

Report of East North East Area Leader

Report to Inner East Area Committee

Date: 21st June 2012

Subject: Environmental & Community Centres sub group minutes

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Killingbeck & Seacroft, Gipton & Harehills, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill | | |
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Summary of main issues

1. This report has the minutes from the Inner East Area Committee Environmental sub group on 15th May 2012 attached for information.
2. The report also has the minutes from the Inner East Area Committees Community Centres Working Group 27th March 2012 attached for information.

Recommendations

3. The Inner East Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report, minutes and appendixes.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform members of the issues discussed at its two sub groups. The minutes will be brought to Area Committee meetings as a regular agenda item, including any relevant appendixes.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The Inner North East Environmental sub group takes place six times a year and follows the Area Committee cycle. They are chaired by the current Chair of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 Meetings are attended by one nominated member from each of the three wards, the ENE Locality Manager (Street Cleansing and Enforcement), the Area Officer and invited guests according to current priorities.
- 2.3 Agenda items focus on issues relating to the delegated Environmental Service and any other services or issues that can be influenced by, or have an impact on, Area Committees and the local area.
- 2.4 The Inner East Community Centres Working Group takes place 6 times per year and is also Chaired by the current Area Committee Chair.
- 2.5 Meetings are attended by one nominated member from each of the three wards, plus the chair, the Area Improvement Manager, Neighbourhood Manager and the Strategy & Commissioning Programme Management Officer to offer technical advice.
- 2.6 Agenda items focus on the three priority centres; Alston Lane, Lincoln Green and Nowell Mount and the group looks at ways in which to increase usage of all LCC Community Centres.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The minutes from the Environmental sub-group meeting held on 15th May 2012 are attached at Appendix A. Key items which were discussed include the Environmental Improvement Zones and Derelict Sites.
- 3.2 The process for dealing with derelict and eyesore sites was outlined and number of new sites were added to the list. Members requested the list be circulated to ward meetings to ensure that all sites are listed and investigated. The meeting heard that work had started on the Environmental Improvement Zone in the Sandhurst's and Members agreed the sequence in which the EIZ's should be tackled in Harehills.
- 3.3 The minutes of the Community Centres working group meeting held on 27th March are attached at Appendix B.
- 3.4 A further Community Centres Working Group meeting was held on 29th May 2012 but minutes were not available in time for Area Committee. One of the Key Issues discussed at May's meeting were the delays in establishing a Lincoln Green Job Shop at the Lincoln Green Community Centre, which was also raised at May's Area Committee meeting.

- 3.5 This delay was due to discussions regarding re-establishing the IT Suite as it was not clear which department was responsible for the cost of this.
- 3.6 It has now been agreed that LCC Corporate ICT will provide 10 computers free of charge. An agreement has been made with ENEHI that they will fund 50% of the cost (£5,519) of installing the IT infrastructure and members agreed that an application should go to June Area Committee for the remaining 50% of the infrastructure costs.
- 3.7 Once funding is secured the work should be completed by September 2012 and Job Centre Plus and IGEN have committed to commencing regular job search sessions once this work is finished
- 3.8 As a result of these delays being due to a lack of ownership clarification an audit was requested by members of what equipment is in each centre and who is responsible for it.
- 3.9 Further to the request by the Chair at the last Area Committee meeting in May, both sub groups have now been diarised for the coming year and electronic invites sent to members. Dates are as follows:

Environmental Sub Group

All meetings to be on a Tuesday at 1pm at the Reginald Centre: 14th August 2012, 2nd October 2012, 13th November 2012, 15th January 2012, 26th February 2013.

Community Centres Working Group.

All meetings will be held on a Tuesday at 11am at the Reginald Centre: 26th July, 20th September 2012, 15th November 2012, 10th January 2013, 7th March 2013.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 There is no formal consultation relating to the sub group, but local groups are able to influence the environmental priorities of the area through the regular consultation carried out under the Area Committee's Engagement Plan.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues in relation to this report.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The Council's Constitution was amended, approved at Executive Board in March 2011 and ratified at the Annual Council meeting held on 26th May 2011, to include the environmental services delegation within the Area Committee Function Schedule. This sub group acts as the monitoring forum for that delegation in the first instance.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications or access to information issues. In line with the Council's Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules, all decisions taken by Area Committees are not eligible for Call In.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There are no risk management issues relating to this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The Area Committee will receive copies of the Environmental sub-group minutes .

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Inner North Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and to consider the minutes from the Environmental Sub Group on 15th May 2012 and Community Centres Working Group on 27th March 2012. .

7 Background documents

7.1 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 26th May 2011

7.2 Council Constitution