

SOUTH (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

Councillors J Blake, D Congreve, P Davey,
K Groves, M Iqbal, E Nash, A Ogilvie and
P Truswell

33 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

34 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

35 Late Items

There was one late item submitted to the agenda and accepted by the Chair, Agenda Item 13 – Update on Integrated Health and Social Care Teams.

Supplementary information was circulated to the Committee at the meeting in relation to Agenda Item 11 – Summary Key Work. The Supplementary information included the following:

- Area Committee Fuel Poverty Champion;
- Community First panel Update; and
- Bin Collection Cottingley Hall Estate.

36 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests'

Councillor Truswell declared a significant other interest in Agenda Item 8 - White Rose Learning Centre Update and Agenda Item 9 Employment and Skills Update Report, his wife being an employee of the Department for Work and Pensions .

37 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

38 Minutes - 26th September 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2012 were approved as a correct record.

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

A member of the public addressed the Area Committee asking about the latest position of the Beeston Hill & Holbeck (having confirmed with the team dealing with this project it is the correct name for the scheme) PFI scheme. The Chair confirmed she would write to Cllr Gruen requesting an update.

A member of the public requested that the Area Committee ask the Police to undertake further work to prevent prostitution in South Leeds. Members agreed that this was an important issue and that the best way forward is prevention and for related arrests to be publicised.

40 Update on Integrated Health & Social Care Teams

In agreement with the Chair the Late Item – Agenda item 13 – Update on Integrated Health & Social Care Teams was heard as the first substantive item by the Area Committee.

Chris Reid from the Leeds South and East Clinical Commissioning Group presented an update on integrated Health and Social Care Teams in the Garforth and Kippax Area and progress made in the rest of the City.

Members sought clarification on where Health Centres would operate from including maps of the boundaries to help identify which wards fit into which areas. Mr Reid confirmed that he would circulate this information after the meeting.

Members also expressed the importance of integration with social care services provided by the Council and that there should be one point of contact which would help stop any duplication. In response to questions about working with Childrens Services Members were informed that this is operational and that young people are being identified at an early stage.

Members also sought assurance that people at risk had been identified. Members were pleased with the approach being taken and commented that the impact would be a reduction in the amount of appointments made with GPs.

Members requested that an update report be brought back to the Area Committee for the first meeting on the municipal year 2013/14.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that information requested by Members in relation to the Locations of Health Centres be circulated;
- (b) that an update report be brought back to the Area Committee for the first meeting on the municipal year 2013/14; and
- (c) that the report be noted.

41 White Rose Learning Centre Update

The Head of Employment and Skills presented her report. The report provided an update on the employment and skills development opportunities for young people and adults at the White Rose facility.

Members considered the report and requested that information be provided on where the people using the White rose facility were coming from to potentially help target recruitment.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that a breakdown of where young people using the facility at the White Rose Centre come from; and
- (b) that the report be noted.

42 Employment and Skills Update Report

The Head of Employment and Skills presented her report. The report identified some of the challenges in engaging and supporting those adults and young people not in employment. The report also outlined initiatives being taken forward by the Council in partnership with others to maximise opportunities for local people to secure employment.

Members discussed the report in detail initially asking about the approach taken by Employment and Skills where people are faced with redundancy and also the approach taken to people with disabilities. It was confirmed at the meeting that information would be circulated with regards to the support offer for people facing redundancy and that where disabilities are encountered experienced staff in jobs shops are sensitive to their needs.

Members expressed a desire to ensure more people are trained effectively so their skills match the jobs available in the area and highlighted the need for more resources in the South Inner area to help with this.

Members went on to discuss the opportunities for apprenticeships in South Leeds and requested a breakdown of the current apprenticeships being offered.

Members sought assurance that BME groups had the same opportunities in relation to apprentices and also which organisations were targeted to ensure that this happens.

The demise of the careers service was also discussed and the need for children to be given the right skills to successfully obtain jobs particularly in light of the changing nature of the work place. The Area Committee thought it vital that they play a more significant role in working with teachers and that this should be an area for the Employment Sub Group to look further into. Members requested that they be provided with promotional material relating to the Apprenticeship Training Agency (ATA) and its launch next week to allow them to promote this across all wards. Also requested was a breakdown of the youth contract.

Members also discussed with officers whether there was any opportunity for a 'role model scheme' to get local young people who are in work to talk to younger ones about their futures.

It was brought to the Committee's attention that schools did not require the £1k funding previously allocated for the market place events as they were happy to run these themselves.

Members confirmed that the job shop in Hunslet has moved to Hunslet Library and been a success and in its new ideal location.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

- (a) that information be provided to Members about the regional support offer to people at risk of redundancy;
- (b) that statistics be provided on the current apprenticeships being offered;
- (c) that Members be provided with promotional material relating to the ATA and its launch next week to allow them to promote this across all wards; and
- (d) that the report be noted.

43 Wellbeing report

The Area Officer presented a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance). The report provided:

1. Confirmation of the 2012/13 revenue allocation and the 2011/12 carry forward figure.
2. An update on both the revenue and capital elements of the Well being budget.
3. Details of revenue funding for consideration and approval.

4. Details of revenue projects agreed to date (as shown at Appendix 1 to the report)
5. Members were also asked to note the current position of the Small Grants Budget

Members discussed the Community Safety ring fencing provision and agreed to receive an update on the off road bikes capacity at the moment in light of one officer currently being of sick.

Domestic violence was considered by Members and it was requested that figures split over wards should be provided as apart of a report to the Area Committee.

Members considered that small grant and skips needed to be promoted more effectively.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the contents of the report be noted;
- (b) That report be provided to the Committee detailing the figures relating to domestic violence across all wards;
- (c) that the Well Being Budget as set out at paragraph 3.0 be noted;
- (d) that the points raised under ring fencing arrangements set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report be noted;
- (e) that the Well Being revenue projects previously agreed as set out in Appendix 1 be noted;
- (f) that the following be agreed in respect of Wellbeing funding allocations, as detailed within paragraph 4.0 of the submitted report:

| Name of Project | Name of Delivery Organisation | Decision |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Middleton Park Ward Bins | South East Area Support Team | £7,000 (Revenue) All Middleton Park. APPROVED |

- (g) that the small grants situation as set out in paragraph 5.0 to the report be noted.

44 Summary of Key Work

The Area Leader submitted a report which provided brief details of the range of activities with which the Area Support Team are engaged based on the Area Committee Business Plan priorities & actions, that are not addressed in greater detail elsewhere on this agenda. It provided opportunities for further

questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

It was confirmed that Councillor Groves would become a Member of the Environmental Sub Group replacing Councillor Truswell.

It was agreed by that Councillor Truswell would become the Area Committee Fuel Poverty Champion as part of his role as Health & Wellbeing Champion.

Members discussed schemes that have previously been funded by the Area Committee and whether some of these successes could be presented to the Committee.

Lengthy discussion took place surrounding the demolition of the Garnets housing estate and the handling of this as nothing has been built to replace these properties. Members expressed their desire to have more influence over local planning.

Members suggested that Beeston Hill and Holbeck PFI should be changed to West Hunslet and Holbeck PFI to better reflect the geographical area covered by the scheme.

Members also discussed the possibility of holding a celebration event for the community first successful applicants.

RESOLVED -

- (a) that the report be noted;
- (b) that Councillor Groves become a Member of the Environmental Sub Group;
- (c) that Councillor Truswell be appointed as the Area Committee Fuel Poverty Champion;
- (d) that the issues surrounding the demolition of the Garnets be raised with the appropriate officers;
- (e) investigate the possibility of the Beeston Hill and Holbeck PFI be changed to West Hunslet and Holbeck PFI; and
- (f) that consideration be given to holding a celebration event for the community first successful applicants.

45 Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings

6:30pm Wednesday 9th January 2012.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm