

OUTER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor G Wilkinson in the Chair

Councillors N Buckley, D Cohen, A Lamb
and M Robinson

32 APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

There were no appeals against the refusal of the inspection of Documents.

33 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items identified where it was considered necessary to exclude the press or public from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be considered.

34 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: P Harrand, J Procter, R Procter, R Stephenson and Jane Maxwell (ENE Area Leader).

36 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

There were no declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests.

37 OPEN FORUM

Representatives from the Wetherby Transport Group attended the meeting to contribute to the discussion on the Leeds Transport Conversation update (Agenda Item No. 9 refers)

The Chair informed the meeting that the Leeds Transport Conversation update would take place later in the meeting and representatives from the Wetherby Transport Group would be invited to make their representations at the appropriate time.

38 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th September 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

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to be held on Monday, 19th March, 2018

39 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no issues raised under Matters Arising.

40 Leeds Transport Conversation update - Public Transport Investment programme (£173.5m), Outer North East update, and Leeds Transport Strategy development

The Chief Officer Highways and Transportation submitted a report which provided an update on the Leeds Transport Conversation – Public Transport Investment Programme (£173.5m) including the Outer North East Area and the Leeds Transport Strategy Development.

Appended to the report were copies of the following appendices:

- Outer North East Workshop – Notes of the meeting held on 12th October 2016
- Aecom analysis of Outer North East questionnaire responses
- Summary of Major Transport Schemes in Leeds

Paul Foster, Transport Strategy Manager, City Development together with Vanessa Allen, Principle Transport Planner, City Development and Neil Warness (WYCA) addressed the report and provided an update in respect of the following:

- The successful business case submission for the Public Transport Investment Programme (£173.5m) announced by the government on the 28th April 2017 (Department of Transport).
- Public transport funding proposals were developed in response to the feedback from the Transport Conversation engagement process in the Summer/ Autumn 2016 and both the Leeds wide and Outer North East response is outlined within the submitted report.
- Outline of Leeds wide transport improvements, the Public Transport Investment Programme (LPTIP - £173.5m) as well as other transport improvements within the Outer North East area.
- Bus improvements including First Bus committed to spending £71m on buying 284 new greener buses.
- The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) proposal for bus network and Community hub improvements.
- Identification of the longer term proposals and key issues for development of a 20 year Leeds Transport Strategy.

Referring to the Leeds Transport Conversation questionnaire it was reported that the following areas had been identified as key transport issues in the Outer North East Area;

- Unreliable bus services

- Poor frequency of some bus services
- Long journey times
- Poor service provision at busy periods
- Lack of direct buses
- Poor connectivity to areas identified for future housing and employment growth
- Poor connectivity to the City Centre
- Buses missing out parts of the route
- Congested bus stands at existing hubs
- Poor pedestrian safety and security at existing hubs

Suggested solutions included:

Transport Hubs

- Improved information provision at Wetherby Bus Station
- Improved pedestrian safety and security at Moor Allerton District Centre

Connecting Communities

- Door to door transport for people with mobility issues
- Improved walking and cycling routes
- Better public transport information that is easily available

In offering comment Members suggested:

- There was nothing in the report about cross border working
- Welcomed the proposal for a Railway Station at Thorp Park but residents from the Outer North East area would find it difficult to get to if using public transport
- Could larger bus layby's be created to reduce congestion
- The No.36 Service Leeds to Harrogate was a very good service, buses every 10 minutes, could other routes operate in a similar way
- Improved passenger information in bus shelters was required
- Possible Park & Ride proposals for north Leeds, were there any further developments (A site near Leeds Grammar School had previously been suggested)

In responding officers commented as follows:

- There had been a lot of partnership working with North Yorkshire Council but in recent years funding from North Yorkshire had been reduced which had impacted on cross border bus services
- There was a proposal to create a park & ride facility at Thorp Park accommodating up to 1000 vehicles, which would improve connectivity in the Outer North East Area
- Creating larger bus layby's could be problematic if underground services required moving, the bus may also be delayed in getting back

into the traffic channel. The introduction of contactless payments may reduce waiting times at bus stops

- The Leeds to Harrogate bus service was run by a commercial operator due to the large passenger numbers
- New/ improved real time passenger information would be installed in up to 1000 bus shelters in the near future
- In respect of a Park & Ride facility for north Leeds, it was reported that the latest proposal would be circulated to Members of the Committee in due course.

The Chair introduced and welcomed to the meeting representatives from the Wetherby Transport Group and invited them to address the meeting.

Mr Melvyn Wood said the Wetherby Transport Group represented 7 Parish Council's across the Outer North East Area and also included Bickerton in North Yorkshire which demonstrated a cross border interdependence within the Leeds City Region.

Mr Wood said the Group wished to highlight the poor public transport network across the area. From Wetherby there was no direct access to York, Tadcaster or Bickerton. Mr Wood provided a number of examples where residents from the Outer North East area had endured long journey times due to the poor frequency of service or the lack of direct buses. There was a large older population in the area surrounding Wetherby with a growing number of people no longer able to drive. Journey times to hospital referrals in Leeds, Harrogate and York were often lengthy, public transport to York was particularly poor.

Referring to highway issues within the area Mr Wood said speeding traffic through Walton Village was a concern and requests had been made to the City Council's Highway Department for traffic calming measures within the village.

Other requests for dropped curbs and the replacement of the footpath on Spring Lane, Walton, Members were informed that in all cases no response had been provided.

Referring to the highway issues, the Chair asked to be supplied with the necessary details so that he may take up the matter on behalf of the Group.

In drawing the discussion to a conclusion the Chair thanked; Members, representatives from the Wetherby Transport Group and Officers for their attendance and contributions all of which would be fed back into the Leeds Transport Conversation.

RESOLVED –

- (i) To note the feedback from the Transport Conversation and its input into the £173.5m public transport improvements and

informing a wider transport strategy for the city and the Outer North East Area over the next 20 years

- (ii) To note the overall progression of Leeds Transport and £173.5m funding programme in Leeds overall
- (iii) To note progression of the major transport schemes within the Outer North East Area

41 Leeds Health and Care Plan: Inspiring Change through Better Conversations with Citizens

The Chief Officer Health Partnerships, submitted a report which provided an overview of the progress made in shaping the Leeds Health & Care plan following the previous conversation at this Committee in Spring 2017.

Members were informed that the aim of the report was to consider proposals made to date and seek support for a shift in services towards better prevention and a more social model of health.

Nigel Gray (Chief Officer, NHS Leeds CCGs) together with Sara Munro (Chief Executive, LYPFT) and Paul Bollom (Head of the Leeds Health and Care Plan, Health Partnerships) addressed the report speaking in detail about the Leeds Health and Care Plan and the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016 – 2021.

Members noted the Leeds approach remained one based on long term planning including demand management, behaviour change and transition from acute-based services towards community based approaches that were both popular with residents and financially sustainable.

A transition towards a community-focused model of health' would bring services together in the community. GP practices, social care. Third Sector and public health services would be informally integrated in a 'Local Care Partnership'. Hospitals would work closely with this model and care would be provided closer to home where possible, and as early as possible. New mechanisms, known as 'Population Health Management' would be used to ensure the right people get the right services and that these are offered in a timely fashion. This was designed to prevent illness where possible and manage it in the community.

Members were informed that the plan was for the number of services based around neighbourhoods to increase and jointly work together as Local Care Partnerships (Leeds Neighbourhood Teams 13). Building on the current neighbourhood teams Local Care Partnerships would include community based health and care services and possibly some services that are currently provided in hospital such as some outpatient appointments. People would still be registered with their GP practice and the vision is that a much wider range of health and care services would 'wrap-around' in a new way of working that emphasises team working to offer greater capacity than the GP alone. It

would mean services no longer operating as entirely separate teams as they often do now.

Professionals working within Local Care Partnerships would work as one team avoiding the need for traditional referrals between services. The approach would be locally tailored to acknowledge how health and care needs vary significantly across Leeds. Working with local people, professionals within Local Care Partnerships would have more opportunities to respond to the needs of local populations and focus on what matters most for local communities.

In the discussion that ensued Members suggested the following:

- The need for more prevention awareness
- Greater engagement with the public and clarity about the developing Plan and future finances for the health & care service
- Greater understanding of the role pharmacies could have in community healthcare and encouraging uptake
- Consideration of asset space and the impact of changes on communities
- The role of technology and connectivity in future health & care services and this approach needed to improve, with security and choice being issues to consider as not everyone utilises ICT at the same level
- The role of health & care staff and the opportunities for 'making every contact count'
- Skill change for the workforce
- The need to offer holistic care in 13 Neighbourhood Teams rather than 176 CCG's

In drawing the discussion to a conclusion the Chair thanked officers for their attendance and presentation suggesting Members were supportive of the Leeds Health and Care Plan proposals.

On a point of information Members requested if the following details could be supplied:

- The number of missed GP appointments in the Outer North East Area and the cost to the service
- Had gluten free products been removed from prescriptions

Officers confirmed the requested information would be supplied

RESOLVED -

- (i) To support the updated Leeds Plan as a basis for conversation with citizens on the future of health and care.
- (ii) To actively support widespread conversation and discussion of the Leeds Plan and narrative to encourage feedback and comment.

- (iii) To support the emerging model of Local Care Partnerships and actively engage with their development in their communities.

42 Neighbourhood Planning Update

The Neighbourhood Planning Officer submitted a report which provided an update on the neighbourhood planning activity in the Outer North East area of the city.

Ian Mackay, Neighbourhood Planning Officer, City Development addressed the Committee providing an update and commentary on the following:

Bardsey cum Rigton

Stage: Plan Made

The Plan went to referendum on 12th October, 93% voted in favour of the plan

Boston Spa

Stage: Plan Made

The Plan went to referendum on 12th October, 89% voted in favour of the plan

Barwick in Elmet and Scholes

Stage: Plan Made

The Plan went to referendum on 12th October, 92% voted in favour of the plan

Linton

Currently subject of Judicial Review, case heard in High Court in early December 2017 where the Judgement was Reserved.

Thorp Arch

Stage: Plan Made

The Plan went to referendum on 7th December 2017, 92% voted in favour of the plan.

Alwoodley

Stage: Examination

- The Plan had been submitted for Examination. The Regulation 16 Publicity closed on Monday 27th November 2017.

- 8 representations had been submitted from both statutory consultees and local residents.
- Chris Collison had been appointed as the Independent Examiner.
- The final Examiner's Report should be published before Christmas.
- It was expected that the Referendum (subject to the Plan passing Examination) will be before March 2018.
- Mistake identified within the plan concerning Adel Woods

Wetherby

Stage: to be Submitted for Examination

- The Plan would shortly be submitted for Examination.
- Terry Heselton had recently been appointed as the Independent Examiner.
- It was expected that the Regulation 16 Publicity period would run to the New Year, and that the Examination would take place early in the New Year.
- On that basis, and owing to Electoral Services' commitments for the Local Elections, it was expected that the Referendum (subject to the Plan passing Examination) could be held towards the end of May 2018.

Aberford

Finalising the Submission Draft Plan.

East Keswick

Currently re-drafting their Plan and were considering going back out to Pre-Submission Consultation on the changes before submitting the Plan.

Scarcroft

Finalising the Submission Draft Plan.

Walton

Finalising the Submission Draft Plan, it was expected that they would submit early in the New Year.

Bramham Parish Council

Due to commence the Pre-Submission Consultation on the Plan in January 2018.

Thorner Parish Council

Currently preparing the Pre-Submission Plan and would be conducting Pre-Submission Consultation in due course.

Shadwell Parish Council

Currently producing an early draft Plan.

43 Raising Awareness of What it means in Practice to be a Corporate Parent and the Role of the Corporate Parenting Board.

The Chief Officer (Children and Families Directorate) submitted a report which outlined the role of the Corporate Parenting Board and aimed to increase the understanding of the role of the Children's Champion and what being a Corporate Parent meant.

Councillor Dan Cohen introduced this item in his role as Children's Champion for the Outer North East area and as a Member of the Corporate Parenting Board.

Councillor Cohen informed the Committee that as Elected Members, they had a responsibility for all looked after children and care leavers.

Hannah Lamplugh, Voice and Influence Lead attended the meeting together with Jancis Andrews, Head Teacher Virtual School for LA Children.

Members were informed that the session was to provide the following outcomes:

- Greater awareness of the characteristics and outcomes of looked after Children
- Increased understanding of what corporate parenting means in practice
- Informed about the different levels of corporate parenting responsibility

The Community Committee heard that the Social Work Act 2017 provided new guidance on Corporate Parenting.

It was reported that the young people from the Have a Voice Council had prepared a quiz for the Community Committee relating to aspects of being a looked after child or a Care leaver.

Members' attention was drawn to the contextual information about the Outer North East Community Committee area provided in the submitted report.

The Community Committee discussed the following points:

- Educational attainment and how this needed to improve, including the Work of the Clusters and a need for a named school governor.
- The role of designated teachers in schools
- Continued care for over 18 years up to 21
- Low numbers of looked after children and care leavers attending University

Members queried if there were any “Get Together’s” planned for the Outer North East Area

In responding Members were informed that there were no planned “Get Together’s” specifically for the Outer North East Area, the nearest venue was currently the Reginald Centre, which covered the Inner North East Area, but further enquiries would be made

RESOLVED –

- (i) That Members use their increased knowledge and understanding of looked after children and young people and corporate parenting to consider and act on their own corporate parenting responsibilities.
- (ii) That where relevant Members consider reports and record the impact of decisions on looked after children and care leavers

44 Outer North East Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund Budgets

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report which provided an update on the current position of the Outer North East Community Committee’s budgets and set out details of applications seeking Wellbeing Revenue Funding and Youth Activity Funding.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for information / comment of the meeting:

- An explanation on capital funding and eligible schemes (Appendix A referred)
- Outer North East Community Committee Wellbeing Revenue Budget (Appendix B referred)
- Outer North East Community Committee Youth Activity Funding (Appendix C referred)
- Outer North East Community Committee - Community Committee priorities 2017/18 (Appendix D referred)

Andrew Birkbeck, Area Improvement Manager, presented the report and responded to Members comments and queries.

Further discussions ensued on the contents of the report together with the appendices which included:

- Available funding for the current financial year.
- Clarification around some of the projects seeking financial assistance.

RESOLVED –

- (i) To note the current budget position for 2017/18.
- (ii) To note the CIL Neighbourhood Fund balance for the Outer North East Community Committee as referred to in paragraph No.8 of the submitted report
- (iii) That the following project requesting Wellbeing Funding be determined as follows:

Project	Organisation	Amount Granted (£)
Northwest Leeds Country Park & Green Gateways Trail	Leeds City Council Parks and Countryside Section	Not Granted (Other funding options to be explored)
Burton Mews CCTV	Leeds Jewish Housing Association	£1,242.85
New Machinery Shed and Electrical Upgrade	Bardsey Bowling Club	£2,091
Barwick & Scholes Allotments	Barwick & Elmet and Scholes Parish Council	Deferred pending further information
Collingham & Linton Christmas Village Project	Collingham with Linton Parish Council	Deferred pending further information
X 3 Speeds Indication Device (SIDS)	Leeds City Council Highways Services	£9,330
Essential Bowling Club Equipment	Scholes Bowling Club	£745.20
Thorner Playground Equipment Refurbishment	Thorner Parish Council	£15,295
Thorner Lane & Weardley Lane Improvement Works	Leeds City Council Highway Services	£4,500

Quarry Hill Surfacing Works	Leeds City Council, Parks and Countryside Service	£4,000
Activities for WISE	Wetherby In Support of the Elderly (WISE)	Not Granted
Replacement Gas Boilers at Boston Spa Village Hall	Boston Spa Parish Council	£4,000
Wetherby Bike Trails – The Devils Toenail	SingletrAction (Wetherby Bike Trails)	£5,000

- (iv) That the following project requesting Youth Activity Funding be determined as follows:

Project	Organisation	Amount Granted (£)
Professional Interviewing Skills & Training (Purchase of equipment – capital spend)	Tempo FM – Wetherby Community Radio Limited	£8,777

- (v) To note that the following application had been approved since the Community Committee on 11th September 2017 under the delegated authority of the Director of Communities and Environment

Project	Organisation	Amount Granted (£)
Thackrah Court Tree Works	Leeds City Council – Parks and Countryside Service	£810

45 Community Committee Update Report

The Area Leader submitted a report which provided an update on the Work Programme for the Outer North East Community Committee

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The following document was appended to the report for information/ comment of the meeting:

- The minutes of the Outer North East Environmental Sub Group held on 7th September 2017 (Appendix A referred).

Andrew Birkbeck, Area Improvement Manager, presented the report and highlighted the main issues which included:

- It was noted that the Outer North East Environment Sub Group had recently met on 23rd November 2017
- The ongoing issues around highways maintenance, grit bins, greenspace and the environment
- A summary of the decision taken at the Emmerdale Stakeholder Panel on 7th September 2017
- Transport and Highways issues for the Outer North East Area
- Options for allocation Section 106 monies arising from local development
- Highway maintenance concerns in the Harewood Ward

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted

46 Outer North East Parish and Town Council Forum

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report which provided the Minutes from the latest meeting of the Outer North East Parish and Town Council Forum held on 7th September 2017.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the Minutes of the latest meeting of the Outer North East Parish and Town Council Forum held on 7th September 2017, be noted.
- (ii) To support where appropriate, the Outer North East Parish and Town Council Forum in resolving any issues raised.

47 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note that the next meeting would take place on Monday, 19th March 2018 at 5.30pm (Venue to be confirmed)