

## **OUTER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 1ST JULY, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Holroyd-Case in the Chair

Councillors S Brown, K Bruce, R Finnigan,  
B Gettings, S Golton, C Hart-Brooke,  
W Kidger, O Newton and K Renshaw

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

There were no appeals.

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

There was no exempt information.

### **3 Late Items**

There were no late items. Supplementary information was submitted for Agenda Item 11, Outer South Community Committee Finance Report.

### **4 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations.

### **5 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Chapman and J Senior.

### **6 Minutes - 11 March 2024**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **7 Open Forum**

A representation was made with regards to a long running anti-social behaviour case in Drighlington. LASBAT, West Yorkshire Police and Housing had all been involved with this case. There were concerns that issues had not been resolved and that there was a lack of support for the victims. There were also concerns that the perpetrator had been re-housed within the area. Work was being undertaken to see what civil action could be taken and the possible use of injunctions. It was requested that anyone who witnessed any incidents to report them to ensure that appropriate action could be taken.

## 8 Healthwatch Leeds

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Committee with an update on current Healthwatch Leeds projects.

Gemma O’Connell, Communications Manager, Healthwatch Leeds gave the Committee a presentation.

The Committee was given an overview of the role of HealthWatch Leeds which included their work as a community watchdog to provide feedback on health and care provision and to help improve services.

Gemma highlighted some of the current projects that Healthwatch Leeds were involved in which included the following:

- Community Mental Health Transformation
- GP Website Review
- Youthwatch

In response to comments and questions, discussion included the following:

- The Community Mental Health project was currently focussing on Inner South Leeds but would be moving to Outer South. There were concerns for how people would be able to access services.
- How Members could get involved with Healthwatch. It was proposed that Healthwatch be invited to attend a meeting of the Community Committee’s sub-group .
- Youth involvement – the possibility of including Health as part of the next Youth Summit.
- The role of Healthwatch in Health Scrutiny.

**RESOLVED** – That the report and discussion be noted.

## 9 Leeds Streets for All

The report of he Chief Officer, Highways and Transportation gave the Committee a briefing on the Leeds Streets for All campaign which was intended to go live in September.

Jo Leppelley and Rupert Oldfield of the Transport Strategy team gave the Committee a presentation.

Issues highlighted included the following:

- Consultation would last 6 weeks and aimed to gather knowledge of local issues relating to transport infrastructure and the needs of the community and other stakeholders.
- There were 5 main themes to the campaign:
  - Vehicles and parking
  - Walking and wheeling

- Cycling
- Accessing bus stops and rail stations
- Street environment
- How the campaign could have an impact on what people would like to see on issues such as greenspace, cycling and the street environment.
- Communications with local residents on-street engagement; leaflets and posters; social media, Councillors and Stakeholders to share information with key contacts and residents.

In response to comments and questions, the following was discussed:

- There would be opportunity and support to assist people who were not on-line with the consultation.
- Concern that although Outer South Leeds bordered three other authority areas and had two motorways there did not seem to be the level of funding received as in the city centre and proposed schemes were frequently refused funding. It was reported that the consultation would help to priorities spending although there were no guarantees of any major capital funding.
- The need to improve cycle infrastructure across the city and also in the city centre. There were problems in the city centre with delivery cyclists using pedestrianised areas.
- The need to consider visually impaired pedestrians and mobility scooters with locations of bus stops, dropped kerbs and street furniture.
- Evaluation of the consultation needed to influence the local area transport plan.

**RESOLVED** – That the report and presentation be noted.

## **10 Housing Leeds - Tenant Engagement Update**

The report of the Chief Officer Housing updated the Community Committee on the Tenant Engagement function of Housing Leeds.

Ian Montgomery, Service Manager, Tenant Engagement Team presented the report.

The report outlined the changes to the Tenant Engagement service following the cessation of the Housing Advisory Panels. There would still be dedicated contacts for tenant engagement and these were as follows for the Outer South wards:

Morley North and Morley South: Andrew Kyrover – [Andrew.kyrover@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.kyrover@leeds.gov.uk) and;  
 Ardsley & Robin Hood and Rothwell: Louise Yeadon – [louise.yeadon@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:louise.yeadon@leeds.gov.uk)

Local residents would still have opportunity for engagement and a consultation was due to start on how engagement could be carried out in

future. All residents, former HAP members and tenants groups would be able to participate in the consultation.

The report provided details of what new engagement arrangements could involve and how it could make tenants more aware of council activity.

In response to questions it was reported that there would still be environmental budgets available for projects and these would be administered through each area office. Spending of these budgets would be subject to tenant and Member consultation. Details of the funds available were requested.

**RESOLVED** – That the report and discussion be noted.

## **11 Outer South 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, Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy.

The report was presented by Kimberly Frangos Localities Officer.

Members were asked to consider an application for funding from Rothwell & District Carnival Committee. The total cost of the project was £4,346.01 and £3,000 had been requested. Members were supportive of this application.

**RESOLVED** –

- a. That the ‘minimum conditions’ regarding the taking of urgent delegated decisions in between formal Community Committee meetings regarding the administration of Wellbeing and Youth Activity budgets, and also regarding the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund which has been allocated to the Committee’(paragraph 17) be agreed.
- b. That details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted (Table 1)
- c. That the funding request for Rothwell Summer Carnival be approved for £3,000.00
- d. That details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 23) be noted.
- e. That monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 26) be noted.
- f. That details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2) be noted.
- g. That details of the Small Grants Budget (Table 3) be noted.
- h. That details of the Community Skips Budget (Table 4) be noted.
- i. That details of the Capital Budget (Table 5) be noted.

- j. That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6) be noted.

## 12 Community Committee Appointments 2024/25

The report of the City Solicitor requested the Community Committee to note the appointment of Cllr Stephen Holroyd-Case as Chair of the Outer South Community Committee for 2024/25 as agreed at the recent Annual Council Meeting and also invited the Committee to make appointments to those positions detailed in section 6 of the submitted report.

With regard to appointments to the Archbishop Margetson Trust Fund, it was reported that there was ongoing dialogue with Drighlington Parish Council and Legal Services regarding the appointments of representatives from Drighlington Parish Council and Drighlington Primary School.

The Committee was informed that the Ardsley and Tingley Cluster was no longer operational although there were Cluster Lead Contacts. It was decided to no longer make appointments to this cluster and that Children's Services be informed of Members concerns regarding the lack of cluster provision in the area.

**RESOLVED** – To note the appointment of Cllr Stephen Holroyd-Case as Chair of the Outer South Community Committee for 2024/25 and to appoint to the positions set out in the submitted report as follows:

Organisation / Outside Body	No. of places		Appointed
Archbishop Margetson Fund	5		Cllr B Gettings 3 x Drighlington Parish Council vacancies 1 x Drighlington Primary School vacancy
Children's Services Cluster - Ardsley & Tingley	3		No appointments made
Children's Services Cluster - Morley	3		Cllr W Kidger Cllr R Finnigan Cllr J Senior
Children's Services Cluster - Rothwell	3		Cllr D Chapman Cllr S Golton Cllr K Renshaw
Local Care Partnership – Garforth/Kippax/Rothwell	1		Cllr S Golton
Local Care Partnership – Morley	1		Cllr R Finnigan
<b>CHAMPIONS</b>			

Children's Services	1		Cllr W Kidger
Employment, Skills & Welfare	1		Cllr K Renshaw
Health & Wellbeing	1		Cllr S Golton
Adult Social Care	1		Cllr K Renshaw
Environment & Community Safety	1		Cllr K Bruce
Corporate Parenting Board	1		Cllr S Holroyd-Case

### 13 Outer South Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Members attention to an update of the work which the Communities Team was engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunity for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Members were also asked to make sub-group nominations.

Inspector Mark Lund of the South Leeds NPT addressed the Committee. He reported that crime figures across the area had reduced over the previous year although there had been an increase in shoplifting. There had been issues with a group of youths in Tingley and the offenders were now being taken through the court system and this had seen a reduction in offending. With regards to staffing, there would be full complement of staff including PCSOs by October.

Members thanked Inspector Lund and his team for their work in the area but there were still concerns regarding problems with off-road motorcycles. It was reported that new measures were being taken to combat this including the use of pursuit vehicles, drones and stingers.

Further issues discussed included problems with electric scooters and dangerous dogs. It was requested that any incidents with dangerous dogs should be reported via 999. Members requested that PCs or PCSOs be in attendance at Community Group meetings where possible.

Georgia Lee of the Anti-Social Behaviour Team gave the Committee a service update. Members attention was drawn to the figures in the report and reference was made to the Anti-Social Behaviour surgeries that had been operating.

Housing – Members were given an update on the review of the Lettings Policy. City wide customer engagement had now been completed and the information was being analysed. There would be a presentation to Elected Members prior to the development of the new policy. Further discussion focussed on tenancy contracts, anti-social behaviour, tenancy visits and void

properties. Void properties accounted for less than one percent of stock which was the usual level.

Members would be contacted regarding the possibility of including Co-opted Members to the Committee. It was suggested that Co-opted Members could be sought from tenants & residents groups or community groups.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the following sub-group appointments be made.

Sub Group	Number of places	Appointed	Community Committee Champion
Children & Families	4	Cllr W Kidger (Chair) Cllr K Renshaw Cllr J Senior Cllr C Hart- Brooke	Cllr W Kidger
Community Centres	5	Cllr R Gettings (Chair) Cllr D Chapman Cllr K Renshaw Cllr O Newton Cllr W Kidger	Councillor R Gettings
Environment and Community Safety	4	Cllr K Bruce (Chair) Cllr W Kidger Cllr C Hart-Brooke Cllr K Renshaw	Cllr K Bruce
Health and Wellbeing	4	Cllr S Golton (Chair) Cllr K Renshaw Cllr R Finnigan Cllr W Kidger	Cllr S Golton
Adult Social Care	4	Cllr K Renshaw Cllr D Chapman Cllr S Brown Cllr W Kidger	Cllr K Renshaw

**14 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday, 30 September 2024 at 4.00 p.m.