

INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor E Taylor in the Chair

Councillors R Charlwood, J Dowson,
S Hamilton, G Hussain, C Macniven,
M Rafique and A Sobel

Approximately 20 representatives of the local community, organisations and stakeholders attended the meeting.

- 20 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**
There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.
- 21 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**
The agenda contained no exempt information.
- 22 Late Items**
No formal late items of business were added to the agenda.
- 23 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**
No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made.
- 24 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from Councillor Tunnicliffe.
- 25 Open Forum**
No matters were raised under the Open Forum.
- 26 Minutes of the previous meeting**
RESOLVED – The minutes of the previous meeting held 20th June 2016 were approved as a correct record.
- 27 Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.
- 28 Leeds Culture Strategy 2017-2030**
Members received the report of the Chief Officer, Culture & Sport on the approach taken to develop the new Culture Strategy for Leeds 2017-30. The report had been considered in detail with local residents, partners and stakeholders during the informal workshop session held prior to the formal meeting.

Leanne Buchan, Culture & Sport Development, attended the meeting and had presented the key issues during the workshop, which included the following:

- The consultation undertaken so far and the new approach to consultation seeking input to develop the Strategy

- The definition of the term 'culture' (to include community, food, faith and place)
- The value of 'culture' to communities; in terms of addressing health, wealth and inequality, planning for public spaces etc

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the contents of the report
- b) To note that the comments made during the workshop session will be used to inform the development of the new Culture Strategy.

29 Leeds Bid to become European Capital of Culture 2023

Members received the report of the Chief Officer, Culture & Sport on Leeds' bid to become European Capital of Culture 2023. The report had been considered in detail with local residents, partners and stakeholders during the informal workshop session held prior to the formal meeting.

Leanne Buchan, Culture & Sport Development, attended the meeting and had presented the key issues during the workshop which included the following:

- The benefits to the city in terms of promotion and transformation of the city, raising the international profile and economic awareness of the city
- The impact of the outcome of the European Referendum on the bid

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the contents of the report
- b) To note that the comments made during the workshop will be used to contribute to the bid for European Capital of Culture 2023.

30 Community Committee Update Report

Neil Pentelow, Area Officer, presented an update on the work programme of the Inner North East CC, its recent successes and challenges. The report also provided an outline of the main issues discussed by the Member advisory sub groups and the progress of the Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships.

Councillor Rafique, Inner North East CC Champion for Community Safety, reported on the work of the ENE Community Safety Partnership, including devising a "plan on a page" approach to presenting the Partnerships' priorities, and ongoing work to address anti-social behaviour in the Stonegate estate area and to establish a Neighbourhood Watch in the Mexborough's.

Councillor Macniven, Inner North East CC Champion for Adult Social Care reported on the extensive ongoing work to integrate adult services, specifically to secure the availability of a wider variety of services at the Frederick Hurdle Day Centre.

The CC noted the community events held in the Inner North East CC area since the last meeting and Members paid particular tribute to the organisers, participants and attendees at the Leeds West Indian Carnival/Leeds Black Music Event held back to back over August Bank Holiday weekend.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and discussions be noted.

31 Wellbeing Report

Neil Pentelow, Area Officer, presented the report on the Committee's current budget position which included decisions taken under delegated authority for the area since the last CC meeting and new wellbeing applications submitted for consideration at this meeting.

During discussions, comments regarding the following were noted:

- Top-sliced allocation for Flower planters (£2,050); their location and maintenance
- Top-sliced allocation for CCTV provision (£7,500) and whether the contract for provision was three or five years
- Provision of a future base for the Friday Night Club (£2,200)
- Monitoring the activity and progress of previously funded projects

RESOLVED

- a) To note the current balances for the 2016/17 and the spend to date against these budgets as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report
- b) To note the spend to date against budget headings for the 2016/17 financial year
- c) To note the delegated decisions made since the last meeting of the Inner North East Community Committee (20th June 2016) as outlined in paragraph 15 of the submitted report
- d) That, having considered the applications, the project proposals (as outlined in paragraphs 17 to 23 of the report) and Member' comments, the following be agreed:

Wellbeing Fund Project	Granted
Fusion Café @ Reginald Centre	£1,928.36
Gateway @ Chapeltown	£8,000
Money and Benefit Buddies	£1,473
Community Participation & Learning	£1,000
Youth Activity Fund Project	
Bonfire Night	£2,400
Friday Night Club	£2,200

32 Employment and Skills Update

Members considered a report from the Chief Officer, Employment & Skills on Employment and Skills Service activity and key unemployment data for the Inner North East area.

Councillor G Hussain, Inner North East CC Champion for Employment & Skills introduced the item and highlighted the role and priorities of the ENE Employment and Skills Board.

Keri Evans, Employment & Skills (Communities & Partnerships) presented the report and provided an outline of:

- The uptake of support through the Job shop services
- The provision of Workplace Leeds mental health support at the Reginald Centre, with staff being offered specific training to support individuals

- The work undertaken to review services and identify gaps or link existing service offers to better support young people and those over 50 years
- Information Sessions to promote the service and inform residents of the vacancies available.
- The bids made to secure funding from the European Structural Investment Fund (ESIF) to support future employment & skills work. In response to a query, it was agreed that details of the local providers of ESIF funded schemes and Adult Learning schemes would be provided to directly to Members

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report.

33 Leeds Transport Conversation

The Committee considered a report on the Transport Conversation and engagement process. The report sought feedback and input on the future strategic approach to transport in the city, as well as the development of proposals and a delivery plan for the £173m fund due to be allocated to Leeds following the cancellation of the NGT project.

Andrew Hall, Head of Transportation, City Development, introduced the report and sought the community's' views on transport concerns and problems along with ideas for local solutions. Two key elements of the consultation were highlighted as being:

- Proposals to utilise the £173 m former trolleybus funding
- The production of a wider Transport Strategy for the next 20 years

The Committee made use of the "Community Comment" agenda item to discuss the presentation in detail with local residents and the following issues and suggestions were considered:

- The issues already identified on the existing network, such as congestion on the A660 and Chapeltown Road
- Reliability, cost, cleanliness, timetabling and connectivity between wards were identified as reasons for the decrease in bus use. A suggestion was made to extend the No.38 bus route across the city to include employment sites at Leeds Hospitals and the Aire Valley, which could improve passenger numbers and automatically connect with Harehills. The intention to invite West Yorkshire Combined Authority to future transport workshops to discuss the ongoing work with bus service providers was noted.
- Links to HS2 and the Northern Powerhouse
- The forthcoming upgrade of carriage stock for the Northern/Trans-Pennine routes
- The possible deadline by which the £173m must be spent
- The need to recognise that some initiatives – such as cycle routes - are not suitable for all residents and the strategy must ensure that future proposals are accessible for all.
- Recognition of the experiences of older and/or vulnerable people when relying on transport and the need to include independent transport initiatives – such as the Access Bus- in the wider transport strategy

The Committee noted the intention to facilitate further local consultation to inform the transport strategy; and supported further publicity to encourage as many people as possible, with a wide range of transport needs, to take part

RESOLVED –

- a) To thank officers for the presentation and to note the contents of the report
- b) To note the intention to facilitate further local consultation to inform the transport strategy
- c) To note the wider strategic context of the Transport Conversation which will extend beyond a first phase conversation into the Spring/ Summer of next year, informing a wider transport strategy for the City and your area over the next 20 years
- d) To note the Department of Transport £173.5 million offer for public transport improvements, in the context of a currently planned report to Executive Board on the 19th October and the planned submission of strategic investment case to the Department of Transport.
- e) To note the initial feedback provided and indicators of key priorities for transport investment in the city and the local Inner North East community.

34 Community Comment

No further matters were raised.

35 Date and time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Monday 5th December 2016 at 6.30pm.