

SOUTH (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

Councillors J Blake, D Congreve,
D Coupar, P Davey, G Driver, M Iqbal and
A Ogilvie

18 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the September meeting of the South (Inner) Area Committee.

19 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Driver declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 10, Well-Being Budget (well-being fund application relating to Belle Isle Health and Well-Being Project) due to being a Member of Belle Isle Elderly Winter Aid (Minute No. 26 refers).

Councillors Blake and Gabriel declared personal interests in relation to agenda item 10, Well-Being Budget (well-being fund applications relating to Holbeck Health and Well-Being Partnership; and the Cupboard Project) due to being Members of Health for All (Leeds) (Minute No. 26 refers).

Councillor Ogilvie declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 10, Well-Being Budget (well-being fund application by South Leeds Community Radio) due to being a Director of South Leeds Community Radio (Minute No. 26 refers).

20 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was submitted by Councillor Nash.

21 Minutes - 23rd June 2009

RESOLVED –

- (a) That minute nos. 12-16 be ratified; and
- (b) That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

22 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute No. 10 – 'Well-Being Fund – 2009/10 Proposals'

It was reported that a meeting had taken place involving Area Management and Councillor Nash (Ward Member for City and Hunslet) to discuss the capital well-being allocation for the City and Hunslet Ward, particularly in relation to earmarking funds for improvements to Hunslet Library. It had been advised by Area Management that project proposals for the future of the library had not been progressed and it was necessary therefore to consider other potential schemes and projects utilising the capital well-being allocation. These were currently being developed by the Area Management Team.

Minute No. 16 – ‘Actions and Achievements Report’

Members emphasised the need to review arrangements relating to the sustainability and succession of community groups supported through the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) programmes. The Deputy Area Manager advised that a progress and evaluation report on the NIPs, together with proposals relating to the sustainability of resident groups established through the NIPs, would be submitted to the November Area Committee meeting.

Minute No. 11 – ‘CCTV Annual Report 2008/09’

It was reported that the CCTV Co-ordinator had agreed to split the budget allocation for the city centre and the rest of City and Hunslet Ward.

Minute No. 17 – ‘Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings’

Members agreed to re-arrange the November Area Committee meeting to take place on Wednesday, 11th November 2009.

Minute No.8 – ‘Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies’

The Area Committee was informed that there was a vacancy for a Member to serve on Holbeck Elderly Aid Management Committee. It was reported that the Area Committee had previously allocated funding to the organisation on the basis that it covered part of the City of Hunslet Ward as well as Beeston and Holbeck. It was reported that since all Members of the Beeston and Holbeck Ward had served on Holbeck Elderly Aid Management Committee, nominations for a City and Hunslet Ward Member were particularly welcome.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Davey be appointed to serve as the Council’s representative on Holbeck Elderly Aid Management Committee for the remainder of the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

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

A local resident raised concern about parking arrangements on New Princes Street. It was reported that the Highways Department were looking into the issue. Area Management agreed to report back with an update at the next meeting.

24 Residual Waste Treatment PFI Project Update and Presentation

The Head of Waste Management submitted a report which updated Members on the programme of communications activity supporting the Residual Waste Treatment PFI project.

Appended to the report was a document outlining 'Communications about the Residual Waste Treatment Facility – August to December 2009'.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting, Tom Smith, Head of Performance Management and Service Improvement, Environmental Services, to present the report and respond to Members' questions and comments.

A DVD presentation on 'What Leeds is doing with its waste' was provided.

The main areas of discussion were:

- Confirmation that all the proposals involved some type of thermal treatment.
- The need for wider consultation with households beyond a 1 mile radius.
- Concern about transport issues, particularly waste being transported through South Leeds and the associated health risks.
- The need for clarification about proposed traffic routes to and from the waste transfer site at Kirkstall Road.
- Clarification about how many residents had registered to receive information or attend a briefing. It was reported that to date no residents had registered as the Area Committees were the start of the communications programme, which would start in October. Members requested that confirmation of the number of individuals involved be reported on a monthly basis.
- Concern that all the proposals were located in the Aire Valley.
- Concern about the impact of the proposals on local residents and businesses.
- Confirmation that officers had visited other sites using gasification. It was agreed to report back to Members with confirmation of these sites.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report and information appended to the report be noted; and
- (b) That the Area Committee receives a further report back on the proposals following confirmation of the final two bidders.

25 Consultation on Day Services for Older People

The Chief Officer of Support and Enablement, Adult Social Care, submitted a report which presented proposals for consultation on day services for older people.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting, Lynda Bowen, Chief Officer of Support and Enablement, Adult Social Care, to present the report and respond to Members' questions and comments.

In brief summary, the main areas of discussion were:

- Confirmation that Holbeck Day Centre was the only day centre to be affected in the inner south area of Leeds.
- Concern that the report only contained a limited amount of area based information.
- Concern that Members had not been adequately informed about the consultation process.
- Concern that the report had not addressed the following key areas; information about alternative day centre provision; and the impact on the local community and neighbourhood networks.

Members requested that a revised report be submitted to the next Area Committee meeting in November. There was also a request that the Director of Adult Social Services attended the meeting to present the report and address Members' concerns.

RESOLVED – That the Area Committee receives a revised report at the next meeting in November and that the Director of Adult Social Services be asked to attend the meeting to present the report and address Members' concerns.

26 Well-Being Budget

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report which contained details of proposed projects and activities to deliver local actions relating to the agreed themes and outcomes of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP). In addition, the report outlined an approval process for the use of the commissioning pots allocated to the themes of the ADP.

The Area Management Officer, Sheila Fletcher, presented the report and responded to Members' questions and comments.

In brief summary, the main areas of discussion were:

- Concern that priorities relating to the Belle Isle Health and Well-Being Project mainly targeted older people and the need for greater engagement with children and families.
- Confirmation that local residents had opted against funding Middleton Bright Ideas proposed CCTV project on Decision Day and funds had therefore returned to the Middleton Ward pot allocation.

- It was reported that in relation to the small grant application by Friends of Middleton Park, there had been an administrative error and funding was being allocated from the Middleton Park budget, not jointly from Middleton Park and Beeston and Holbeck.
- There was a request for a breakdown of total commitments for 2009/10. Area Management agreed to report back with this information.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report and information appended to the report, be noted;
- (b) That the proposed approval process for use of the commissioning pots allocated to the themes of the ADP, be approved;
- (c) That the following decisions be made in relation to projects from the well-being commissioning pots:

- Belle Isle Health & Well-Being Project, Health and Well-Being Pot – £3,000 – **Approved**
- Holbeck Health & Well-Being Project, Health and Well-Being Pot – £3,000 – **Approved**
- Leeds Ahead, Enterprise and Economy Pot – £3,750 – **Approved**

- (d) That the following decisions be made in relation to grant applications for well-being funds:

- Leeds City Credit Union – £10,000 a year for two years (subject to appropriate funding allocation to the Area Committee for 2010/11) – **Approved**
- Health for All (Leeds) – The Cupboard Project – £10,000 – **Approved**
- LCC Parks and Countryside – Shafton Lane Allotments – £7,600 – **Approved**
- South Leeds Community Radio – Radio Broadcast (November - December 2009) – £10,600 (revenue) and £1,500 (capital) – **Approved.**

- (e) That the proposed approval process for determining Small Grants, be approved; and
- (f) That the proposed reporting process of Area Well-Being Funding, be approved.

27 Community Engagement Activity in Inner South Leeds

The South East Area Manager submitted a report which provided feedback on community engagement events that had taken place and which also outlined future community engagement activity.

The dates for the Autumn 2009 Community Engagement Events were confirmed as follows:

- Tuesday 13th October 2009 at New Bewerley Community Primary School
- Thursday 15th October 2009 at Cottingley Primary School
- Wednesday 11th November 2009 at Windmill Primary School.

Members were informed that a report on Year of the Volunteer 2010 would be submitted to the next Area Committee meeting in November.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted; and
- (b) That the dates and venues for Autumn 2009 events be approved.

28 Actions and Achievements Report

The Area Committee considered a report from the South East Area Manager which updated Members on the actions and achievements of the Area Management Team since the last meeting.

The following information was appended to the report for Members' information:

- Minutes of the Area Employment, Enterprise and Training Partnership meeting held on 5th August, 2009;
- Minutes of the South East Leeds Health and Wellbeing Partnership meeting held on 28th July, 2009; and
- Minutes of the South Leeds Community Safety Partnership meeting held on 19th June 2009.

The Acting Area Manager presented the report and responded to Members' questions and comments.

In brief summary, the main points of discussion were:

- There was concern about the level of mobile youth bus provision in the Beeston and Holbeck Ward compared to other Wards in the inner south area. Area Management agreed to raise this issue with the service provider and report back.
- One Member expressed concern about the new Pricing and Lettings Policy, particularly in relation to invoices that had been issued to individual Members for holding Member surgeries at Council buildings. Members were advised to submit any invoices they received to their Group Office. The Governance Officer agreed to report back with clarification on this issue.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report and information appended to the report be noted; and
- (b) That the allocation of SSCF carry forward funds, as outlined in paragraphs 34-35 of the report, be approved.

29 Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings

* Wednesday 11th November, 2009
(Belle Isle Family Centre, St John and Barnabas Church, Belle Isle Road, LS10 3PG)

Thursday 7th January, 2010
(Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR)

Wednesday 10th February, 2010
(St Matthew's Community Centre, St Matthew's Street, LS11 9NR)

Thursday 25th March, 2010.
(Tenant's Hall, Acre Close, Middleton, LS10 4HX)

(All meetings to commence at 6.30 pm).

* Please note that this meeting was originally scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 3rd November 2009.

(The meeting concluded at 8.21 pm).