

## **NORTH WEST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillor P Wadsworth in the Chair

Councillors S Lay, B Anderson,  
C Campbell, J L Carter, B Cleasby,  
R Downes, C Fox, G Latty, P Latty and  
D Collins

### **58 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

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

### **59 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

### **60 Late Items**

There were no formal late items submitted to the agenda for considerations. However supplementary information was admitted to the agenda by the Chair in relation to Agenda Item 9 – “Leaf Clearance Update and Performance Report 2013” and Agenda item 10 – “Children and Young People’s sub group report” (Minute Nos. 66 and 67 refer.)

### **61 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**

There were no declarations made.

### **62 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Townsley.

### **63 Minutes - 4th November 2013**

**RESOLVED** – The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved as a correct record.

### **64 Matters Arising**

#### Minute 51. Update on Welfare Benefit Changes

It was confirmed to members, that figures provided at Appendix 1 to the Update on Welfare Benefit Changes report had not yet been reviewed or had additional narrative added, but this information would be requested by officers.

## Minute No. 54 Annual Community Safety Report

With regards to vegetation covering CCTV cameras it was confirmed to members that a meeting of relevant officers had taken place to identify which cameras across the city were affected. This information will be circulated to members.

### **65 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 term of reference of the Area Committee.

A local resident asked members if they knew of any people finding it difficult to identify housing to either rent or buy. Members were also asked about their views on the Localism Act 2011.

A local resident asked whether Highways gave due consideration to how development affected traffic flow not only in the vicinity but also the knock on effect further away.

A local resident asked about the steps being taken to protect green space in Leeds and raised concern about proposals to build on land prone to flooding.

(Councillors Campbell and G Latty left the room whilst specific sites were discussed due to being Members of the City Plans Panel)

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved to refer the matters raised to the Chief Planning Officer for consideration and requested a response at the February meeting of the Committee.

### **66 Information Mobile Library**

The Community Development Manager (City Development) presented a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) which provided details on the new information mobile library.

Prior to discussing the report members of the Committee had the opportunity to view the facilities available in the mobile library.

Members asked questions about where in Leeds the Mobile Library would be focusing its resources. It was noted that there was only one vehicle for the whole of Leeds therefore it would be difficult to cover all areas. Members suggested that careful consideration needed to be given when identifying which groups of people the mobile libraries' resources should be focused upon.

Members also established what services would be on offer from the mobile library and that advice on technology would be included.

Members suggested to the officer present that the service might wish to consider collecting old computers, wiping the hard drive and reallocating them to others.

Members were informed that traditional library buildings have the same facilities on offer as the new mobile library in terms of IT learning provision and internet access.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **67 Leaf-clearance Update and Performance Report - 2013**

The Locality Manager (West and North West Leeds) presented his report. The report updated the Committee on the performance of this year's leaf clearance programme in Outer North West Leeds.

Members asked questions about the type of machinery currently used to clear leaves and what machinery will be used in the future.

Members considered the merits of various routes and areas which are swept more frequently. The Committee were informed that importance was placed on the main arterial routes in and out of Leeds City Centre to help keep gulleys clear and prevent flooding.

Consideration was given to the disposal of leaves following collection by the Locality Team; whether they were recycled and if the creation of 'leaf bins' was a possibility. The officer present confirmed he would look into this and inform members of his findings.

Following questions about support from the North West Inner Area, in terms of helping with leaf collection, it was confirmed that resources from the North West Inner Area had been used to assist the North West Outer Area.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved to:

- (a) Locality Manager (West and North West Leeds) provides information with regards to the disposal of leaves by the Locality Teams following collection; whether or not they were recycled and if the creation of 'leaf bins' was a possibility;
- Note the contents of the report.

## **68 Children & Young Peoples Sub Group**

Councillor P Latty presented her report which included the recommendations made by the Children and Young Person's sub group for the provision of youth activities across the Outer North West Area.

With regards to the minutes from the Children and Young People sub group of the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 it was confirmed that these were in draft version and would be taken to the next meeting of the sub group for approval. The draft minutes were included for information purposes as they pertained to discussions on the Youth Activity Fund applications and recommendations to approve or not.

Members discussed the merits and other sources of funding for the various projects.

**RESOLVED** - The Committee Resolved to approve the following recommendations as detailed within the supplementary information within Appendix A:

Project Name: Big Hoo Ha Studio Sessions  
Amount applied for: £2,510  
Lead Organisation: Big Hoo Ha  
Ward venue: Otley & Yeadon  
**APPROVED**

Project Name: Boiler Room  
Amount applied for: £1,738  
Lead Organisation: Horsforth Children's Services and Leeds Christian Community Trust  
Ward venue: Horsforth  
**APPROVED**

Project Name: The Drop  
Amount applied for: £2000  
Lead Organisation: Equilateral Media  
Ward venue: TBC  
**REFUSED**

Project Name: February Half Term Creative Writing Club  
Amount applied for: £150  
Lead Organisation: Aireborough Extended Services  
Ward venue: Guiseley & Rawdon  
**APPROVED**

Project Name: Inters Youth Club  
Amount applied for: £1694  
Lead Organisation: Horsforth Children's Services and Leeds Christian Community Trust  
Ward venue: Horsforth

**APPROVED**

Project Name: Multi Activity Holiday Programme  
Amount applied for: £2,000  
Lead Organisation: Guiseley Community Foundation  
Ward venue: Guiseley & Rawdon / Otley & Yeadon

**APPROVED**

Project Name: The Oddballs School of Theatrical Extravaganzas  
Amount applied for: £1,526  
Lead Organisation: Aireborough Extended Services  
Ward venue: Guiseley & Rawdon

**APPROVED**

Project Name: Outdoor Activity Project  
Amount applied for: £1077  
Lead Organisation: Leeds sailing and Activity Centre  
Ward: Otley & Yeadon

**REFUSED**

Project Name: Saturday Morning Dance and Gymnastics Club  
Amount applied for: £300  
Lead Organisation: Leeds Arts Academy  
Ward venue: Guiseley & Rawdon

**APPROVED**

Project Name: Community Learn to Skateboard Project  
Amount applied for: £1595  
Lead Organisation: Sk8 Safe Ltd in Partnership with Aireborough  
Extended Services  
Ward venue: Guiseley & Rawdon

**APPROVED**

Project Name: February Half Term Holiday Camp Guiseley School  
Amount applied for: £460  
Lead Organisation: Star Skills Sports Academy  
Ward: Horsforth

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Amount applied for: £460  
Lead Organisation: Star Skills Sports Academy  
Ward venue: Guiseley & Rawdon

**APPROVED**

Project Name: Up Our Street  
Amount applied for: £1085

Lead Organisation: Better Leeds Communities  
Ward venue: Horsforth  
**REFUSED**

Project Name: ESNW Cluster Youth Provision: Friday Night Project (Age 11 – 19); Junior Youth Provision (8 - 11)  
Amount applied for: £1630.40  
Lead Organisation: YMCA  
Ward venue: Adel & Wharfedale  
**APPROVED**

(Councillor Carter left the meeting at 15:28 during the discussion of this item.)

## 69 Wellbeing Fund Update Report

The Committee received a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) which provided Members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14. The report also highlighted the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting. Members discussed the sale of Council assets and where this money would be allocated. Members also sought clarification about the rules surrounding capital and revenue spend by Area Committees. Officers advised members that further information would be provided at the next Area Committee.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved:

- (a) To note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14 as set out within Appendix 1 of the submitted report;
- (b) To note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2013/14 as set out in Table 1 of the submitted report;
- (c) That the following be agreed in respect of those expressions of interest received for Wellbeing funding detailed at section 3.4 within the submitted report which have been received since the last Area Committee;

Project	Adel & Wharfedale	Guiseley & Rawdon	Horsforth	Otley & Yeadon	Decision
St Margaret's Parish Centre Acoustic Panels	-	-	£3,000	-	Approved

- (d) To note the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and the skip that has been approved since the last meeting as detailed within Table 2 and 3 of the submitted report.

(Councillor P Latty left the meeting at 16:10 during following discussion of this item.)

## **70 Area Update Report**

The Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) submitted a report which brought together a range of information relating to Area Committee business into a single report to update Members on recent sub group and forum business and also project and service activity.

Members discussed how best the Area Committee could work with Neighbourhood Forums and Town and Parish Councils within the North West Outer Area regarding neighbourhood planning. It was noted that a report on neighbourhood planning would be received by the Committee at its next meeting in February.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved to note the contents of the report.

## **71 Area Chairs Forum Minutes**

The Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) submitted a report which formally notified Members that the minutes of the Area Chairs Forum meetings will be brought to the Area Committee meetings as a regular agenda item, and to give a brief overview of the Area Chairs Forum meetings.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved that the contents of the report be noted.

## **72 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 2pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014, St Margaret's Parish Centre, Horsforth.