

INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor M Shahzad in the Chair

Councillors J Bowden, J Dowson,
M France-Mir, S Hamilton, L Martin and
M Rafique

3 local residents and a student with an interest in local democracy attended the meeting.

28 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

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

29 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

30 Late Items

There were no formal late items.

31 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interests were raised at the meeting.

32 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor E Taylor and Councillor Z Hussain.

33 Minutes of the previous meeting - 5 September 22

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held Monday, 5th September 2022, be approved as an accurate record.

34 Leeds Food Strategy Update

The report of the Chief Officer (Sustainable Energy and Air Quality) presented a report that introduced a verbal update on the draft Leeds Food Strategy.

The Senior Project Officer attended the meeting, and provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation on the following key points:

- The reasoning behind needing a Leeds Food Strategy and to set the strategic direction for the city to 2030.

- An overview of how the strategy was developed.
- The vision ‘Leeds to have a vibrant food economy where everyone can access local, healthy, and affordable food that is produced in ways that improve our natural environment and embrace innovation’.
- An overview of the key themes that will help towards the vision. Those being:
 - 1) Health and wellbeing: help people to eat a safe, healthy, and balanced diet to improve Leeds’ health and wellbeing.
 - 2) Food security and economy: ensure everyone in Leeds has access to nutritious food as part of a diverse, inclusive, and vibrant food economy.
 - 3) Sustainability and resilience: ensure the way Leeds produces, consumes, and disposes of its food is fit for the future and supports our climate action plan.
- A number of objectives for each of the 3 key themes were outlined and discussed.
- There is an online survey open October 24th November – 18th December 2022 and can be accessed on the LCC website¹.

Committee members discussed the following matters.

- Opportunities to identify funding to allow community groups to grow their own food and provide edible hedges.
- Trackable strategic actions for each of the themes. It was confirmed that strategic actions will be annually reviewed against a plan created by Food Wise Leeds and the council.
- It was confirmed that for Leeds to progress to silver and gold, Leeds will have to evidence they’re meeting criteria under each of the key themes, and it is a paper exercise to apply. Once Leeds have achieved this, they do not need to re-apply.
- A suggestion to include examples under the themes to provide clarity for people reading the strategy.
- Whether the word ‘safe’ in the first key theme is the correct term, as well as use of the word ‘security’ in the second theme. It was suggested that the word accessibility be used instead for the second theme as the theme talks about food accessibility.
- It was acknowledged that it is an overarching strategy, and a suggestion was made for officers to come back and present at the CC to show how the strategy relates to CC areas.
- In response to a questions regarding influencing next steps of the strategy, it was confirmed that the online survey provides an opportunity for anybody to respond to the strategy and provide suggestions. Comments will be taken into consideration for the final strategy and action plan.
- To include within the strategy an emphasis on procurement, production, and distribution of food,
- It was confirmed that the strategy aims to link in with the inclusive growth aspect of the Best City Ambition.

¹ www.Leeds.gov.uk/FoodStrategy

- The economic impact of a farm in Leeds, and clarity on the number of food outlets the council have control over in Leeds. It was confirmed there is approximately 10 food outlets, and the council are looking at introducing carbon labelling in their outlets and work with anchor organisations to roll this out across public and private sectors across Leeds.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report and verbal update on the draft Leeds Food Strategy.

35 Open Forum

3 local residents attended the meeting later on in the session, the Chair agreed to move the Open Forum item to allow for them to make representations to the Committee. 2 of the local residents requested to speak based on issues associated with stone marker in Potternewton Park. Issues they raised were:

- There was no consultation with community groups or residents regarding the proposals and they were not provided with an opportunity to put forward their views.
- A meeting was held at the West Indian Community Centre, and feedback showed they do not want the stone there as it does not accurately reflect them and their backgrounds.
- There is strong feeling across the community about the stone due to issues the community feel are associated with Elizabeth II under her reign.
- The community want answers regarding the process of the stone being placed in Potternewton Park and about it being moved to somewhere better suited.

Councillors thanked the residents for attending the meeting and explained there will be a meeting with the co-chairs of Chapeltown Forum to discuss next steps and to agree a resolution that works for the community.

36 Waste Services Update

The report of the Chief Officer (Environmental Services) presented a report that introduced a verbal update on the draft Leeds Waste Strategy.

Following the meeting, supplementary information was published online and distributed to members at the meeting.

The Chief Officer (Environmental Services) attended the meeting and provided the Committee with an update on current local service performance and provided an opportunity for Members to feedback on the existing issues/challenges faced in how kerbside collections are delivered and enable a discussion on local solutions. The following information was highlighted:

- Implication of requirements set out in the Environment Act (2021).

- An overview on DEFRA's proposals for a national Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for packaging (including glass) and a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS).
- Baseline work undertaken in Leeds to understand the current household waste composition, in particular recycling material and glass that is being put in the black bin.
- Development of a Leeds carbon impact model covering waste collection, disposal and recycling services provided by Leeds City Council.
- What the proposals mean for kerbside collection in Leeds in the short, medium, and long term.
- Missed collection rates by Inner North East Community Committee areas.
- The intention to work with Community Committees on a local level and review Community Committee boundaries in terms of route planning to provide more meaningful data.

Committee members discussed the following matters:

- Separate glass collections. Issues associated with residents having little / no garden space, and those who live in back to back properties. It was confirmed that if this was offered in Leeds, a separate bin collection and the option to have a bin for glass, would be optional and there will be 'exception' areas. It was confirmed that a trial for glass collection hasn't started but is anticipated to be trialled across 4 wards in Leeds and communications with residents during the trial will be important. Further to concerns regarding noise, it was confirmed collections will not be before 9 a.m. and will take place once per month.
- A conflict with the DRS and the current service delivery model. It was confirmed that it is difficult to forecast whether tonnages will increase or decrease as a result of the DRS scheme and there is a possibility of Local Authorities being compensated from financial implications following Government's proposals.
- Cash competition incentives for people to recycle and communications around the option to be given a second green bin. It was acknowledged that there is a role to play for the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) in terms of recycling responsibilities and crews identifying whether an individual household requires a larger bin.
- Clarity on 'dense' plastics.
- Benefits associated with options for food and garden waste in terms of co-mingling and separate collections. It was acknowledged that in terms of both options, it will need to be affordable and technically feasible for residents.
- Predicted cost savings with alternate weekly black and green bin collections.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report, and information provided on the draft Leeds Waste Strategy.

37 Inner North East Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund as well as the CRIS and Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2022/23.

The Localities Officer presented the report highlighting the following points:

- **Wellbeing revenue 2022/23** – the remaining balance stands at £35,712.48.
- **Delegated Decisions (DDN)** – an overview was provided on the projects that have been considered by DDN since the last Community Committee meeting on 5th September 22 and as outlined at paragraph 24 of the submitted report.
- **Ward Pots Budget (Incorporating Skips) 2022/23** – there is an overall remaining balance of £35,638.61. A breakdown per ward was provided, as outlined in Table 2 of the submitted report.
- **Youth Activities Fund (YAF) Budget 2022/23** – the remaining balance stands at £2,692.76. It was noted that the Youth Summit is yet to be taken from the balance.
- **Capital Budget 2022/23** – the total balance available to the Community Committee stands at £32,848.00 however £10k has been allocated for Meanwood Park improvements subject to match funding from Veolia.
- **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2022/23** – there is an overall remaining balance of £96,706.69. A breakdown per ward was provided, as outlined in Table 5 of the submitted report.

Projects as outlined in the submitted report were discussed and agreed as follows:

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount Requested	Decision
Summer Bands in Leeds Park	Leeds International Concert Season (LCC)	Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay	£1,650.00 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Meanwood Valley Trail Heritage, Wellbeing and Inclusivity Plan	Lemon Balm	Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay	£2,800.00 (Wellbeing)	Approved

RESOLVED – To note and approve:

- a) The Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b) Wellbeing proposals for consideration and approval
- c) Projects approved via Delegated Decision Notice
- d) Skips and Ward Pots (Table 2)
- e) YAF Fund position (Table 3)

- f) Capital Budget (Table 4)
- g) Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5)

38 Inner North East Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought to Members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team has been engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee.

The following points were highlighted:

- Positive feedback received from children who attended the Youth Summit; children particularly enjoyed the session with members and the Lord Mayor. It was noted that feedback received included the lunch hour being too late for the children and the split of primary and secondary school children partaking in the activities needed to be differentiated.
- Positive outcomes from the cost of living workshop and considerations around planning for the next workshop with a focus on energy and food. Comments were made around replicating a Cost of Living booklet² that Bradford Council have published providing information on advice and the 'cheapest way to cook'.
- Concern was raised regarding the warm spaces targeting a different audience and the pressure this causes on the staff across hubs.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report.

39 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To note the date and time of the next meeting as Monday, 27th February 2023 at 6pm. Venue TBC.

(The meeting concluded at 20:10)

² <https://costoflivingbradford.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Cost-of-Living-booklet.pdf>