

## **INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 16TH JUNE, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Akhtar in the Chair

Councillors J Bentley, S Bentley,  
J Chapman, A Garthwaite, C Towler and  
N Walshaw

Prior to the start of the meeting, Members were informed of the tragic death of Jo Cox, MP for Batley and Spen. All present observed a minute's silence.

### **1 Open Forum**

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. The following was discussed:

- Hyde Park Unity Day – Members were asked for their support in requesting a later finishing time of 8.00 pm. The event was due to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016 and a meeting was due with West Yorkshire Police. It was agreed that representation would be made on behalf of the Inner North West Community Committee. Members were thanked for their support and for contributions from the Community Committee towards the Unity Day.
- Reference was made to a planning application to demolish the old Royal Park public house building on Hyde Park Road. The building which had been converted to student accommodation was due to be replaced with a new student accommodation block. The building was one of the oldest in Hyde Park.
- Attention was drawn to further planning applications in the area, many of which were conversions to or new student blocks with some in conservation areas and close to domestic housing.
- The Greater Headingley project carried out by the Headingley Development Trust. This covered Weetwood and Woodhouse areas and there had been no consultation with local organisations in those areas. Dissatisfaction was expressed that the project referred to Headingley and should not be speaking on behalf of other areas.
- Provision of a Peace Park in memorial to Muhammad Ali in recognition of his humanitarian work. Possible venues and a sporting theme were discussed. It was reported that there would be further consultation.

Following the Open Forum, the Community Committee adjourned to participate in the Community Committee Topic – Adult Learning in Inner North West Leeds.

## **2 Employment and Skills Update**

Following on from the Workshop discussion, the Community Committee received a report which gave an update on Employment and Skills Service Activity and key unemployment data for the Area.

Jane Hopkins, Head of Communities and Partnerships, Employment and Skills presented the report.

Key issues highlighted from the report included the following:

- There had been an increase in the number of young people accessing the service.
- There had been an improvement in the number of people improving skills.
- Victoria Gate Development – over 600 people had attended a recent employment roadshow at Great George Street which was the nearest accessible for Inner North West residents.
- There had been a successful Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair which had been attended by over 5,000 young people with parents and carers.
- Initiatives funded through the European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) – these included a back to work programme, local flexibilities and NEETs.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That a further update be received in 2017 to include detail and programme on the ESIF programme.

## **3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

With regard to the workshop topic discussion, Councillor A Garthwaite made it known that she was a Director of Vera Media which had contracts with Leeds City Council to deliver adult education.

#### **4 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Harper and J Pryor.

#### **5 Minutes - 18 May 2016**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **6 Community Committee Appointments 2016/2017**

The report of the City Solicitor invited the Community Committee to make appointments to outside bodies, the Corporate Carer's Group, Community Committee Area Lead Members and Children's Services Cluster Partnerships.

**RESOLVED** – That the following appointments be made for the 2016/17 Municipal Year:

##### **Outside Bodies:**

Cardigan Centre	-	Councillor N Walshaw
Swarthmore Education Centre	-	Councillor C Towler
Ireland Wood Children's Centre Management Committee	-	Councillor S Bentley

##### **Community Lead Members:**

Environment & Community Safety	-	Councillor A Garthwaite
Children's Services	-	Councillor N Walshaw
Employment, Skills and Welfare	-	Councillor J Akhtar
Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care	-	Councillor J Pryor

##### **Cluster Partnerships**

Extended Services North West	-	Councillor J Chapman
Inner NW Hub	-	Councillor J Pryor
Open XS	-	Councillor C Towler

##### **Corporate Carers Group**

Councillor N Walshaw

## **7 Nominations to Community Committee Sub-Groups**

The report of the West North West Area Leader set out the roles of the Inner North West Community Committee Sub Groups and sought nominations for Chairs to the sub groups.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the following appointments be made to Sub Groups for the 2016/17 Municipal Year:

#### Children & Young People

Cllr N Walshaw - Chair

Cllr C Towler

Cllr S Bentley

#### Planning

Cllr N Walshaw - Chair

Cllr S Bentley

Cllr J Illingworth (Inner West Community Committee)

#### Environment

Cllr A Garthwaite – Chair

Cllr J Bentley

Cllr C Towler

## **8 Community Committee nominations to Housing Advisory Panels (HAP)**

The report of the Chief Officer, Housing Management sought Ward Councillor nominations from the Community Committee to the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel (HAP).

It was reported that up to one Member from each Ward could be nominated.

**RESOLVED –** That the following Members be nominated to the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel for the 2016/17 Municipal year:

Councillor J Akhtar – Hyde Park and Woodhouse

Councillor J Pryor – Headingley

Councillor S Bentley – Weetwood

## **9 Wellbeing Fund update for 2016/17 and end of year monitoring report for 2015/16**

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided the Inner North West Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activity Fund for 2016/17 and the current position of the small grants and skips pot. It also provided end of year monitoring for 2015/16.

The report also asked that the Committee review the minimum conditions for taking delegated decisions outside of Community Committee meetings.

Members' attention was brought to remaining funds available from the various budgets and also to the minimum conditions required for delegated decisions including the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17 be noted.
- (2) That the content of the end of year monitoring return for projects funded in 2015/16 be noted.
- (3) That the current position of the small grants and skips pot and those small grants and skips that have been approved since the last meeting be noted.
- (4) That the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this be noted.
- (5) That the YAF application from SK8 Safe for £1,100 be approved.
- (6) That the minimum conditions for taking delegated decisions outside of Community Committees and the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund as set out in the report be approved.

## **10 Area Update Report**

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided Members with a summary of recent sub group and forum business as well as a general update on other project activity.

With regards to the Planning Sub Group, Members were informed of recent issues discussed including large planning applications, HMOs and neighbourhood planning. Reference was also made to recent meetings of the Environment and Children & Young People's Sub groups.

Members' attention was also brought to the Inner North West Community Plan, Community Centre free lets, Hyde Park Business Forum and the Area Update Newsletter.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the key messages from sub groups be noted.
- (2) That the community centre free lets approved since the last meeting be noted.
- (3) That the update from the Inner North West HAP be noted.
- (4) That the Inner North West Community Committee update newsletter be noted.

## **11 Lettings Policy Review Consultation Update**

The report of the Director of Housing and Environment updated the Committee on the latest information with regards to lettings policy review consultation. Executive Board had agreed to commence consultation on proposed changes to Housing Leeds' current lettings framework with a view to approving a revised policy in September/October 2016.

The consultation commenced with two Elected Member sessions in early March 2016. This had been followed by further consultation with local tenant and resident groups, statutory and voluntary sector partners and individual tenants and residents.

The paper provided an update on progress with the consultation to date, and some feedback on the key themes to emerge so far.

The report set out the proposals being consulted on to the council's lettings, including the development of a tenant transfer list, a review of the lettings policy and a new approach to community lettings policies.

The report set out the proposed consultation process and timescales for implementation of the new policies.

Issues highlighted from the report included the following:

- Allocation of properties – there were over four and a half thousand lettings in the previous year with twenty four thousand applications on the register.
- The policy was last reviewed in 2013.
- Tenant transfer – in response to a question and concerns that existing tenants got re-housed before others were offered, it was reported that cases of under and over occupancy needed to be addressed to free up homes for others.
- Pre-tenancy training for young people.

**RESOLVED** – That the report and proposals set out in the lettings policy consultation be noted.

## **12 Inner North West Community Committee Briefing Neighbourhood Team - June 2016**

The report of the Chief Officer Access & Care Delivery, Adult Social Care highlighted steps taken to provide an integrated service for District Nursing, Community Matrons, Intermediate Care Services and area-based Social Work which formerly operated to geographical populations with therapy services spread across intermediate care and domiciliary physiotherapy.

Issues highlighted from the report included the following:

- Steps taken to provide integrated services for Social Workers and District nurses.

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to be held on Thursday, 22nd September, 2016

- There were 13 neighbourhood bases across the City, 3 of which covered the Inner North West area.
- The neighbourhood teams had created a single point of access and also worked closely with a cluster of GPs.
- Main aims included the reduction in unplanned hospital admissions and to provide more timely discharges.
- Co-location of services had improved case management with input from all services including GPs.
- Mental Health – The teams did have mental health liaison workers and dementia support workers.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

**13 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 22 September 2016 at 7.00 p.m.