

## SOUTH (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2005

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

### 58 Welcome and Introductions

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

### 59 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of personal interest were made:

Councillor	Minute No	Interest
Leadley	71	Member of Morley Elderley Action Committee
Leadley	62,63	Member of Lewisham Park Youth Club Management Committee
McArdle	62,63	Member of Lewisham Park Youth Club Management Committee
Beevers	62,63	Member of Lewisham Park Youth Club Management Committee
Grayshon	62,63	Member of Lewisham Park Youth Club Management Committee
Smith	65,72	Executive Member for City Sevices
Wilson	73	LEA Governor Haigh Rd School
Grayshon	66	Member of Social Care Scrutiny Board
Mulherin	73	Member of Plans Panel East
Renshaw	73	LEA Governor East Ardsley Infant and Primary School
Finnigan	73	LEA Governor East Ardsley Infant and Primary School

### 60 Minutes – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2004

**RESOLVED** – That subject to a minor amendment, a name should have read Shane, not Wayne, Campbell, the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2004 be confirmed as a correct record.

### 61 Open Forum

In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair invited members of the public present (10) to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

In brief summary, the main issues raised were:-

- Public liability insurance / Boxing club
- The potential use of biological solutions to the Ragwort noxious weed

- The need to fix and secure the windows as East Ardsley Community Centre
- Disabled access to Morley Train Station
- The need to address problems including anti-social behaviour in Rothwell Town Centre.

## 62 Youth Service

The Director of Learning and Leisure submitted a report to the Committee to update the Area Committee with regard to current Youth Service issues and potential future developments. Officers from the Youth Service were at the meeting, they gave a short presentation and then responded to Members' question and comments. In brief summary, the main points were as follows:

- the Youth Service had recently been inspected and Ofsted's assessment was that Leeds City Council provides an adequate Youth Service
- the Youth Service was embarking on a major organisational review
- the general trends envisaged included: more commissioning of external organisations to deliver youth work programmes, increased investment to identify, train and support local voluntary groups to deliver youth work, and the creation of a 'Leeds Youth Work Partnership' model enabling joint strategic planning
- a new set of performance indicators had been introduced nationally for 2004/05
- the 'Reach' target was 25% of the 13 to 19 year old population, Leeds Youth Service had set a target of achieving 80% for 2004/05 with 100% by 2007/08
- that Youth Service provision in Rothwell was inadequate
- that non indoor activities needed to be developed for those not interested in sporting activities
- Members were reassured that Rothwell Community Centre would be reopening within the next few weeks

### RESOLVED:

- (a) That all grants from the Committee to organisations providing services to young people are required to utilise the Youth Service quality assurance and monitoring system in order to provide management information to the Committee, the Area Management Team and to the Youth Service.
- (b) That the contents of the report be noted.

## 63 Morley Youth Work Network

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to the Committee to inform Members of progress made in establishing a Youth Work Network in Morley. Officers from the Youth Service and from the Area Management office were at the meeting and responded to Members' questions and comments. In brief summary, the main points were as follows:

- it had been decided to pilot the establishment of a Youth Work Network in Morley
- an initial meeting had taken place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2004 between various representatives from community, voluntary and faith groups and statutory organisations

- information was gathered about all currently known activities and the suggestion had been made that this information could be used to produce a directory of local youth activities
- that a web-site would be ideal for this purpose as it could be regularly updated

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Committee indicates its willingness to support the approach taken, and affirm in principle to financially support the expansion of voluntary and community sector youth work provision.
- (b) That the contents of the report be noted.

**64 Area Delivery Plan 2005/06**

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to the Committee to seek approval for the Final Area Delivery Plan. The Area Manager was at the meeting and responded to Members' questions and comments.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the proposed Area Delivery Plan be approved.
- (b) That the summary leaflet be reproduced for the public, agencies and groups as a user friendly guide to the Area Delivery Plan.
- (c) That the contents of the report be noted.

**65 Area Manager Update**

The Area Manager (South) submitted a report to the Committee to inform Members of the range of activities with which the area management team are engaged.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That Officers from City Services identify an area for one day action during the HELP campaign using their knowledge about which area is in most need of this type of action.
- (c) That the Area Committee contribute £750 of Well-being money to the HELP Scheme.
- (d) That regular update reports be presented to the area committee.

**66 Area Committee Well-being Funding**

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to update Members of the current balance of the Area Committee Well-being fund, and seek decisions with regard to four small grant applications.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the following applications for small grants be approved:
  - £935 to Morley Meet A Mum N Dad for equipment to help towards establishing baby yoga classes
  - £460 to East Ardsley Cricket and Athletics Club towards a new score board.

- £50 for a 'Thank you' day for foster carers
- £1,000 to New Horizons Transport

## **67 Opportunities for Promoting Education and Employment Based Initiatives**

The Area Manager (South) submitted a report to the Committee to provide details of two schemes aimed at promoting learning and employability within South Leeds and seek approval for an allocation of Well-being funding towards the cost.

Members expressed the view that when the scheme was being set up, a number of different potential partners should be approached to ensure the best organisation for the job was identified.

### **RESOLVED:**

- That the contents of the report be noted.
- That the allocation of up to £20,000 per annum of Well-being funding for the horticultural scheme be approved in principle should additional European funds be identified.

## **68 ParksWatch Service**

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report to the Committee to describe the benefits of an area based ParksWatch service and advise of the cost.

Members were informed that the money would pay for two additional officers on duty for an average of 42 hours per week each, and all the equipment needed including motorcycles and video recording equipment.

Members commented that for the service to be effective there needed to be support and commitment from the Police, and effective partnership work with other teams and agencies working in community safety.

**RESOLVED** - That the contents of the report be noted.

## **69 Rothwell Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Project**

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to inform Members of an initiative aimed at reducing the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Rothwell ward, and seek approval for an allocation of Well-being funding.

Members were informed that the police were to match fund this initiative in cash.

### **RESOLVED:**

- That the details of the proposed initiative of the Rothwell Police team be noted.
- That the allocation of £10,000 of Well-being money toward the overall cost of the initiative be approved.

**70 Outer South Leeds Youth Dance Project**

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to inform Members about a proposed initiative by Dance Action Zone, and seek approval for an allocation of Well-being funding towards the cost.

Members were happy to provide funding for 2004/05 but expected that the Youth Service would take over such payments in the longer term.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the details of the proposed initiative be noted.
- (b) That the allocation of £ 9,500 of Well-being funding toward the overall cost be approved.

**71 Gardening Schemes**

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to inform Members of the success of gardening schemes run during 2004 and inform the Committee of the schemes scheduled for 2005.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That greater consideration be given to the issues with a view to developing a longer term solution.
- (c) That a working group of councillors, one from each ward, be established to discuss future strategy.

**72 'A' Boards – Draft Policy**

The Director of City Services submitted a report to update the Area Committee on progress with A-Board enforcement within the city.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted.

**73 Primary School Replacement Programmes**

The Director of Development submitted a report to the Committee to advise of the proposed disposal of surplus school properties arising from the primary school replacement programmes, and to provide information on the potential uses of the sites to be sold. An officer from the Development Department was at the meeting and responded to Members' questions and comments.

Members' were keen that wherever possible, school buildings should be kept as a community resource.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the Area Committee support ward councillors views and recommendations in this regard.

**74 Dates and Times of Future Meetings**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at 5.00 pm  
Venue to be decided.