

INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 20TH JUNE, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor L Farley in the Chair

Councillors A Ali, M Ali, S Arif, K Dye,
A Khan, N Manaka and J Tudor

1 Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked the previous Chair of the Inner East Community Committee meeting, former Cllr A Hussain.

2 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

3 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

4 Late Items

There were no formal late items. However, supplementary information in relation to Agenda Item 13 – Finance Report, was published on the council's website and distributed to members prior to the meeting. Minute No. 13 refers.

5 Declaration of Interests

No interests were raised.

6 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr D Jenkins.

7 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 remit of Community Committee.

The following submissions were made:

A resident involved in setting up a new environmental network to tackle local climate emergency issues, requested that the Community Committee consider putting forward a representative to support and produce a local environmental plan for Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, with a sustainable and

environmental aim. The Committee welcomed the submission, and highlighted the importance of green initiatives and touched on several initiatives the council are involved in such as district heating, and insulation. Cllr Dye explained that she chairs the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee and confirmed she would be happy assisting the group in producing a local plan. Cllrs A Khan and M Ali also confirmed they would be happy in assisting.

RESOLVED – To assist the resident in producing a local plan for Burmantofts and Richmond Hill, regarding climate emergency initiatives for the local area.

Another resident explained he was involved in steering the community for a campaign regarding nurseries for children at Little Owls Nurseries across the city. He touched on a recent decision made by Executive Board to close some nurseries in the Inner East Community Committee area, and expressed concerns regarding the possible closure of additional nurseries and the impact this will have on the community. Committee Members confirmed they were happy to liaise with the resident, they also acknowledged the importance of such provision in the city, but noted the difficult position the Council is in regarding staffing levels and financial pressures.

RESOLVED – To engage with the resident regarding Little Owls Nurseries.

8 Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 14 March 2024

RESOLVED – To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday, 14th March 2024.

9 Community Committee Appointments 2024/2025

The report of the City Solicitor requested the Community Committee to note the appointment of Cllr L Farley as Chair of the Inner East 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.

A nomination was put forward to appoint Cllr A Ali as Vice Chair of the Inner East Community Committee for the 2024/25 municipal year. A vote was taken, and the majority of Members were in agreement of this arrangement.

RESOLVED – To note the appointment of Cllr L Farley as Chair of the Inner East Community Committee for 2024/25, as well as the appointment of Cllr A Ali as Vice Chair and to appoint to the positions set out in the submitted report as follows:

Organisation / Outside Body	No. of Places	Appointee
Richmond Hill Elderly Action	1	N Manaka

Clusters:		
Seacroft / Manston	1	D Jenkins
Inner East	2	A Khan and A Ali
2Gether	1	A Ali
Local Care Partnerships:		
HATCH (Harehills, Chapeltown & Burmantofts and Richmond Hill)	1	Harehills – A Ali & Burmantofts and Richmond Hill – N Manaka
Seacroft, Crossgates & York Road	2	Seacroft – D Jenkins York Road – A Khan
Champions:		
Children and Young People	1	N Manaka
Environment & Community Safety	1	A Khan
Employment, Skills, and Welfare	1	J Tudor
Health, Wellbeing and ASC	1	A Ali
Corporate Parenting Board:	1	Cllr N Manaka

10 Update Report

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

The report also provided regular updates on some of the key activities between the Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champion roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

The report included an appendix detailing some of the Inner East Community Committee social media engagement and posts.

The following appointments were made to sub-groups:

Subgroup	Number of places	Appointee	Community Committee
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			Champion
Inner East Environment and Community Safety	3	A Khan J Tudor S Arif	A Khan
Inner East Children and Young People	3	N Manaka K Dye A Ali	N Manaka

The Leeds City Council's Anti-social behaviour Team Supervisor and the East Leeds Inspector West Yorkshire Police attended the meeting. The police representative provided the Community Committee with an update on the serious and acquisitive crime demand data, including a breakdown for each ward in the Inner East Community Committee area. A breakdown of statistics is included in the submitted report. Members were also provided with an update on the following:

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill area

- The SmartWater initiative which is currently being rolled out.
- In general, there has been an increase in burglaries and robberies in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward. Particularly in the Knowles area, garages and shared buildings are being targeted. A crime prevention officer will be undertaking work in the area.
- The key times for robberies and thefts are 4-7pm and 11pm-3am. There have been no repeat demand occasions.
- Key times for theft from motor vehicles is 2-5am and typically overnight offences. The police are encouraging residents to lock windows and vehicles, and not leave any personal belongings on show. It was noted that opportunist thieves look for easy targets.
- There has been a general spike in the Saxtons area, and an officer is covering this area to look at on-going issues.
- Operation Anthenmill targeting street gangs in Burmantofts has been successful and there has been a massive reduction in violence.

Gipton and Harehills

- There has been a general reduction in robberies in the area, and there has been a huge police presence on the ground.
- The key times for robberies are 4-7am.
- There is a repeated trend with vehicle crime in the area, and key times are 10pm-3am.
- The PSPO for the Harehills area has been renewed. It was also confirmed that a dispersal order has been put in place in the Harehills area due to increased reports of anti-social behaviour. The order provides the police with further powers regarding dispersal, and immediate action. At present, 32 people have been warned, and 6 people have been issued with tickets. 5 people have been arrested during the operation due to substantive drug supply and drink-driving. 1 person has been arrested for breaching the PSPO dispersal.
- Anti-social behaviour key times are 6-10:30pm.

- There is work on-going with the Clear, Hold, Build initiative within Harehills.

Killingbeck and Seacroft

- There has been an overall reduction in crime.
- There has been an increase in burglaries in the area. 5 extra compared to 2023. Key times for burglaries are 10pm-6am for residential, and 11pm – 2am for retail. 1 arrest has been made regarding ASDA.
- Key times for insecure properties and forced entry are 4am-9pm.
- Key times for anti-social behaviour are 4-8pm, with several repeat offences. Youth related anti-social behaviour is between 6-10pm with demand around retail premises.
- A lot of work is on-going to tackle drug supply in the area.
- There is a visible reduction of motorcycle offences in the area, and operation dieselcrest is on-going. 14 arrests have been made regarding motor vehicle offences.

Overall, it is reported that there has been a general increase in anti-social behaviour demand in Inner East Leeds, although it was noted that youth crime has reduced.

There is also work on-going with temporary CCTV cameras, mosques, and other faith venues.

Priorities for Inner East Leeds are tackling serious organised crime criminality and addressing urban street gangs / organised crime groups, including reports of drug supply. There have been several operations to tackle associated issues and support vulnerable residents to protect them against exploitation against organised crime criminality. PCSOs are also working closely with the community.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Effectiveness of the PSPO and clarity on whether additional resources are being deployed. It was confirmed that 2 additional teams are being deployed to ensure that there is continued police presence to tackle street drinking and anti-social behaviour. It is hoped that the new dispersal order will help mitigate on-going street dealing issues.
- Clarity on initiatives in place to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime.
- To ensure signs are available in different languages.
- Reported arrests relate to individual operations that have taken place. Officers focused on key offenders.

The Chair commented on the good work that is going on across all the Inner East Community Committee areas.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report and update provided during the meeting.

11 Leeds Streets for All Update

The report of the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) presented a report that introduced a verbal update on the Leeds Streets for All campaign which will go live mid-July.

Officers from Leeds City Council's City Development sector attended the meeting to provide the update on the Leeds Streets for All update, with an aim to try and gather information on how residents travel and to gain insight on the infrastructure across all wards.

Residents, businesses, and stakeholders could access the consultation by visiting the website and dropping a pin on a map to highlight where specific issues were in the local area.

The main themes for this consultation are:

- Vehicles and parking
- Walking and wheeling (including accessibility, prams, wheelchairs, and scooters)
- Cycling
- Accessing bus stops and rail stations
- Street environment

The information provided would assist the Highways and Transport Service to prioritise improvements, as and when funding becomes available.

It is hoped that the consultation for the Inner East Community Committee area will be live at the end of July 2024.

Officers asked for feedback regarding localised communications and digital advertising. It was confirmed that there are also sample materials in terms of flyers and posters which include a QR code to translate information to different languages.

It was also confirmed that 4 consultation exercises have taken place in 4 other Community Committee areas and feedback received from them has helped shape ideas.

The Chair commented that individual ideas for area wards should be put forward as ideas for the consultation and asked elected members to work with council officers to promote the consultation across communities.

The Community Committee discussed the following matters:

- The importance of the community seeing 'real' results that impact the community. A member suggested that ward councillors are kept informed of upcoming improvements so that residents are also kept informed. Further to this, it was confirmed that an evaluation report will be provided for all the Community Committee areas and published online. The report will also centralise findings and will be easy to read.

- To consider further methods of engagement with people who are not digitally inclusive and for those who did not have English as a first language. Members also raised concern regarding literacy.
- Opportunities to link up with other services in the council from the feedback received from the consultation. It was acknowledged that this consultation can help with the wider engagement process and link with other wider consultation projects. Officers will pass on any information to other teams.
- Clarity on the connections and relationships with West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA). It was confirmed that WYCA looks at existing networks and reform data, and the consultation also allows them to take part. WYCA aims in terms of decarbonisation, inclusivity and efficient transport is at the core of everything the council aim to do.
- Importance of the 'legacy' of the consultation and its outcomes.

RESOLVED – To note the report and update provided during the meeting.

12 Community Committee Youth Summit/Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the Community Committee Youth Summit, as well as the Youth Activity Fund Consultation.

The Localities Officer presented the report and highlighted the following:

- The success of the Youth Summit and good feedback from young people who attended it.
- 107 people attended and schools are already enquiring about the next event.
- 426 surveys were filled in, and the results were that the top 3 sought after activities are sport, dance, and mixed activity days.

Committee Members thanked the Localities Officer for his work in pulling together the event and commented on the success of the event.

A member requested that children from special, educational needs and disabilities (SEND) groups are invited to future events and highlighted the importance of events being inclusive to all children in the city.

RESOLVED – To note:

- a) Reflections from the last 12 months.
- b) Details of the Youth Activity Fund consultation survey and that the Youth Activity Fund survey informs the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund for 2024/25.
- c) That any projects funded by the Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on the themes and activity priorities identified in the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey in 2024/25.

13 Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund as well as the CRIS and Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2024/25.

The Senior Localities Officer provided an overview of the current minimum conditions, and the process in which decisions are taken in terms of delegated decisions outside of the Community Committee meeting. Members were informed that any split decision outside of the Community Committee meeting regarding a funding application, will be brought to the Community Committee for their agreement at the next formal Committee meeting.

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

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount	Decision
Community Engagement Activities & Support to the Wider Community	Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO	All	BRH (£314.86) G&H (£525.09) K&S (£8,848.05)	Deferred
Shantona's Youth Club	Shantona Women's and Family Services	Gipton and Harehills	£5,000	Approved
Warm Welcome Space	St Agnes Church Hall	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	£2,000	Approved
West Yorkshire Fire Youth Intervention's programmes	West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Services	Gipton and Harehills	£5,395	Declined
Gipton and Harehills Bilal Centre Provision	Leeds Youth Service	Gipton and Harehills	£7,000	Approved
4 weeks summer camp	Junior Sports HUB	Gipton & Harehills	£4,740	Declined
Leeds Barrio Fiestos	FLC	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	£1,000	Approved

The Localities Officer highlighted the following information:

- An overview of the proposed minimum conditions as per paragraph 14 of the submitted report.
- Delegated decisions since the previous meeting held on 14th March 2024.
- No projects have been declined since the previous meeting held on 14th March 2024.

RESOLVED – To note/consider:

- a) Details of the Wellbeing Budget position.
- b) Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position.
- c) Details of the Small Grants and Skips Budget.
- d) Details of the Community Skips Budget.
- e) Details of the Capital Budget.
- f) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget.
- g) Consider applications for funding as per the table above.
- h) Approve the minimum conditions as set out at paragraph 14 of the submitted report.
- i) Note details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision.

14 Date and Time of next meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday, 19th September 2024 at 6pm. Venue TBC.

The meeting concluded at 20:20.