

NORTH EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor G Wilkinson in the Chair

Councillors A Castle, D Cohen,
R D Feldman, P Harrand, A Lamb,
J Procter and M Robinson

69 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the February meeting of North East (Outer) Area Committee.

In particular he also welcomed James Rogers, Assistant Chief Executive, Customer Access and Performance.

James was attending all ten Area Committees as part of his familiarisation induction as an observer.

70 Declaration of Interests

The following personal declaration of interest was made at the meeting:-

- Councillor A Lamb in his capacity as a provider of school meals (Agenda Item 10) (Minute 78 refers)

71 Late Item

There were no formal late items of business to consider, however the Chair agreed to accept the following supplementary item which had been circulated to Members' prior to the meeting:-

- Wellbeing fund – Small Grant Application - Community Support for vulnerable and disabled older people project – Moor Allerton Elderly Care (Agenda item 8) (Minute 76 refers)

The document was not available at the time of the agenda despatch, but made available on the Council's website following the meeting.

72 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor R Procter.

73 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.

On this occasion, there were no matters raised under this item by members of the public.

74 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

75 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) Annual Report for Parks and Countryside Services in North East Outer Area Committee (Minute 58 c) refers)

The Chair enquired on the availability of a copy of the protocol used for calculating the visitor figures/resident surveys from Parks and Countryside.

Carole Clark, East North East Area Management responded and confirmed that a copy had been e mailed to Members of the Area Committee.

- b) Leeds Citizens Panel in Support of Locality Working (Minute 62 refers)

Councillor J Procter enquired on the availability of the relevant information sought at the last meeting in relation to this issue.

Carole Clark, East North East Area Management responded and confirmed that a copy of the relevant information had been e mailed to Members of the Area Committee in a zip file format in view of the large number of documents contained within the file.

- c) School Demographic Update Report (Minute 63 refers)

The Chair enquired if any progress had been made on this issue since the last meeting.

Carole Clark, East North East Area Management responded and informed the meeting that a meeting had been set up between the Wetherby and Harewood Ward Members to discuss this issue in greater detail.

Councillor J Procter raised his concerns that monies committed to a Section 106 agreement in relation to the Church Fields development in Boston Spa had not been considered by the Children's Services Directorate . It was reported that this issue would be discussed at the Wetherby and Harewood Ward Members meeting.

In conclusion, Councillor Procter requested the Director of Children's Services to attend the Area Committee to explain this omission.

The East North East Area Leader responded and agreed to convey these comments back to Lesley Savage, Senior Planning and Bids Manager, Children's Services.

d) Welfare Reform (Minute 64 refers)

Councillor P Harrand enquired if a reply had been received to a letter sent by the Chair to Alec Shelbrooke, MP raising his serious concerns over the proposal to pay housing benefit direct to tenants.

The Chair responded and confirmed that he had received a reply from Lord Freud, Minister for Welfare Reform and he agreed to circulate a copy to Members of the Committee.

76 Well Being Fund Capital and Revenue Budgets

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report on an update on the current position of the capital and revenue budget for the Outer North East and setting out applications made for consideration by the Area Committee.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- Outer North East Area Committee Well-Being Budget 2011-12 (Appendix 1 refers)
- Outer North East Area Management Capital Budget Information (Appendix 2 refers)

Carole Clark, East North East Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

RESOLVED-

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That this Committee notes the spend to date and current balances for the 2011/12 financial year as outlined in the report now submitted.
- c) That the following project proposals be dealt with as follows:-

Project /Organisation	Decision
Boston Spa Youth Group	Approved £900, subject to match funding being received from the ENE Homes Leeds Outer North East Area Panel
Northcall	Deferred to enable this item to be considered by the ENE Homes Leeds Outer North East Area Panel and North East (Inner) Area Committee and for the general issue of match funding to be discussed further at the next Member Ward Meeting

MAECare Promoting Partnerships	Deferred to enable this item to be considered by the ENE Homes Leeds Outer North East Area Panel and North East (Inner) Area Committee and for the general issue of match funding to be discussed further at the next Member Ward Meeting
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- d) That approval be given to the small grant application of £350.00 for the Community Support for vulnerable and disabled people project received from Moor Allerton Elderly Care.
- e) That the East North East Area Leader be requested to arrange a meeting between the Alwoodley Ward Members, Director of Adult Social Services and WISE in Wetherby to discuss how WISE manage their funding and allocate funding schemes with a report back on progress at the next meeting in March 2012.
- f) That in relation to Treetops Community Centre, approval be given to the arrangement to engage a volunteer to open and close the building for other users who were not key holders in accordance with the report now submitted.

77 **Business Plan Priorities**

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report setting out the draft priorities for the Area Committee business plan for 2012/13, together with details of how the priorities and associated actions were prepared. Following discussions with ward members it was proposed that the 2011/12 priorities were rolled forward for 2012/13 with an additional one under the 'business heading'.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document entitled 'Outer North East Community Charter Priorities 2012/13' for the information/comment of the meeting.

Carole Clark, East North East Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That approval be given to the Outer North East Community Charter Priorities for 2012/13 in accordance with the report now submitted.

78 **Health and Wellbeing Update Report**

The Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager (East North East Area) submitted a report outlining how the national agenda was shaping the work of the East North East Health and Wellbeing partnership and providing a progress report on how key health issues were being addressed in the context of the Outer North East Leeds Area Committee.

Liz Bailey, Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager (East North East Area), Adult Social Care presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- clarification of the meaning of 'MSOA' (Middle Super Output Areas) within the context of the report
- clarification of the originator behind the definition 'wealthy achievers' as referred to in paragraph 3.5 of the report
(The Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager responded and confirmed that this was a term used by Acorn, a nationwide population segmentation tool. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the meeting that this definition was totally inappropriate as some people living in Wetherby for example were not affluent)
- clarification of those in attendance at an outcome based accountability session that took place in October 2011 and whether Elected Members were invited
(The Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager responded and confirmed that Elected Member Health Champions had been invited and that Councillor Wilkinson had attended the follow up session. She outlined the purpose of the sessions, the output from them, objectives for the work and the current involvement of Cluster Champions in this area. Members noted that there was a need to improve better links with Children's partnerships, but requested that a commitment should be given to bring the Health Service and other interested parties together by engaging further within the health clusters. The Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager acknowledged this view)
- clarification of the percentage figures in relation to those living in Moor Allerton who were described as 'hard pressed' and of the need for the maps to identify specific street data to assist Ward Members in their deliberations
- clarification of the smoking prevalence figures in paragraph 3.11 and the reasons why Moor Allerton was slightly higher than other areas
- the concerns expressed of the cost implications for people living in Alwoodley having to travel by bus or car to access the facilities at Scott Hall Leisure Centre and of the need to give more publicity of those walking groups located in Alwoodley
(The Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager responded and agreed to consult with the walking groups with a view to raising their profile)
- clarification of where the pockets of deprivation were within the North East Outer area and the cost implications of training 25 walk leaders
(The Health and Wellbeing Manager responded and stated that Moor Allerton had been identified as the most needy MSOA . In terms of the Volunteer Health walk training, as there was no budget for this evidence based work, cost effectiveness was essential. The training

took place in a free of charge building and the training and after training support to newly formed group leaders was provided by Janet Smith, the Health Improvement Officer, which equated to the value of her time)

- clarification of the resources available to tackle the MSOA profiles identified in Appendix B attached to the report on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Area Profiles
(The Health Improvement Officer responded and confirmed that if priorities were agreed, resources would need to be identified through a collective process)
- clarification of which directorate was responsible for the post of Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager and the staffing resources available to assist that post
(The Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager responded and confirmed that Adult Social Services was the lead department and that she was one of a team of two people)
- the need for a A3 coloured map to be produced in respect of the Neighbourhood Index information sheet for the Harewood Ward Members
(Carole Clark, East North East Area Management responded and agreed to comply with this request)
- clarification of whether free school meals can be provided to children without other children knowing and thereby saving any embarrassment
- the need to address the serious issue of areas being penalised because of some people being too proud to make a claim that was entitled to them
(The Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager responded and stated there were a number of reasons why families didn't take up their entitlement. Some measures had been taken in some schools to counteract stigma, but there was more work to be done at a number of levels)

In concluding, the East North East Area Leader welcomed the emerging priorities outlined in the report and invited Ward Members for the North East Outer area to feed back their local issues to officers which would lead to better neighbourhoods and greater knowledge of these health needs in areas where there was high deprivation.

RESOLVED-

- a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- b) That in relation to providing suggestions for building on and further developing health improvement work in outer North East area, this Committee support this area of work on health and wellbeing and that appropriate actions be made on the health agenda through the clusters.

79 **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Area Profiles**

The Consultant in Public Health submitted a report updating the Outer North East Area Committee on the emerging priorities for this area flowing from the refresh of the Leeds Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- A Tale of 2 MSOS's (Middle Super Output Area Profiles) – The best and the worst middle super output areas within Outer North East (Appendix A refers)
- Outer North East Area Committee MSOA Profiles (Appendix B refers)

Lucy Jackson, Consultant in Public Health and Nicola Stephens, Senior Information and Performance Manager, Leeds NHS presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- the need for the Committee to be supplied with statistical evidence which showed the number of people who had made successful improvements to their health as a result of the figures
(The Consultant in Public Health responded and confirmed that this detail would be included in the next paper for consideration by the Committee)
- the need to look at the figures in relation to multi-deprivation and clarification as to why the figures had deteriorated
- clarification of the steps being undertaken in tackling the slightly higher rates from the Leeds average from cancer in men in Aberford and Thorner and whether or not an audit was pending to raise the issues)
(The Consultant in Public Health responded and confirmed that this issue was being addressed, but would take time to complete)
- clarification as to why smoking rates had risen and the need for work to be undertaken in the clusters to address this issue
- the need again for officers to stop using the term 'wealthy achievers' which was totally inappropriate in this context and for this view to be conveyed to the Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Children's Services
(The East North East Area Leader agreed to discuss this issue with both Directors)
- clarification of the 48.3% figure referred to in Appendix A of those who had existing health problems in Moor Allerton and whether this figure was correct
- clarification of the 0% figure referred to in Appendix A of those who had existing health problems in Bardsey/East Keswick/Collingham/Linton/Harewood and whether this figure was correct
(The Senior Information and Performance Manager, Leeds NHS responded and stated that 0% of existing health problems was correct)

based on lifestyle data, however 83% had possible future health concerns and 17% were healthy as this was the data for the next level down which was normally looked at as one when viewing the profile)

- clarification of the Origins/Mosaic data and cover period in relation to the geography groups outlined in the section on population heritage and faith and the meaning of the term 'Diasporic'
(The Senior Information and Performance Manager, Leeds NHS responded and agreed to check the data with a report back to the East North East Area Leader)
- the need for officers to accept that the figures identified within the Population profile do not help to influence the deprivation index in Leeds
(The Senior Information and Performance Manager, Leeds NHS responded and agreed with this statement due to the fact that the scores had been provided on a national basis)
- clarification as to why this piece of work was undertaken and the need for Elected Members to bring this issue to the attention of parliament

At the conclusion of discussions, it was the consensus of the meeting that many of the figures contained within the document and appendices were inaccurate and did not add any value in attempting show emerging priorities within the three Outer North East wards. The Committee stressed the importance of this data not being used until such time the figures had been clarified by all agencies.

The East North East Area Leader acknowledged that the Committee had no faith in the Acorn process and agreed to take back Members feedback to the appropriate parties. He also accepted the fact that the sophisticated data supplied at the meeting could, in future, be enhanced by providing 'qualitative' information from local Elected Members.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That this Area Committee notes the prioritisation of action in line with the diverse needs within the population.
- c) That further consideration be given to the MSOA profile for Moor Allerton in line with the present actions taking place within this area.
- d) That further consideration be given to developing a mechanism to help the Area Committee shape the future iterations of the MSOA profiles and JSNA.
- e) That officers be requested to explore further how it might develop a process to enable health professionals, voluntary sector and Councillors to work together to utilise the information contained in the MSOA profiles to shape and monitor the health landscape.

80 Wetherby and Harewood Town and Parish Council Forum Feedback Report

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report on feedback in relation to the Harewood and WetherbyTown and Parish Council Forum.

Appended to the report was a copy of the notes of the Harewood and Wetherby Town and Parish Council Forum held on 20th October 2011 for the information/comment of the meeting.

RESOLVED -

- a) That the contents of the report of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That the issues raised be noted and through this Area Committee, the Parish Council Forum be supported in resolving those issues.

81 Area Chairs Forum Minutes

The Assistant Chief Executive, Planning, Policy and Improvement submitted a report notifying Members of the minutes of Area Chairs Forum meeting held on 11th November 2011 and to give a brief overview of the issues raised at the Area Chairs Forum.

Appended to the report was a copy of the Area Chairs Forum minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2011 for the information/comment of the meeting.

RESOLVED- That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.

82 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 19th March 2012 at 6.00pm at Treetops Community Centre, Squirrel Way, Moortown, Leeds LS17 6DP.

(The meeting concluded at 7.45pm)