citizens Service Project for Young People	£533	£533	£533	£533	Approved

- d). That Youth Service report back to Area Committee on the national Citizens Panel Project, including where the young people have attended from within each Ward.

28 Children and Young Peoples' Sub Group

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report updating on work done by the Outer North West Children and Young Peoples' Sub Group since the Outer North West Area Committee on 17th June where it was agreed that the Children and Young Peoples' Sub Group consider potential activities for young people over the summer period.

Jane Pattison, West North West Area Support Team, presented the report and responded to Members' comments and questions.

The Area Committee were informed that the Children and Young Peoples' Sub Group had made the recommendation of :

- One Mini Breeze to be held at Yeadon Tarn at a cost of £3,750
- Six Back Yard Breeze at locations to be determined at a cost of £3,816.

RESOLVED- That the proposals for 1 Mini Breeze at Yeadon Tarn and 6 Back Yard Breeze, with 1 per ward at locations to be confirmed, be approved.