

INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

Councillors J Blake, K Groves, M Iqbal,
A Scopes, P Truswell and P Wray

17 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

18 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

19 Late Items

With the agreement of the Chair, one late item of business was admitted to the agenda entitled, 'Get Set Leeds – Making Leeds a More Active City'. The report could not have been included within the agenda as originally published due to scheduled clearance at the Community Committees Chair's Forum taking place after the meeting of the Inner South Community Committee for this cycle. (Minute 28 refers.)

Although not a formal late item, some supplementary information was distributed in relation to Item 9 – Inner South Community Committee Finance Report. (Minute 25 refers.)

20 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nash and Almass.

22 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held 12th June 2019 be approved as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

In relation to Minute 9, Members discussed the deferred appointment to the Inner South Local Care Partnerships. Members noted the importance of the wider role of the representative in relation to wellbeing and social care.

Therefore, Members were minded to appoint the two Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Champions in the Inner South to both Local Care Partnerships – Councillor Almass (Adult Social Care) and Councillor Truswell (Health and Wellbeing). Members also requested that the Health Partnerships Team return to the Committee to provide a progress update in due course.

RESOLVED – That Councillor P Truswell and Councillor G Almass be appointed to the Middleton Local Care Partnership and the Beeston Local Care Partnership.

23 Open Forum

There were no matters raised on this occasion.

24 Inner South Community Committee - Update Report

The Head of Stronger Communities submitted a report that provided a summary of the work undertaken by the Communities Team based on the priorities identified by the Inner South Community Committee.

A Facebook engagement update was appended to the report.

Martin Hackett, Localities Programme Manager, introduced the report and highlighted the following:

- The date of the next Inner South Youth Summit for primary school pupils, themed around healthy lifestyles, had been confirmed as 22nd January 2020. Councillor Scopes added that the theme had been chosen in recognition of the importance of early intervention to tackle childhood obesity;
- Following the last meeting of the Committee, recruitment of a Civil/Environmental Enforcement Officer had been undertaken and was now in the final stages. Based on the model in Morley, it was expected that the role would be partially funded by approximately 50% via fines dealt for dog fouling and illegal parking activity;
- Members were informed that £1m funding had been secured by the Highways department to improve road safety and green space within the Holbeck priority neighbourhood. Additional funding was required to support the project, and Members queried the allocation of CLLD funding and whether this could be used. Members were informed that applications had been submitted for CLLD funding in early 2020, and that an update would be provided on progress at the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

Councillor Paul Wray arrived at 7:15 pm, during discussion of this item.

25 Inner South Community Committee - Finance Report

The Head of Stronger Communities submitted a report that set out the delegated budget position for the Community Committee and invited Members to consider the wellbeing applications submitted.

Two additional wellbeing applications for consideration were distributed to Members following agenda publication.

The projects set out in the report were discussed and agreed as follows:

| Project Title | Wards | Amount requested from Wellbeing Budget | Decision |
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| Holbeck Foodbank | Beeston & Holbeck (£1,000) and Hunslet & Riverside (£1,000) | £2,000 (Revenue) | Approved |
| Cross Flatts Lantern Festival | Hunslet & Riverside (£750), Beeston & Holbeck (£750) | £1,500 (Revenue) | Approved |
| LS-TEN DIY Skatepark | Hunslet & Riverside | £4,826.76 (Capital) | Approved |
| Bile Bean Sign Restoration | Hunslet and Riverside | £5,500 (Capital) | Approved |
| Educational Academy – Hamara Supplementary School | Hunslet and Riverside | £10,793.50 (Revenue) | Approved |
| Garnets Pocket Park Infographic Sign | Hunslet and Riverside | £600 (Revenue) | Approved |
| After School Vocational Training Programme | Hunslet and Riverside (£7,820) Middleton Park (£12,024) | £26,069 | Approved |
| How To Jump Over The Moon | Beeston & Holbeck £1,621.50, Hunslet & Riverside £1,621.50 | £3,243.00 (Revenue) | Approved |
| St Peters Court Perimeter Fencing | Hunslet & Riverside | £932.50 (Capital) | Approved |

Members discussed a number of matters elsewhere within the report, including:

- Members suggested using existing infrastructure, such as housing officers, to distribute flyers for upcoming events and activities. Councillor Scopes informed Members that a meeting was scheduled with the Communications team to discuss methods of engagement to increase awareness of projects and attendance at events.
- Members commented on the imbalance in the CIL funding allocated to each ward, and requested that a list of CIL allocations for all 33 wards be submitted with the Finance report at the next meeting to illustrate the difference across the city.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted;
- b) That the wellbeing applications be approved as set out above;
- c) That the details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision be noted;
- d) That the monitoring information of the Committee's funded projects be noted;
- e) That the details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position be noted;
- f) That the details of the Small Grants Budget be noted;
- g) That the details of the Community Skips Budget be noted;
- h) That the details of the Capital Budget be noted;
- i) That the details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget be noted.

26 Climate Emergency and Air Quality

The Chief Officer, Sustainable Energy and Air Quality, submitted a report that provided an overview of the presentation given to the Community Committee to provide background on the Climate Emergency and on-going work on air quality.

Emma Slater, Project Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the following:

- Background of the Climate emergency, including the ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030, which required support from a range of partners within the city;
- A summary of the ongoing broad consultation to find ways to enable people to make more environmentally friendly choices;
- The impact of the food waste, energy usage, consumerism, biodiversity and travel.

Members made a number of suggestions for engaging the local community, including:

- Ensuring that all consultation activities focus on those who are not already engaged to gain a good understanding barriers;
- Accessing parents through children and young people through messages passed on from assemblies and workshops;
- Members provided some examples of grass verges that could be utilised for planting and increasing biodiversity;
- Use of language can be exclusive, particularly in relation to diet and lifestyle choices;
- Publishing and distributing information about affordable lifestyle changes, as often more sustainable options can be / are perceived to be more expensive;
- The need to work with faith institutions to engage with people who speak English as an additional language;

- Members suggested that the Council’s role as licensing authority needed to be addressed in regards to fast-food and takeaway premises.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and presentation, along with Members comments, be noted.

27 Get Set Leeds - Making Leeds a More Active City

The Director of Public Health and the Head of Active Leeds submitted a report that provided the Community Committee with an update on the progress made in relation to “Making Leeds a More Active City”, an update on the development of the Physical Activity Social Movement and Ambition for Leeds, and an overview of “Get Set Leeds” and starting the city wide conversation.

Katy Bowden (Development Manager, Sports and Active Lifestyles) and Martin Lee (Active Leeds Health Programme Manager) provided a PowerPoint presentation, including a short promotional film, highlighting the following:

- The ambition for Leeds to be the most active city in England;
- Statistics for Diabetes in the Inner South area;
- Summary of the engagement plan to understand individual priorities and barriers;
- Timeline of events leading up to implementation of ambition in June 2020.

Members discussed a number of matters, including:

- Importance of sharing good practice, such as the success of the Neighbourhood Network activity programmes for older people;
- In response to a query about the research base, Members were informed that partnership with Leeds Beckett University was ongoing to develop key themes;
- The need to embed activities in existing frameworks, such as teaching English to Other Speaking Languages (ESOL) classes, to address language barriers;
- Members noted the success of the Park Run scheme in Leeds, and were informed that there were more Park Runs facilitated in Leeds than any other city in the UK. Members suggested that work needed to continue to make parks across the city more accessible to encourage similar events;
- The benefits of physical activity, such as positive social interaction, reduction in falls in older people and improved mental health.

RESOLVED - That the contents of the report and presentation, along with Members comments, be noted.

At the end of the meeting, all Members joined the Chair in formally thanking Martin Hackett, Localities Programme Manager, for his work over the past 37 years and wished him all the best for his retirement.

28 Time, Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 2 pm on 27th November 2019 at Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR.