

SOUTH (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

12TH DECEMBER 2005

PRESENT: Councillor Finnigan in the Chair
Councillors Beevers, Dunn, Elliott, Leadley,
McArdle, Mulherin, Renshaw and Smith

60 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made, however further declarations were also made throughout the meeting – please see Minute Nos. 64 and 66.

Item 8 (Minute 64) – Making Leeds Better

A Personal Interest was declared by Councillor Smith, due to his position within South Leeds NHS PCT.

Item 10a (Minute 66) – Wellbeing Application Proposals – Leeds Credit Union – Morley Office Rental Charges

Councillors Dunn, McArdle and Renshaw declared Personal and Prejudicial Interests, due to being members of the Credit Union, and Councillors Finnigan, Beevers and Elliott declared Personal Interests in this item due to having accounts with the Credit Union.

Item 10g (Minute 66) – Wellbeing Application Proposals – Outside Picnic Area for Lewisham Park

Councillors Beevers, Leadley and McArdle declared Personal and Prejudicial Interests, due to being members of the Lewisham Park Centre Management Committee.

Item 10i (Minute 66) – Wellbeing Application Proposals – St. Paul's Church Morley

Councillor McArdle declared a Personal Interest, as an attendee of Morley Drugs Action Group meetings, which had used St. Paul's Church as a venue.

Item 10n (Minute 66) – Wellbeing Application Proposals – Improvements to and Sustainability of Churwell Community Centre

Councillors Leadley, Elliott and McArdle declared Personal Interests due to being members of Churwell Action Group.

61 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Galdas, Grayshon and Wilson.

62 Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 24th October 2005

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2005, be approved as a correct record.

At this point in the meeting, the Chair welcomed Tom O'Donovan, the newly appointed South Outer Area Co-ordinator to his first meeting of the

Committee, and also conveyed Members' thanks to Dayle Lynch, Area Management Project Officer, for all her work whilst being a member of the South Area Management Team, as it was her final meeting of the Committee.

63 Open Forum

In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to ten minutes for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. The following issue was raised:-

Bus Service – Winthorpe Estate

A member of Winthorpe Residents Association raised concerns over the wide ranging revisions which had been made to the bus services to and from Winthorpe.

In response, it was proposed that representatives from Metro and First Bus be invited to the next meeting of the South Outer Area Committee, so that Members could raise any questions or concerns they had in relation to the bus service provision in the Outer South area.

64 Making Leeds Better

The Committee received a report and presentation from Dr. George McIntyre, Chief Executive of South Leeds PCT, informing Members on the strategic initiative which involved all health and social care partners across the City. The Committee noted that the aim of such an initiative was to improve the health and wellbeing of all service users in Leeds by providing speedy access to high quality care and treatment which was responsive to their needs.

Following the presentation, a question and answer session then ensued, with the main areas of discussion being as follows:-

- The prioritisation of parking and patient transportation when considering any new developments, such as the proposed Children's and Maternity Hospital;
- The priorities underpinning the Making Leeds Better programme, which aimed to provide patients and service users with efficient access to the best possible care in the best possible settings;
- The processes which were in place to maintain and improve the quality of existing hospital buildings, and whether proper planning procedures had been established when considering any new developments;
- With the prospect of new services being developed, Members enquired what implications this would have on existing staff and how standards of service would be affected if greater numbers of staff were not recruited and trained;
- Issues relating to the budgetary constraints experienced by NHS Trusts within Leeds;
- The implications of a greater number of patients being treated in the community, as opposed to being treated in hospitals;
- Issues relating to the management of staff within the NHS and how such management could affect the morale of employees;
- The significant contribution that volunteers and carers had made in South Leeds;

- The methods which were used by the Trust when communicating with other organisations, and how such methods could be improved.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the progress made in relation to the development of the Making Leeds Better programme for health and social care services in Leeds be noted;
- (b) That any suggestions Members may have in relation to the establishment of appropriate local engagement mechanisms and opportunities for Making Leeds Better, be forwarded to the Area Management Team in preparation for the formal consultation period next year;
- (c) That a report updating Members on the Making Leeds Better programme be submitted to the South Outer Area Committee in approximately six months time.

(A Personal Interest was declared by Councillor Renshaw during this Item, due to her brother being a patient in one of the hospitals discussed during the debate)

65 Area Committee Wellbeing Funding – Current Position Statement

A report was submitted by the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which updated Members on the current balance of both the South Outer Area Committee Wellbeing Fund and the Small Grants Fund.

Members were advised that although no confirmation had been received as to whether or not any unspent Wellbeing revenue funding from 2005/06 would be rolled over to the next financial year, the Committee was assured that when any information was received, Members would be informed.

In response to Members' queries regarding the existence of follow up mechanisms to ensure that Wellbeing funding was being spent appropriately and how any related findings could be fed back to the Area Committee, Members were assured that although a follow up mechanism had already been established, the prospect of reporting any related findings back to Members would be investigated.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the information contained within the report, regarding the current levels of both revenue and capital Wellbeing funding be noted;
- (b) That the current balance of the small grants fund be noted;
- (c) That the promotion of the small grants and community skips budget be encouraged wherever possible;
- (d) That the prospect of a feedback mechanism being established to update Members on whether the projects funded by the Area Committee Wellbeing budget were spending such funding appropriately, be investigated.

66 Wellbeing Application Proposals

The Committee considered a series of reports submitted by the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which invited Members to determine the Wellbeing funding applications which had been received.

RESOLVED –

That the reports be noted and that the following decisions be made in respect of the Wellbeing funding applications submitted for consideration at this meeting:-

* (i). Leeds Credit Union – The allocation of £1,405 Wellbeing revenue funding to cover accommodation rental shortfall for the period 1st December 2005 to 31st March 2006 – **Approved**, and the allocation of £4,215 Wellbeing revenue funding per annum over the next 2 financial years (2006/7 and 2007/8) – **Approved in principle, with both decisions being subject to the clarification of issues surrounding the funding of accommodation rental costs;**

(ii). New Creations Project – The allocation of £5,250 Wellbeing revenue funding for 2005/6 and the allocation of £1,000 Wellbeing capital funding towards the New Creation Project – **Approved**, with the allocation of £3,750 revenue from the Wellbeing Budget 2006/7, to contribute towards the overall cost of funding the project up to the end of August 2006 – **Approved in principle, with the prospect of the project's implementation in further Wards being investigated;**

(iii). Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team PCSO Pedal Cycles – The allocation of £1,808 Wellbeing revenue funding towards the project – **Approved;**

(iv). Security Measures – East Ardsley Community Centre – The allocation of £13,193 capital and £250 revenue Wellbeing funding towards the project – **Approved;**

** (v). Winthorpe Residents Association – The allocation of £10,000 revenue Wellbeing funding towards the project – **Approved;**

(vi). St. Gabriel's Community Centre – Equipment and Furniture – The allocation of up to £2,000 revenue funding for the purchase of new furniture and equipment – **Approved;**

*** (vii). Outside Picnic Area for Lewisham Park – The allocation of £4,347 Wellbeing revenue funding towards the project – **Approved;**

(viii). Drighlington Library/Meeting Room – Disabled and Parking Access – The allocation of £4,500 capital Wellbeing funding towards the project – **Approved;**

(ix). Newlands Get Together Club – The allocation of £2,836 Wellbeing revenue funding towards the project for 2005/6 – **Approved**, with the allocation of £4,834 Wellbeing revenue funding for 2006/7 – **Approved in principle;**

(x). Rein Park Public Space, Morley – The allocation of a maximum of £2,000 revenue and £3,000 capital Wellbeing funding towards the project – **Approved;**

(xi). Morley South – Additional Litter Bins – The allocation of £4,900 capital funding towards the cost of the project – **Approved;**

(xii). St. Paul's Church, Morley – Community Hall Repair Work – The allocation of £3,500 Wellbeing revenue funding towards the overall cost of the essential repairs to St. Paul's Community Hall – **Approved;**

(xiii). Bruntcliffe High School – Alternative Learning Project – The allocation of £1,920 Wellbeing revenue funding towards the project – **Approved;**

(xiv). Improvements to and Sustainability of Churwell Community Centre – The allocation of £5,510 Wellbeing revenue funding towards the project – **Approved;**

(xv). Environmental Improvements to Magpie Lane, Morley – The allocation of £8,000 Wellbeing capital funding towards the project – **Approved**;
(xvi). Oulton Cricket Club’s Junior Section – Funding for Equipment – The allocation of £4,000 Wellbeing revenue funding to Oulton Cricket Club, Junior Section for the purchase of new equipment and kit – **Approved**;
(xvii). Oulton Raiders Junior Rugby Club – Funding for Equipment – The allocation of £8,000 Wellbeing revenue funding to Oulton Raiders Junior Rugby League Club for the purchase of new equipment and kit – **Approved**;
(xviii). Minibus – Birchfield Primary School, Gildersome – The allocation of £5,000 Wellbeing capital funding towards the total cost of the project – **Approved, subject to the clarification of whether Area Committee Wellbeing funding can be legitimately used for this purpose**;
(xix). Rothwell Youth Theatre – Production Materials – The allocation of up to £1,000 Wellbeing revenue funding for the purchase of equipment for productions – **Approved**.

(*Councillors Dunn, McArdle and Renshaw, having declared Personal and Prejudicial Interests in application (i) ‘Leeds Credit Union – Morley Office Rental Charges’ left the meeting for the duration of the item and took no part in the discussion or recommendation thereof)

(Councillor McArdle declared a Personal Interest in application (v) ‘Winthorpe Residents Association’, due to being a member of Morley Entertainments Committee who had engaged with Winthorpe Majorettes in the past)**

(* Councillors Beevers, Leadley and McArdle, having declared Personal and Prejudicial Interests in application (vii) ‘Outside Picnic Area for Lewisham Park’ left the meeting for the duration of the item and took no part in the discussion or recommendation thereof)**

(Councillors Mulherin and Renshaw left the meeting at 5.30pm during the consideration of this item)

67 Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) – Phase 2

A report was submitted by the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which detailed the draft Improvement Plans for the second round of priority neighbourhoods in the Outer South area.

Members noted that a set of key actions had been established to address the priority themes and specific needs of each neighbourhood, which had been identified during the NIP development process. The Area Committee were then invited to determine the Wellbeing funding applications which had been drawn up to fund such key actions.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted;
- (b) That Members’ comments relating to the draft version of Phase Two of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) be noted;
- (c) That the draft Phase Two of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan, as a working document, which will contribute towards the Committee’s Area Delivery Plan be approved;

- (d) That the request to ringfence £15,000 capital and £11,000 revenue of Wellbeing funding for the Fairfax and Oakwells NIP be approved;
- (e) That the request to ringfence £7,000 capital and £8,000 revenue of Wellbeing funding for the Harrops NIP be approved;
- (f) That the request to ringfence £15,000 capital and £10,000 revenue of Wellbeing funding for the Wood Lane NIP be approved.

68 Neighbourhood Wardens – Proposals For Prioritising Tasks

The Committee received a report from the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing which presented Members with proposed options for the overall strategic direction of Neighbourhood Warden deployment in Outer South Leeds.

Members were informed that it had been proposed for Neighbourhood Warden provision in Outer South Leeds to be extended to cover the Wood Lane Estate in addition to the John O'Gaunts Estate.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the information contained within the report be noted;
- (b) That the top ten priority actions for South Outer Neighbourhood Wardens, as detailed within the report be agreed;
- (c) That Neighbourhood Warden cover in the South Outer area be extended to include the Wood Lane Estate in addition to the John O'Gaunts Estate.

69 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

Following a proposal by Members, it was agreed that the two remaining South Outer Area Committee meetings of the current Municipal Year be re-scheduled to enable both meetings to begin at 4.00pm.

RESOLVED – That the dates and times of the two remaining South Outer Area Committee meetings of the current Municipal Year, be approved as follows:-

Monday 20th February 2006 at 4.00pm
Monday 3rd April 2006 at 4.00pm

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm