

INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - CONSULTATIVE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor A Hussain in the Chair

Councillors S Arif, K Dye, R Grahame,
D Jenkins, K Maqsood and D Ragan

CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

As the meeting was being held remotely as a consultative meeting, any recommendations made would be ratified via delegated decision or at a future meeting.

1 APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

There were no appeals.

2 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no exempt items.

3 LATE ITEMS

There were no formal late items.

4 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no interests raised at the meeting.

5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor A Khan.

6 OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

RECOMMENDED – That the minutes of the meeting held 21 September, be approved as an accurate record.

8 CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE 2021

The Chief Officer for Sustainable Energy and Air Quality submitted a report to update the Inner East Community Committee on the Climate Emergency Strategy and progress.

An update was provided to the Inner East Community Committee on the council's climate emergency strategy and recent progress to reduce emissions. This included an overview of measures being taken to retrofit homes and buildings, installation of electric vehicle infrastructure and biodiversity measures such as tree planting. A couple of points highlighted were as follows:

- £25m has been secured for de-carbonisation of the corporate estate and schools and included solar panels and LED lighting. It was noted that this had to be taken without any consultation due to limited timescales for the bidding process.
- Information about what measures had taken place locally were also shared.
- Many sites across Leeds need heating upgrades and the Council were looking to use solar panels and air source heat pumps. Members were advised that savings would be made by not using Capital Money and the team were looking to secure funding from Government through a bidding process.
- Grant funding is available for homes where owner's salaries are under £30,000 to be fitted with free solar panels.
- An electric bike trial scheme was available until March so that cyclists could try electric bikes before deciding to buy. The team have around 22 electric bikes which can be loaned out from the city centre for use across Leeds. The loan period is one month.
- The team produce a city newsletter and an invite was given to Members to request a copy.
- Leeds DEC are providing free educational material to raise awareness of climate change to be used in schools which link into the school curriculum.
- A climate action training pilot was currently being undertaken in Seacroft. This links schools, third sector organisations to see what can be done in local areas to address climate change.
- A demonstration of the place-based carbon calculator. It was noted that the footprint in the Inner East is lower than most areas across the city.
- The White Rose Strategy is looking to double the tree count across Leeds. This is a national scheme looking to link up with private landowners who might be able to provide land on which trees can be planted. The Council is looking to plant more trees on land it owns such as parks.

Members discussed a number of matters including:

- The mechanisms in place to mitigate air pollutants, specifically in the Inner East Community Committee area and identifying areas where people are most exposed to air pollution.
- Concerns were raised that the bike scheme was not inclusive to all, particularly for people with health issues and disabilities. Further to

clarification on the process of leasing electric bikes, members were informed that businesses have since purchased / leased electric vehicles themselves.

- Clarity on the plans to roll out free solar panels and LED lighting across schools in the Inner East Community Committee area. Members were asked to provide details of schools that may be interested in the scheme, albeit this will be dependent on future funding rounds.
- The take-up of homeowners receiving free solar panels and/or insulation was acknowledged, and it was noted that the Council are keen to receive more applications for inefficient buildings, specifically EPC G.
- Green Careers – a suggestion was made to share relevant information with respective Subgroups and Community Committee Champions.
- Clarity on the plans for de-carbonisation relating to railways.
- Ammonia for aviation.
- Concern regarding bus providers idling engines.
- Tackling congestion and the focus of the Connecting Leeds Strategy.

The Chair thanked the Senior Communication and Marketing Officer for his presentation.

RECOMMENDED – To note the contents of the verbal update and comments raised during discussion of this item.

9 HIGHWAYS WINTER SERVICE UPDATE

The Executive Manager submitted a report to provide the Inner East Community Committee with an update on Highways Winter Service. The report and presentation provided the Inner East Community Committee with an update of the Highways Service, following a recent winter service review. The report focussed specifically on the winter service fulfilled by Highways, including snow clearance and road gritting.

The Group Operations Manager LPTIP was in attendance and informed members of a web link which showed the location of yellow grit bins and will show routes on which gritting is taking place in real time on days when the city is hit by severe weather conditions. It was hoped that this would provide valuable information for residents and ward councillors. The website uses postcodes to locate specific routes.

Members discussed a number of Inner East Community Committee areas where grits bins have been requested, and not provided. These related to the Brownhills, Clifton & Nowells and the Conway estates, as well as Harehills Road. The Highways Operation Manager in attendance confirmed he would provide an update to members outside of the meeting, on the status of the grit bins.

Officers were encouraged to communicate with residents regarding what's going on locally and were minded to use radio stations such as Chapel FM and Fever FM to get communications out across the locality. The Localities

Officer will provide details to the Group Operations Manager following close of the meeting.

The Chair thanked officers for their attendance and update.

RECOMMENDED – To note the verbal update, and comments raised during discussion of this item.

10 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, and Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2021/ 22.

The projects set out in the submitted report were discussed, and recommended to be agreed as follows:

Project Title	Wards	Amount requested	Decision
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Football Coaching Programme	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	£6,480 (Wellbeing)	Deferred for further information
Knee Rail Cromwell Street, Lincoln Green	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	£2,456 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Educational Trip for Low Income Families	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	£1,000 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
SCOT Projects	Killingbeck and Seacroft	£20,839 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Nowell Mount Community Centre – Activating the space	Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	£5,200 (Wellbeing)	Agreed

Members received the following information:

- Wellbeing Budget Position 2021/22 – there is a remaining balance of £136,393.97 and a breakdown per ward was provided.
- Delegated Decisions since the last Inner East Community Committee held 21st September 2021, as set out at paragraph 25 of the submitted report.
- Youth Activities Fund Position 2021/22 – there is a remaining balance of £51,011.14 and a breakdown per ward was provided.
- Small Grants Budget 2021/22 – there is a remaining balance of £12,182.01 and a breakdown per ward was provided.

- Tasking Budget 2021/22 – there is a remaining balance of £5,252.44 and a breakdown per ward was provided.
- Capital Budget 2021/22 – there is a remaining balance of £85,659.59 and a breakdown per ward was provided.
- Community Infrastructure Levy Budget 2021/22 – there is a remaining balance of £75,673.07 and a breakdown per ward was provided. Members were informed that CIL injection figures were expected and will be provided to members in due course.

Clarity was provided to members on the timescales for spending monies and were informed that YAF and Wellbeing allocation should be spent before the end of the financial year. It was noted that CIL has a longer timescale of 5 years.

A member sought clarity on the status of a scheme at Temple Gate for the installation of a footpath and the Head of Locality Partnerships confirmed an update on this scheme will be sought.

RECOMMENDED –

- a) To agree funding proposals as set out above.
- b) To note details of the Wellbeing Budget (Table 1)
- c) To note details of the Youth Activities Fund (Table 2)
- d) To note details of the Small Grants and Skips Budget (Table 3)
- e) To note details of the Tasking Budget (Table 4)
- f) To note details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)
- g) To note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6)

11 UPDATE REPORT

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

The Community Committee Team Manager introduced the report, and highlighted the following key points:

- COVID-19 vaccination delivery and the success at East Park Medical Centre, Infinity and Bilal Centres.
- Vaccine hesitancy leaflets and working with Faith Leaders.
- An update on the Bonfire/Halloween period and targeted work with youth provision activities in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill & Gipton and Harehills area.
- Youth Summits and their future working arrangements.

Members discussed the following key matters:

- Concerns regarding complaints received from residents in relation to behaviours of the public at vaccination centres such as York Road Medical Centre. It was noted that there is a requirement for effective marshalling and comments will be relayed back by Cllr Arif.
- The success of events at schools to address winter wellbeing was acknowledged, and members commented on the need to look at different ways to encourage vaccination take-up across schools.
- Street drinking in Harehills to be addressed as a multi-agency approach by implementing a 'closure order'.

RECOMMENDED – To note the contents of the submitted report and updates provided at the meeting.

12 Any Other Business

Referring to Community Committee Appointments 2021/22, it was acknowledged that Councillor D Ragan was appointed to the Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care Champion, replacing Councillor A Khan.

Members discussed items at future meetings and requested that an update be received in relation to domestic violence and concentrated work around elderly people.

A member discussed a public consultation seeking comments on policing in local areas, in relation to The Police and Crime Plan.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place Wednesday, 16th March 2022 at 6 p.m.

(The meeting concluded at 19:45)