

## INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

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

Councillors S Arif, K Dye, L Farley,  
D Jenkins, A Khan and J Tudor

### 16 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

### 17 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

### 18 Late Items

There were no late items.

### 19 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

### 20 Apologies for Absence

The Committee received apologies from Councillor Ragan and Councillor Maqsood prior to the meeting.

### 21 Open Forum

There were no public representations at the meeting.

### 22 Matters Arising

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

### 23 Matters Arising

Councillor Dye and Councillor Tudor requested that they be able to exchange their Champion roles.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Dye will now hold the position of Children's Services Champion, and Councillor Tudor will hold the position of Employment, Skills and Welfare Champion.

### 24 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 Capital (CRIS) and Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2022/23.

The Committee noted the following;

- That the figure of £2,200 entered for paragraph 20 is incorrect, and the amount proposed for 12th celebration of RadhaRaman Folk Festival 2022 is £2,100. This application received £500 from Gipton and Harehills, and £1,050 from Burmantofts and Richmond Hill.
- The Skelton Grange application under Item 26 had some small corrections. It received £896.97 from the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill.
- Youth Activities Fund consultation has been promoted at Breeze events.  
Projects set out in the report and supplementary information were discussed and determined as follows:

Project	Ward	Outcome
12 <sup>th</sup> Celebration of RadhaRaman Folk Festival	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill; Gipton & Harehills	£500 from Gipton & Harehills and £1,050 from Burmantofts & Richmond Hill. (With the Committee noting the correction of the figure as detailed within the report).
Amberton Road SID	Gipton & Harehills	£3,500
Increase BRH Small Grant & Skips Ring fence	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£2,000
BSA Drop In Centre Upgrade and Digital Make Over	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£6,730
Local Youth Wellbeing	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£4,600
Public Space CCTV Cameras – Inner East	Killingbeck & Seacroft	£2,000
Skelton Grange Nature Connection – Inner East	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft	Approved: £896.97 from Burmantofts & Richmond Hill
St Aidan's FoodShare & project worker for 12 months	Gipton & Harehills	£6,700
Street Signs Refurbishment	Gipton & Harehills	£5,220
We Are Seacroft Provision	Killingbeck & Seacroft	£27,000
Inner East Wellbeing Provision	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft	£900
ACE Club St Hilda's	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£3,650

We Are Seacroft Youth Provisions	Killingbeck & Seacroft	£20,000
Operation Dieselcrest	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill (£262.60), Gipton & Harehills (£269.14), Killingbeck & Seacroft (£596.14)	£1,127.88
Cafeteria	Gipton & Harehills	£19,850

**RESOLVED:** That the following be agreed:

- a. To note details of the Wellbeing Budget (Table 1) (paragraph 19)
- b. That the funding proposals within the report (Paragraph 20 - 34) be determined, as detailed above.
- c. To note details of Delegated Decision Notice (Paragraph 35)
- d. To note details of Declined Projects (Paragraph 36)
- e. To note details of Monitoring Information
- f. To note details of the Youth Activities Fund (Table 2) Paragraph 37)
- g. To note details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Table 3) Paragraph 40)
- h. To note details of the Capital Budget (Table 5) Paragraph 41)
- i. To note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget

## 25 LUFC Kicks Presentation

The Committee received a presentation from the Operations Executive of the Leeds United Foundation, the charitable arm of Leeds United football team.

The presentation outlined the following:

- The charity aims to create safer and stronger communities through the power of football
- The charity operates work connected to one of three pillars: health, participation and education
- A video presentation was included which had been featured on *Match of the Day*, demonstrating the charity working with children and young people in East Leeds participating in an environment which aims to foster an inclusive environment and increase self esteem
- 1200 children have been engaged in the past year

Regarding the Inner East, projects included:

- Healthy holidays which included providing food staples and holiday activities
- Soccercise for women
- Over 50s walking football
- Kicks drop in sessions
- Fit Fans, for improving healthy lifestyles

**RESOLVED:** That the contents of the report and presentation were noted.

## 26 Highways – Annual Improvement Consultation

The report of the Executive Manager, Highways provided the Inner East Community Committee with an update on the Highways Annual Improvement Consultation.

The presentation which was appended to the submitted report was shown at the meeting and the Community Committee were invited to make comments.

The Community Committee were informed of the following points:

- The consultation on next years' programme closed on 2nd September. Lists of the proposed works had been provided to Councillors and Parish Councils at the start of July requesting comments.
- Members were provided with an explanation of the Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice. 36 recommendations include: Lifecycle Plans, Inspections, Risk Management and Defect Repair.
- Explanation of how the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy aligns with the corporate vision and contributes to the vision for Leeds. It was noted that key factors of the strategy in Regional Context, Sustainability and Climate Emergency and Communication and Engagement.
- Funding allocations include City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) and Leeds Capital.
- Members noted that the service is currently undertaking more preventative work which is surface dressing. It was noted that the life of a road is generally 10 years.
- Each year all Members receive lists of roads requiring work and the priority given to them. Members are requested to make comments. Members were advised that all emails are noted and responded to.

The Committee discussed the following points arising from the presentation:

- There are 3,000km of road in Leeds, sections of which are managed in 250m bundles. More specific details relating to Inner East will be supplied.
- The quality of streets in deprived areas was discussed, especially Cross Catherine Street in Burmantofts, where issues with the sub-base is causing the surface to fail quicker. Full reconstruction has not yet been allocated.
- Areas with lower usage, such as cul-de-sacs, will be resurfaced less frequently in order to maintain the highest possible level of well-maintained road in the city.
- Issues with road markings not being repainted are being addressed by each resurfacing gang having its own lining crew. Road marking can be done in any weather, and safety critical markings will always be done even through winter.
- Members raised concerns regarding Yorkshire Stone not being replaced, and it was confirmed that due to a lack of materials that conservation areas have to be prioritised.

**RESOLVED:** That the contents of the report and presentation be noted.

## 27 Age Friendly Leeds Strategy & Action Plan 2022-2025

The report of the Director of Public Health presented to the Inner East Community Committee the refresh of the draft Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025 to gain feedback. The report also requested support and promotion of the work of Age Friendly within the city.

The Community Committee were provided with the following points:

- Around 1 in 3 people are aged 50 and over. The number of Leeds residents aged 80 and over will increase by about 50% in the next 20 years.
- Age Friendly Leeds is one of the eight priorities in the Best Council Plan 2020-2025. The vision for Leeds is that it is a place where people age well, older people are valued, respected, appreciated and seen as assets.
- The draft Age Friendly Leeds Strategy 2022-25 has been reviewed and refreshed which has been informed by The State of Ageing in Leeds report. The process has been overseen by the Age Friendly Board chaired by Cllr Jenkins. The role of the Board is to provide strategic leadership and set the strategic direction for the Age Friendly Leeds work programme and ensure that the objectives are being met.
- Leeds is a member of the World Health Organisation Age Friendly Cities programme and has used and adapted the framework to identify and address barriers to the well-being and participation of older people.
- The strategy sets out six key priority areas: housing; public and civic spaces; travel and road safety; active, included and respected; healthy and independent ageing and employment and learning. Each of the priorities is headed by a domain lead. Domain leads have been identified and are working to implement the actions set out in the plan. The domain leads will feedback on a quarterly basis.
- The Leeds Older Peoples Forum (LOPF) gives practical ways for the local community to become involved to strengthen the age friendly approach and Councillors were invited to support and encourage people and businesses to get involved in:
  - The Age Friendly Ambassador Programme
  - Becoming a Dementia Friend
  - Age and Dementia Friendly Businesses
  - The Come in and Rest Scheme
  - Leeds Older People's Age Friendly Steering Group
- Public Health are working with partners to support older people in Leeds to be as resilient as possible this winter. It was recognised that the cost-of-living crisis together with the impact that the cold weather can have on older people will require an approach to ensure proactive and preventative support is provided to those most at risk this winter. It was noted there are a range of services to support older people during cold weather including:
  - Information and Advice Service run through Age UK Leeds who can offer information and advice on a range of issues such as:
    - Money Matters
    - State Benefits

- Housing Rights
- Consumer issues
- Home Plus Leeds – whose aim is to enable and maintain independent living through improving health at home.
- Lunch Clubs – Public Health fund the annual Lunch Club Grants offering a financial contribution to support voluntary groups to provide hot nutritious meals and social activities for older people in a communal environment for 40 weeks per year.
- Sign up to receive Cold Weather Alerts
- ‘Stay Well this Winter’ Grants
- Become a winter friend

The Committee discussed the following details:

- Seacroft Councillors carrying ‘Come in and Rest’ stickers to offer to businesses to display, these will be distributed.
- The ambassador programme will feature regular events, training and dedicated officers to liaise with.
- The diversity of the area, particularly of faith, was discussed, and how this existing network can be utilised to create meaningful impact at the consultation stage.
- The potential for sharing ten of the Seacroft slow cookers from the pilot study with each of the other Inner East wards was discussed.
- Communicating with older people for whom English is a second language will to be undertaken by colleagues with the relevant experience.
- The time scale for the project involves visiting every Leeds Community Committee, which will be completed by the end of December. The strategy is being developed concurrently to the consultation phase so that the completion is not delayed.

**RESOLVED:** The Committee considered and noted the following:

- The contents of the report and the refresh of the Age Friendly Strategy;
- The work supporting age friendliness, winter planning and the cost-of-living crisis in local areas and how they can be built upon;
- The needs of the local ageing population and how these needs can be addressed through local age friendly work;
- The work of Age Friendly Strategy and the community approaches lead by LOPF can be embedded within the work of the Community Committees.

## **28 Update report**

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships updated the Committee on work undertaken by the Communities Team on the behalf of the Community Committee and provided an opportunity for Members to provide feedback. This report provided updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees including Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

In attendance were:

- Inspector Chantel Patrick, West Yorkshire Police

- Sergeant Alex McDonald, West Yorkshire Police
- Area Manager for Housing, Leeds City Council

The following items were discussed:

- The Committee needs to develop its local partnership work in regard to employment and skills.
- The Police presented their portion of the report, particularly the efforts to locate stolen motorbikes, prosecute those that steal them and where relevant, work with council housing services where the perpetrators are council tenants.
- The prevalence of drugs in Inner East led to discussion of the different ways to contact the police include the newsletter, Crimestoppers, 999 and 101. The usage of portals helps the police build intelligence.
- The Housing representative touched on the work that the police are doing relating to anti-social behaviour and how this segues into their work. A large challenge for their team is managing expectations of the eviction process for problem tenants. The idea to create a standard document to be shared for people going through this process was discussed.
- Social Media details will be distributed to all Councillors ahead of the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the contents of the report be noted by the Committee.

## **29 Next municipal year discussion**

The Committee received the report of Head of Locality Partnerships relating to the forthcoming municipal year future planning.

The following was noted:

- That the next meeting of the Community Committee will take place within the Killingbeck and Seacroft ward;
- That the urgent treatment centre for East Leeds could be invited to attend a future meeting, potentially relating to Domestic Violence.

**RESOLVED:** To note the contents of the report.

## **30 Date and Time of next meeting**

**RESOLVED:** That the next meeting shall be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, with a venue to be decided.