

## EAST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 16TH MAY, 2013

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Hyde in the Chair

Councillors A Hussain, B Selby, V Morgan,  
M Ingham, A Khan, R Grahame,  
K Maqsood and R Harington

### 96 Chair's Opening Remarks

Councillor Hyde welcomed all present and outlined his intention to vary the agenda in order to deal with Agenda item 9 as the first item of business. He also tendered his apologies as he would have to leave the meeting shortly

**RESOLVED** – The Committee agreed to deal with Agenda item 9 “election of Chair” as the first item of business

### 97 Election of Area Committee Chair for the 2013/14 Municipal Year

The Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services, submitted a report on the arrangements for the East Inner Area Committee to elect the Chair for the 2013/14 Municipal Year, in accordance with the Area Committee Procedure rules. The deadline for submission of nominations had been 5.00pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013. EIAC noted receipt of one nominee – Councillor Asghar Khan – for the position of Chair

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Khan be duly elected Char of East Inner Area Committee for the 2013/14 Municipal Year

(Councillor Hyde withdrew from the meeting at this point. Councillor Khan took the Chair)

### 98 Chair's Comments

Councillor Khan expressed the appreciation of the Committee for the work undertaken by Councillor Hyde during the previous year and he emphasised the challenges ahead during the coming year and encouraged the Committee to work together as a team

### 99 Open Forum

Rosie Cook (co-ordinator of ELFB and Urban Mission Worker for Lincoln Green and Burmantofts) and Pastor Andy Lenton (Bridge Street Church) attended the meeting as representatives of East Leeds Food Bank (ELFB)

Ms Cook provided information in respect of:

- the background to the establishment of the ELFB, a franchise under the nationwide umbrella of the Trussell Trust
- the intention to utilise three spaces in the IEAC area to support local people and provide debt counselling advice, a job club and social facilities wherever possible
- The referral and Voucher Scheme to be used

EIAC noted that other schemes were emerging in the area and were concerned that provision would not be efficiently targeted. Members were also keen to receive ward briefings on this scheme, along with information on the pattern of provision across the EIAC area. Ms Cook provided assurance that the Trussell Trust was liaising with independent Food Banks in order to create a network of provision.

**RESOLVED –**

- a) To note the contents of the presentation and to thank Ms Cook and Pastor Lenton for their attendance
- b) To request that Area Management Officers organise a series of ward briefings providing further information on the pattern of provision in the locality and to include further information from ELFB

**100 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Manners, Killingbeck & Seacroft CLT

**101 Minutes**

**RESOLVED –** That the minutes of the previous meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 be agreed as a correct record

**102 Matters Arising**

Minute 85 – Children’s Services Update – Councillor R Grahame highlighted his ongoing concerns regarding the impact of child poverty on achievement for young people and requested that an item be placed on a future agenda addressing the relevant issues. Members noted that Executive Board was to consider an overall approach to welfare reform, benefits and poverty; which would inform the approach to be adopted by council services; at which point relevant officers could be invited to attend EIAC to provide a presentation

**103 Wellbeing Fund**

The ENE Area Leader submitted a report providing an overview of spending to date and seeking consideration of a number of new projects requesting funding. One further project - "Pigeon Cote Road" previously discussed by ward Members, was tabled at the meeting for consideration.

Members noted receipt of Appendix A at the meeting showing the schedule of projects approved the previous year including those rolled forward into this financial year. EIAC commented on the following:

- other funds likely to be devolved in order to support local service provision
- ongoing discussions in respect of Town and District Centre Funding for the Inner East area
- impact of neighbourhood planning and the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan for the Killingbeck & Seacroft ward
- a request for further information on the Lawrence Road alley gating scheme to be provided to local ward Members

Members noted the comment made in respect of the need for local ward Councillors to be consulted whenever the Authority is seeking to sell land within their ward and the request for Asset Management and Planning officers

to be invited to attend a future Committee meeting should communication not improve.

**RESOLVED –**

- a) to note the contents of the report and appendices
- b) That having considered the project proposals, approval be given to the following grants

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| Lark in the Park         | £1,000.00 |
| BRH Litter Bins          | £1,660.50 |
| Haselwood Dene underpass | £3,619.23 |
| Tradex Sports project    | £3,750.00 |
| Pigeon Cote Road         | £2,500.00 |

**104 Any Other Business**

Members noted that Mrs C Grimshaw, Area Management Officer, was moving to a new post to support another Area Committee in the forthcoming Municipal Year. EIAC thanked her for her hard work and support both at Committee and ward briefing level. Additionally, Members noted that Mr A Birkbeck was in attendance and welcomed him to his new role as support officer for the Committee

**105 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED -**

- a) to note the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 5.30pm at Harehills Primary School
- b) to note that venues for the meetings throughout the year had now been confirmed as the following
  - a. September – Victoria Primary School
  - a. October – Community Links meeting room
  - b. December/February/March – Civic Hall Leeds