

SOUTH (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

13TH SEPTEMBER 2004

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

OFFICERS: Helen Finister	City Services, LCC
Gillian Mayfield	Community Safety, LCC
Gerry Sherlin	Community Safety, LCC
Dave Richmond	Neighbourhoods and Housing, LCC
Jacqueline Ingham	Neighbourhoods and Housing, LCC
Mark Tyson	Legal and Democratic, LCC
Fred Duff	Parks and Countryside, LCC
David Dickinson	Education Leeds
Shirley Parks	Education Leeds
Vicki White	Education Leeds
Peter Nicholson	West Yorkshire Police

12 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the September meeting of the South (Outer) Area Committee and invited everyone present to introduce themselves.

13 Declarations of interest

The following councillors declared a personal interest with regard to Minute No.17:

- Councillor Beevers as he is member of Morley in Bloom Committee
- Councillor Smith as he is Director of South Leeds NHS Primary Care Trust
- Councillor Grayshon as he is Secretary for Morley in Bloom Committee
- Councillor McArdle as he is a member of Morley in Bloom Committee
- Councillor Finnigan as he is a member of Morley in Bloom Committee
- Councillor Elliott as she is a member of Morley in Bloom Committee
- Councillor Leadley as he is a member of Morley Elderly Action

The following councillors declared a personal interest with regard to Minute No.18:

- Councillor Dunn as he is a School Governor at Westwood Primary and Clapgate Primary Schools
- Councillor Renshaw as she is a School Governor at Seven Hills Primary and East Ardsley Primary Schools
- Councillor Leadley as he is a School Governor at Westerton Primary and Hill top Primary Schools
- Councillor McArdle as he is a School Governor at Asquith Primary School
- Councillor Elliot as she is a School Governor at Newlands Primary School
- Councillor Smith as he is a School Governor at Royds School
- Councillor Wilson as he is a School Governor at Haigh Road School

Councillor Finnigan declared a personal interest with regard to Minute No.22 as he is the Chair of Morley Crime Prevention Panel.

14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mulherin, Mark Forbes, John Davies, Steve Speak and Martyn Harrison.

15 Open Forum

In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair invited members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

The Chair indicated that this would be a regular feature of South (Outer) Area Committee meetings.

16 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the South (Outer) Area Committee meeting held on 12th July 2004 be approved.

17 Profile and Priorities

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report seeking approval for the Area Committee's Profile and Priorities document for 2004/2005, and the proposed priority themes, actions and requests from the well-being budget for 2004/2005. In addition, the Area Committee was asked to indicate its priorities with regard to the Area Delivery Plan for 2005/2006.

Jackie Ingham, Area Management Officer, presented the report and responded to Members' questions and comments.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed priority themes be approved.
- (b) That decisions relating to the release of well-being funds be deferred pending further information from the relevant departments with regard to existing services funded from central budgets.
- (c) That the most deprived area within each ward be identified and that Priority Neighbourhood Action Plans be devised and presented to the Committee for these areas. The implementation of the plans to be staggered, the most deprived area first.
- (d) That a more detailed Outer South Gardening Initiative proposal be presented to the Committee.
- (e) That action plans be developed for improvement of the two town centres of Morley and Rothwell, and that proposals be brought forward for a town centre manager for the two towns.

18 Primary Review: Proposals for Morley Central Primary Planning Area

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report to seek the views of the Area Committee as part of the consultation with respect to statutory proposals in the Morley Central Primary Planning area.

Dave Dickinson, Deputy Chief Executive Education Leeds, and Shirley Parkes, Senior Planning and Bids Manager Education Leeds, were at the meeting and responded to Members' questions and comments. In brief summary, the main points were as follows:

- that consideration should be given to parking difficulties at sites whose intake would be enlarged by the proposals
- that the proposal to increase the admission number of Morley Newlands Primary School to 60 is to be welcomed

RESOLVED – That the South (Outer) Area Committee endorse the approach of Education Leeds in this matter.

19 South Leeds District Partnership – Planning Event and Next Steps

The Acting Director of the Neighbourhoods and Housing Department submitted a report to (a) inform the Area Committee of the first planning event for the South Leeds District Partnership held in July 2004, (b) advise of the next stages being undertaken, and (c) to seek Members' comments.

RESOLVED - That the description of the first planning event for the South Leeds District Partnership held in July 2004 and the next stages being undertaken be noted.

20 Provision of Support to the District Partnership

The Acting Director of the Neighbourhoods and Housing Department submitted a report to request Members' agreement to contribute the sum of £1500 to a multi-agency fund to finance a Support Officer post for the District Partnership.

RESOLVED – That the allocation of £1500 from the South (Outer) well-being budget to part finance the role of District Partnership Support Officer be approved.

21 Consultation and Community Involvement Arrangements Update

The Acting Director of the Neighbourhoods and Housing Department submitted a report to update Members on the steps taken to develop community consultation.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the steps taken thus far to develop community consultation be noted.
- (b) That the Community News for September from local community groups and voluntary organisations be welcomed.
- (c) That the comments from local community and voluntary organisations with regard to the consultation proposals be noted.

22 Themed Presentation and Service Issues

A - Community Safety

The Acting Director of the Neighbourhoods and Housing Department submitted a report to update Members on the current community safety services within South Leeds.

B – Police

Peter Nicholson, West Yorkshire Police, was at the meeting and gave a verbal presentation to the Committee on service delivery developments and multi-agency working. In brief summary, the main points were as follows:

- community policing would be undergoing a number of changes
- current provision was to be restructured into one locally based team using the model successfully piloted in the city centre
- an inspector would lead the new team

- additional sergeants, officers, PCSOs and special constables were also planned
- Central Government funds were to be available for additional PCSOs

The Committee were keen to ensure that outer south Leeds gets an equitable share of the new PCSOs.

Fred Duff, Principal Area Manager Parks and Countryside, was also at the meeting and updated the Committee with regard to Parks Patrol. In brief summary, the main points were as follows:

- ten parks watch officers would be in place by 1st October 2004
- they were to be allocated two per wedge
- the Area Committee would be asked to provide funding for the scheme in the financial year 2004/2005

RESOLVED - That the contents of the report and verbal updates be noted

23 Licensing Act 2003 and Consultation on Draft Licensing Policy

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report to notify the Area Committee of preparations for the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003 and the public consultation on the draft Licensing Policy.

The Committee expressed concern about local pubs opening late and associated anti-social behaviour. In addition, the Committee expressed the opinion that the cost of the scheme should be met by the applicants.

RESOLVED:

- That the contents of the report be noted.
- That the feedback from the Area Committee be presented to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services

24 Corporate Plan 2005-2008

The Acting Chief Officer, Executive Support, submitted a report to seek Members' views on the corporate priorities to be included in the Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED:

- That the contents of the report be noted.
- That the Corporate Plan take account of this Committee's Profile and Priorities document.

25 Outside Bodies - Update

Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report to update Members with regard to Area Committee appointments to outside bodies.

RESOLVED:

- That the contents of the report be noted.
- That attendance of the Police Community Forums be left to the discretion of individual Members.

26 DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday	18 th October	2004	at 5 pm
Monday	13 th December	2004	at 5 pm

Monday 14th February 2005 at 5 pm
Monday 25th April 2005 at 5 pm