

WEST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor D Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn, M Coulson,
J Hardy, R Lewis and R Wood

CO-OPTEE: Rev Kingley Dowling

APOLOGIES: Councillors A Carter and J Jarosz and
Liz Navin -Jones

22 Late Items/Supplementary Information

Further to Minute No.10, 9th July 2010, information was distributed at the meeting relating to bus ticketing issues (see later Minute No. 27).

23 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

(NB: Councillor A Blackburn joined the meeting at 2.08 pm, during this item.)

24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Carter and J Jarosz and Liz Navin-Jones, Co-Optee.

25 Open Forum

Reference was made to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure Rules for an Open Forum session to take place at every ordinary meeting of an Area Committee, whereby members of the public could ask questions or make representations on any matter which fell within the remit of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no such matters were raised.

26 Minutes - 9th July 2010

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

27 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) Children's Services – Performance Monitoring at Area Committee Level (Minute No. 6 refers)

Amanda Jackson reported that she had today circulated the requested information on teenage pregnancy rates, via email.

- b) Appointment of Co-Optees and Thematic Champions 2010/11 (Minute No. 8 refers)

The Acting Area Manager indicated that a report on Area Committee delegated powers was due to be submitted to the next meeting. In view of this, it was agreed to defer further consideration regarding the appointment of Thematic Champions 2010/11,

- c) Bus Services – Numbers 9 and 90 (Minute No.10 refers)

Further to Minute No.10, 9th July 2010, information was circulated regarding ticketing issues in West Yorkshire.

The Chair indicated that his original complaint had related to the fact that, previously, the operating times of these two services had only been 4 minutes apart. However, since Centrebus had taken over the routes, he was pleased to report that a more sensible schedule had been introduced.

28 Community Forum Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Pudsey and Swinnow Community Forum meeting held on 18th May 2010 be received and noted.

29 ALMO Outer West Area Panel Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ALMO Outer West Area Panel meeting held on 19th June 2010 be received and noted.

30 Community Safety - Update Report

Inspector Richard Cawkwell and Gill Hunter, Divisional Community Safety Co-ordinator, presented a report updating Members regarding community safety issues within the Committee's area.

Reference was made to the Cottingley Springs engagement day which took place on 24th August, the difficulties of easily accessing fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, etc, for site residents, and the possibility of encouraging the residents to establish a food co-operative. Tim Taylor, the Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager, undertook to forward this suggestion to an appropriate colleague.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

31 Children's Services - Performance Update Report

The Interim Director of Children's Services submitted a report updating Members on the performance monitoring arrangements for Area Committees in respect of Children's Services, and containing detailed information on a Ward by Ward basis relating to the numbers of looked after children, the number of referrals for investigation and how quickly these were dealt with.

Amanda Jackson and Mike Brown, Children's Services, attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments. In brief summary, the main issues raised were:-

- Members requested to be supplied with contact details/telephone numbers in respect of both the Daytime Screening Team and the Out of Hours Duty Officer.
- Variances in figures across the City could be explained by various factors – in many ways it mirrored the indices of deprivation, and was related to income levels, transient populations, family breakdowns, challenging behaviour at home, truancy and exclusion levels, anti-social behaviour, substance abuse, domestic violence, physical and sexual abuse and mental health issues.
- Farnley and Wortley and Bramley were teenage pregnancy hotspots, and a Young Person's Sexual Development Officer had been appointed. Councillor A Blackburn was nominated as Member liaison to meet with this officer, all local Members to be kept informed of developments.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above comments, the report be received and noted.

32 Health and Wellbeing - Update Report

Tim Taylor, Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager, attended the meeting and presented a report updating the Committee on the establishment of multi-agency Health and Wellbeing Partnerships across the City, and how initial priorities had been developed.

The cost and content of school meals was raised as an issue and whether parents had to pay a full £2 per day, per child, which could be prohibitive, or whether the system was flexible enough to allow a 'mix and match' approach, at a lower cost, dependent on pupils' needs/preferences? The Area Manager undertook to put the Member concerned in contact with an officer from Education Leeds.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

33 Community Engagement Programme - Update

RESOLVED – That the report on the WNW Area Management Team’s community engagement programme, including the use of the Citizens’ Panel, be received and noted.

34 Community Centres Report

Item withdrawn – report back to next meeting.

35 Wellbeing Projects 2009-10 - Progress Report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report updating the Committee on progress in respect of projects approved in 2009/10.

- West Leeds Visitor Centre – Members raised concerns regarding alleged access problems relating to the Centre and requested a report back to the next meeting.
- Mobile Youth Bus – Members asked for a report back regarding why the mobile youth bus was still off the road, despite the Committee giving them a grant earlier this year.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above comments, the report be received and noted.

36 Forward Plan for October

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

37 Dates, Times and Venues of Future Area Committee Meetings

Friday, 15th October 2010, Farnley Hall
Friday, 17th December 2010, Pudsey Civic Centre
Friday, 28th January 2011, Tyresal Social Club*
Friday, 25th March 2011, Farnley Hall

All at 2.00 pm.

*Please note new venue.

The meeting concluded at 4.14 pm.