

## **INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

Councillors G Almas, E Nash, A Scopes,  
P Truswell and P Wray

(At the commencement of the meeting, the Chair noted that the meeting was inquorate (Council Procedure Rule 28.3 refers) and Members were advised that no formal decisions could be made until the meeting became quorate.)

### **14 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals.

### **15 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no exempt items.

### **16 Late Items**

There were no formal late items, however there was some supplementary information in relation to Item 9 – Inner South Community Committee Delegated Budget. This was circulated to all Members at the meeting (minute 23 refers)

### **17 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

### **18 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Blake, M Iqbal and K Groves.

### **19 Open Forum**

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

No matters were raised on this occasion.

### **20 Minutes**

**RECOMMENDED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be approved as a correct record.

## **21 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Minute No. 13, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018: 'Open Forum'

With regard to the local residents who attended and made representations at the previous meeting regarding proposals for a potential Park & Ride site in Stourton, the Committee received an update on this issue and it was noted that in line with agreement of the last meeting, local Ward Councillors had met and had detailed discussions with those concerned.

(During the consideration of the report regarding Strength-Based Social Care (Minute No. 22 below refers), Councillors Almas, Wray and Nash all arrived at the meeting. As such, it was noted that the meeting had now become quorate in line with Council Procedure Rule 28.3, and therefore the Committee was able to take formal decisions from that point in the meeting).

## **22 Strength-Based Social Care (SBSC) Update**

Deputy Director of Adults & Health submitted a report which provided an update regarding the progress with Strengths Based Social Care across the city, and drew attention to local features of this new approach to service delivery.

The following were in attendance:

- Shona McFarlane, Deputy Director of Social Work, Adults & Health
- Kimberley Adams, Programme Manager (Service Transformation), Adults & Health
- Elaine Morland, Team Manager, Beeston Neighbourhood Team

Members were also provided with a PowerPoint presentation, and shown a short film. The key points highlighted throughout were as follows:

- The new way of working provides flexibility for social workers, particularly in relation to paper work, and a person-centred approach;
- The use of Talking Points in community buildings for people to speak to a social worker, reducing the need for time-consuming home visits;
- The introduction of a Rapid Response Team, to deal exclusively with short term crisis situations;
- Feedback from residents and social workers in Middleton and Beeston.

Members discussed a number of issues, including:

- Members welcomed the new community-based way of working, however also noted that some of the Talking Points, were not accessible to residents of Beeston & Holbeck Ward through public transport and therefore required reconsideration. The Chair agreed to provide a list of more suitable venues.

- Members requested further detail on how the project had progressed in Armley, the first location to undergo service transformation.
- Responding to a Member's enquiry, the Committee received further information on how, alongside the new 'strength based' approach, key support was still being provided to ensure that key needs were still being met, via the crisis team for example.
- In terms of the 'Better Conversations' approach, Members also received further detail on the relationship between the focus areas of 'Connecting People', 'Crisis Intervention' and 'Long Term Care Planning'.
- Representatives explained that more people, who previously may have not met the criteria for support, had been reached because of the wider variety of support available.

**RESOLVED –**

- a) That the contents of the report, the PowerPoint presentation and the short film, together with the comments made by Members during the discussion, be noted.
- b) That the intention for a summary of discussions with each Community Committee to be provided to the forthcoming Community Committee Chairs Forum, be noted.

**23 Inner South Community Committee Delegated Budget**

The South East Area Leader submitted a report which presented the delegated budget position for the Community Committee.

The report set out in detail the following:

- Details of the Wellbeing Budget position
- An update on both the revenue and youth activities fund elements of the Wellbeing budget
- Details of revenue projects agreed to date
- Details of Youth Activities Fund agreed to date
- Details of Capital Budget agreed to date
- Details of project proposals for consideration and approval
- Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision

As part of the introduction to the report, the Committee was invited to note a correction to paragraph 10, specifically that £159,442.19 had been allocated from the 2018/19 Wellbeing Revenue Budget, which left an overall balance of £60,655.20.

Members also received some supplementary information at the meeting, which outlined the small grants balance for 2018/19.

The following were in attendance:

- Martin Hackett, Area Improvement Manager, Citizens and Communities
- Lyn Bambury, Area Officer, Citizens and Communities

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Wards</b>	<b>Amount requested from Wellbeing Budget</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Car Parking Spaces for Allotment Users	Beeston & Holbeck	£2945.00 (Capital)	Approved
Hanging Baskets/Barrier Troughs	Beeston & Holbeck, (£500), Hunslet & Riverside, (£500)	£1000.00 (Revenue)	Approved
Middleton Rangers ARLFC	Middleton Park	£9459.20 (Revenue)	Approved
2 x Speed Indicator devices	Beeston & Holbeck	£6220.00 (Capital)	Approved
Cottingley play area	Beeston & Holbeck	£16,000.00 (Capital) £4,000.00 (Revenue)	Approved
Child Sexual Exploitation Project	Beeston & Holbeck, (£3,334) Hunslet & Riverside, (£3,333), Middleton Park (£3,333)	£10,000.00 (Revenue)	Approved
LGBT+ Sport Fringe Festival	Beeston & Holbeck (£666.00), Hunslet & Riverside (£666.00), Middleton Park (£667.00)	£2000.00 (Revenue)	Approved
Additional Inner South Environmental Budget	Middleton Park	£1,000.00 (Revenue)	Approved

In relation to the above applications, Members discussed a number of matters:

- Concerns regarding financial contingency for the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Project by St Lukes Cares. Representatives from the Shine Project (St Lukes Cares) were in attendance and assured Members that income is acquired from a number of sources, including their nail bar and charity shops, and that the project's longevity is not reliant on Wellbeing funding. When considering this application, Members discussed the issue of CSE in the Inner South area, and highlighted the need for robust data to be gathered on this issue. Councillor Scopes, Children's Services Committee 'Champion' and member of the Corporate Parenting Board, undertook to liaise further with the organisation on this issue.

- Members enquired as to whether the Middleton Rangers ARLFC had secured use of the field in relation to their wellbeing application, to which a representative present at the meeting confirmed.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- a) That the contents of the report be noted
- b) That the revenue projects previously agreed and listed within Table 1 of the report be noted
- c) That the activities fund projects previously agreed and listed within Table 2 of the report be noted
- d) That the capital budgets previously already agreed and listed within Table 3 of the report be noted
- e) That the Wellbeing applications as set out in the report, be determined as set out in the table above
- f) That the projects approved by Delegated Decision Notification be noted
- g) That the small grants position, as detailed within the supplementary information tabled at the meeting, be noted

#### **24 Inner South Community Committee Update Report**

The South East Area Leader submitted a report which provided a summary of the work undertaken by the Communities Team based on the priorities identified by the Inner South Community Committee.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Facebook engagement update
- Key Data from Partnership Work between Touchstone MAP+ and Leeds Council Private Rental Team in Holbeck

The Localities Programme Manager, Martin Hackett, introduced the report. Members discussed a number of matters, including:

- The need for sufficient space for play in the Inner South and issues with vandalism of current provision. Members also expressed concerns around the safety of play spaces, and that planning considerations need to be made in relation to drug use and road crossings.
- Councillor A Scopes confirmed that he had expressed his interest in becoming the Employment, Skills and Welfare Champion for the Inner South Area to relevant officers, however he was yet to receive confirmation.
- Members suggested that a signposting card scheme be used to support relocation of Money Buddies, similar to the system used by Carers Leeds, with further work to be undertaken on this to develop the suggestion further.
- Members suggested that current prevention methods for dog fouling were not effective, and required new approaches. Suggestions included letters from the Council and promotion of anonymous reporting. In response to Members' enquiries, officers undertook to

provide details on how many people in the area had been fined under the current regulations, and where the revenue from such enforcement went.

- Members requested more information in relation to the current consultation regarding the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) with residents in Holbeck. Officers confirmed that they would seek out more information at the Managed Approach Operational Group and feedback to the Committee.
- Members were pleased that LeedsWatch had installed a CCTV camera in Holbeck, however commented on the lack of reports received in relation to incidents that had occurred in the area. In response, officers undertook to gain more details regarding the compilation and circulation of the incident logs, and relay to Members accordingly.
- Responding to Members' enquiries, officer undertook to provide further information to Members regarding the allocation of match day tickets for school children by Leeds United.
- Members also discussed the provision and quality of bin yards in the area.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report, and Members comments, be noted.

## **25 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

There was some discussion between Members around the venue for the next meeting. Members were assured that the venue would be confirmed as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED** – To note the date and time of the next formal Committee meeting as being Wednesday 28th November 2018 at 2.00pm. Venue of meeting to be confirmed.

## **26 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Further to Minute No 20 above, now that the meeting was quorate, the Committee revisited the minutes from the previous meeting, and

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be approved as a correct record.