

SOUTH (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

18th OCTOBER 2004

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

OFFICERS: Mark Forbes	City Services, LCC
Dave Richmond	Neighbourhoods and Housing, LCC
Jacqueline Ingham	Neighbourhoods and Housing, LCC
Martyn Harrison	Social Services
Steve Speak	Development, LCC
John Davies	Learning and Leisure, LCC
Mark Tyson	Legal and Democratic, LCC

27 Chair's Opening Remarks

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

28 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Beevers and McArdle declared a personal interest with regard to Minute No. 41 as they are members of Morley Entertainment Council.

29 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Smith.

30 Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2004 be confirmed as a correct record.

31 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.

In brief summary, the main issues raised were as follows:

- difficulties getting green bins emptied
- lack of response to Rothwell in Bloom on their application for a licensing agreement
- Morley having been left off the Leeds Links leaflet
- Issues around the distribution of committee papers

RESOLVED – That the appropriate officers follow up these issues and report the outcomes back to the Chair.

32 Parkswatch Service

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report to the Committee to describe the service offered by Parkswatch and to seek the Area Committee's approval for a contribution from the well-being budget for a period of 5 years commencing on the

1st April 2005.

John Davies, Director of Learning and Leisure, was at the meeting and responded to Members' questions and comments. In brief summary, the main points were as follows:

- central resources had been found to fund two Parkswatch personnel per area wedge
- the service was to be provided from 10am until 10pm, 365 days a year
- the Area Committee was asked to consider funding an enhanced Parkswatch Service for the South Leeds area over a three year period
- the importance of Police co-operation with the Parkswatch Service
- that extending the hours of operation until 12am would be useful

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the content of the report be noted.
- (b) That a further report including a more detailed proposal be presented to the Committee in due course.
- (c) That a vote of thanks be conveyed to Leisure Services staff for their help and support in respect of the Morley in Bloom Committee.

33 Determination of Area Functions

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to the Area Committee outlining the executive functions that may be exercised by Area Committees as approved by the Executive Board on 15th September 2004.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the deletion of the Community Skips budget be noted.

34 Towards an Area Delivery Plan (ADP)

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report regarding ongoing work towards an Area Delivery Plan, and to agree the proposed format for the Area Delivery Plan for 2005/06.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the current position in relation to the development of the ADP be noted.
- (c) That the link between the ADP and the Committee's well-being Budget for 2005/2006 be noted.
- (d) That the priority themes for the ADP section four of the report be approved.

35 Proposed Protocol for Consultation with Area Committees on Planning Matters

The Chief Planning and Development Services Officer submitted a report to present the proposed protocol for consultation with Area Committees on planning matters, and to invite comments and views through the Area Committee process.

Steve Speak, Chief Strategy And Policy Officer, Development Department, was at the meeting and responded to Members' questions and comments.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the Committee welcomes the opportunity to consider and respond to consultations on planning matters.

36 Town Centre Management Initiatives

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to the Committee to provide information about Town Centre Management Initiatives, and to propose the development of a Town Centre Management Initiative for Morley and Rothwell.

Jacqueline Ingham, Area Management Officer, was at the meeting to present the report and responded to Members' questions and comments. In brief summary, the main points are as follows:

- Morley was positioned on the edge of passenger bus and train information maps and that a map with Morley at the centre would be useful
- that detailed information about actions taken and successes achieved by other town centre managers would be useful
- the effect of large supermarkets on small town centres needed to be considered
- that there be a visit to the Kirklees Town Centre Management Initiative, and the Dewsbury and Batley towns manager

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That a proposal be developed for a town centre management initiative for Morley and Rothwell and that this be submitted for consideration to a future meeting of the Committee.

37 Priority Neighbourhood Improvement Plans

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to propose a process for the development and delivery of improvement in nine priority neighbourhoods across the outer south area, and to seek approval for the prioritisation and phasing of the planning. In addition, the report sought approval for spend of up to £5,000 from the Community Consultation budget to pay for consultation on the improvement planning process.

Jacqueline Ingham, Area Management Officer, was at the meeting to present the report and respond to Members' questions and comments.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the proposed process for the development and delivery of improvement plans to address the key issues in nine priority neighbourhoods across the Outer South area be approved.
- (c) That the spending of up to £5,000 from the previously agreed community consultation budget of £10,000, on consultation in neighbourhoods about the improvement planning process and the draft improvement plans be approved.
- (c) That the boundaries outlined in appendix 1 be reviewed in consultation with Ward Members.

38 Service Delivery Briefing - Education

Steve Burt of Education Leeds was at the meeting and gave a PowerPoint presentation to Members' of the Committee. In brief summary, the main points were as follows:

- the Tomlinson report would have a profound effect upon the education of children from 14-19 years old
- there would be increased options for children who would like to undertake vocational qualifications
- no new money was available to help with the changes
- changes would require significant restructuring, require effective partnership work, and, therefore, take time to effect
- school inspections would change to take account of factors such as enjoyment and the schools place in the local economy
- Education Leeds in conjunction with South Area Management Team and Groundwork is developing a scheme aimed at promoting high quality vocational training

RESOLVED - That the presentation be noted.

39 Options for Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to provide the Area Committee with options for addressing anti-social behaviour and to seek the committee's views on which option / options might best address anti-social behaviour in Morley.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the Area Committee recommends the use of Dispersal Orders and Anti-Social Behaviour Orders to address anti-social behaviour in Morley.

40 Community News

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to update the Area Committee on steps taken to develop community consultation and engagement arrangements.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

41 WELL BEING FUND – PROPOSALS FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report to seek approval from the Area Committee for an allocation of funding towards the extension of Morley Christmas Lights and the Rothwell Christmas Lights Switch on Event.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the following allocations of funding from the well-being budget be approved:
 - £2,000 towards the total cost of extending Morley's Christmas lights
 - £5,595 to support the Rothwell Christmas lights switch-on event
- (b) That small grant requests from community groups with regard to Christmas decorations be considered favourably.

42 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

RESOLVED – That future meetings of the South (Outer) Area Committee be held as follows:

- Monday 13th December 2004 at 5 pm
- Monday 14th February 2005 at 5 pm
- Monday 25th April 2005 at 5 pm