

NORTH WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

24TH SEPTEMBER 2004

PRESENT: Councillor M Hamilton in the Chair
Councillors Atha, Bentley, Ewens, Golton, Hussain,
Illingworth, Jennings, Minkin, Mulholland and
Rhodes-Clayton

OFFICERS: J Bracewell, Neighbourhoods and Housing
J Singh, Neighbourhoods and Housing
T O'Donovan, Neighbourhoods and Housing
A Mills, Neighbourhoods and Housing
Z Butt, Neighbourhoods and Housing
S Wraith, Development
D Jones, North West Area Committee
D Regan, Learning and Leisure
K Burton, Learning and Leisure
C Stagg, Education Leeds
M Hartley, W Y Police
P Coombes, Chief Executive's
S Robinson, Chief Executive's

10 **Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the September meeting of the North West (Inner) Area Committee held at Woodsley Road Community Centre, Leeds 3.

He briefly referred to the background in relation to the formation/protocol of Area Committees and commented on the fact that meetings would be more formal to that previously undertaken at Community Involvement Teams.

He also reminded the meeting that there would be an item on the agenda entitled 'Open Forum' to encourage public participation at this and future Area Committee meetings.

In concluding, he informed the meeting that Christine Addison had recently given birth to a baby boy in August 2004 and on behalf of the Committee, he conveyed his congratulations and best wishes to her and her family.

11 **Late Items**

The Chair gave notice of two late items of business, Minute No 20, a Well-Being Fund Small Grant Application for conference fees for Leeds HMO Lobby and Minute No 22, Proposed Direction to restrict the display of 'To Let' Boards within North West Leeds.

The Chair indicated that in accordance with his powers under Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, he had agreed to take these as late items in order to process both applications within the agreed timescales.

12 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest reported.

13 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were reported from Councillor Morton, A Larkin, Education Leeds and Mrs Spink, Little London Tenants and Residents Association.

14 **Minutes**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2004 be approved as a correct record, with the addition of Councillor Atha's name to the list of apologies.

15 **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.

In summary, the following issues were raised at the meeting:-

Richard Tyler (Leeds HMO Lobby)

- the need for local residents to receive a copy showing the new area management boundaries
- the urgent need for the Council's website to publish Area Committee reports prior to each meeting
- the need for local residents to be kept informed of Area Committee dates via e-mail or Leeds Communities Online
- the current position in relation to new planning policies and UDP issues
- the current position in relation to a report on the ASHORE area previously circulated to members
- the future of strategy groups previously undertaken by the Headingley/ Kirkstall/Weetwood Community Involvement Team, with specific reference to the Headingley Centre Steering Group and the Planning Group

Andrew Gill (Paxton Horticultural Society)

- the continuing problems of graffiti in the area and the costs incurred for removal

Dr M J Malik (Woodsley Road Community Centre)

- the need to maintain a post of Centre Manager and the funding problems that currently exist in this area

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the issues raised at the meeting be noted.
- (b) That the North West Area Manager be requested to make available to residents a map showing the new area management boundaries.
- (c) That further discussion be undertaken between the North West Area Manager and the Chief Democratic Services Officer in relation to

improving the current system of publishing reports on the Council's website or to consider other alternatives in disseminating information to members of the public.

- (d) That the issue of the ASHORE area be discussed at a future meeting as appropriate.
- (e) That in respect of the removal of graffiti, the North West Area Manager be requested to contact the Chief Facilities Officer, City Services Department with regards to the latest position in relation to the graffiti removal teams.
- (f) That the Centre Manager's post at Woodsley Road Community Centre be revisited at a future meeting, together with seeking to address the funding issues.

16 Licensing Act 2003 and Consultation on the Draft Licensing Policy

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

In addition to the report, copies of the following documents were circulated for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- Licensing Countdown – Newsletter dated August 2004
- Overhead slides prepared by GCL Consultancy on licensing consultation
- Leeds City Council's Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2005-2008
- Leeds City Council Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2005-2008 - Executive Summary
- Leeds City Council's Draft Licensing Policy Questionnaire

P Coombes, Chief Executive's Department was in attendance.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the documents with specific reference to such issues as clarification of the number of people who attended the presentation dates; the effects of the Cumulative Impact policy; the need to include religious abuse or attacks within the Executive Summary; the need for the public to express their views very strongly about the new Act; the need to reduce licensed premises generally and restricting alcohol sales to youngsters; the need to be able to take children into licensed premises in the city centre etc.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That Members be requested to forward their comments on this issue to the North West Area Manager before the 30th September 2004 deadline.
- (c) That authority be given for the Chair to write a letter on behalf of the Committee stating that Headingley Town Centre should be given special requirements as far as the Act was concerned.
- (d) That a vote of thanks be conveyed to P Coombes for her attendance and contribution to the meeting.

17 Corporate Plan 2005-2008

The Acting Chief Officer (Executive Support) submitted a report seeking the Committee's views on the corporate priorities to be included in the Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report, together with the proposed strategic outcomes and priorities reported to date on the Corporate Plan for 2005-2008 be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes that a further report would be made to this meeting in due course informing Members of the final agreed outcomes and priorities.

18 Area Committee Priorities and Future Planning

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on the Area Committee Priorities and Future Planning.

The purpose of the report was to:-

- bring Members of the Area Committee up to date on formal approval of delegated Area Committee functions
- summarise and seek agreement to the Area's key priorities for the remainder of the 2004/05 financial year only
- agree to the bringing forward of an action plan to respond to these themes at the next meeting and including use of the Committee's Well-Being budget
- provide an introduction to the proposed timescale, purpose and format of the Area Committee Plan for 2005/06 for this Area Committee

The North West Area Manager presented the report and discussion ensued with specific reference to the proposed priority themes identified in Section 4.2 of the report.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes the position in terms of the approval of delegated functions and of the intention to submit a report on this issue to the next meeting.
- (c) That approval be given to the area's proposed priority themes for the remainder of 2004/05 as outlined in section 4.2 of the report.
- (d) That approval be given to a brief action plan being brought to the next meeting to identify activities and projects to address these priority themes.
- (e) That actions and use of the Well-Being budget which would seek to achieve a balance between area-wide and specific local initiatives be noted.
- (f) That the position with regard to the proposed Area Delivery Plan for 2005/06 be noted.

19 Community Safety

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on Community Safety with specific reference to:-

- Priorities
- Actions
- Impact
- Future planned work
- Potential future developments

A Mills and Z Butt, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department were in attendance.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report with specific reference to potential future developments and also those viewed as being unsuitable.

Inspector M Hartley, West Yorkshire Police also updated the meeting on community safety issues with specific reference to the proposal to increase the number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) at Belle Vue Road and of the intention to introduce more community based policing in 2005.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted and welcomed.
- (b) That the general background and more local community safety priorities identified at 2.0 and 3.0 of the report, together with the actions, impact and future planned work outlined in 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 be noted.
- (c) That Members be requested to forward their comments with regard to initiatives that would be most relevant to the area to the North West Area Manager to enable a development programme to be brought to the Committee for approval at its next meeting.
- (d) That a vote of thanks be conveyed to A Mills and Z Butt for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.

20 Area Committee Well-Being Budget

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on the Area Committee's Well-Being Budget.

The purpose of the report was to:-

- provide a brief background to the establishment of the Area Committee Well-Being Budget
- provide Members with a current position statement on the final Well-Being Budget levels, including a decision that was required regarding the Parkswatch Service
- set out for Members' consideration a number of principles and proposals for the allocation of the Well-Being Budget with regards to the immediate future
- provide Members with details of small grant applications to date

The North West Area Manager presented the report and the following issues were raised by Members:-

- the need to concentrate on the priorities within the area
- clarification as to whether highway maintenance was included and the percentage of deprivation that had been approved by the Council

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That the background to and the purpose of the Well-Being Budget as set out in Section 2.0 of the report be noted.
- (c) That, subject to Executive Board approval, this Committee notes the revised revenue allocation for 2004/05, and the capital allocation for the period 2004-2007.
- (d) That approval be given to the suggested principles and proposals that should govern the allocation of Well-Being Budget funds as outlined in Section 4.1 of the report and that a sub group consisting of one Elected Member from each ward be also established to look at the proposals in more detail.
- (e) That approval be given to the suggested revised guidelines for small grant applications as outlined in the report.
- (f) That the following small grant applications be determined as follows:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Ref No</u>	<u>Decision</u>
10 th Leeds Brownies Pack	22/04/03/ SG	Agreed £207.90 towards the purchase of new resources etc and to support 90 th birthday celebrations
Lending Library of Community Resources in Burley	22/04/02 SG	Agreed £500 towards the purchase of books etc to extend the lending library for the 0-2 age group
Association of Blind Asians (ABA)	17/04/01 SG	Agreed £500 towards massage sessions
Leeds HMO Lobby	19/04/03 SG	Agreed £310 towards conference fees for an event on 22 nd October 2004

21 Involving the Community with the Area Committee

The Acting Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on involving the community with the Area Committee for discussion.

The purpose of the report was to:-

- agree what formal local consultative arrangements the Area Committee wishes to put in place through forums, relevant sub-groups or other mechanisms

- consider, from a variety of more informal and targeted approaches, what informal local consultative arrangements might be put in place

The North West Area Manager presented the report and detailed discussion ensued on the formal/informal consultation arrangements outlined in the report.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That in respect of responding to the request for confirmation and guidance on formal consultation arrangements (including sub groups) linked to the Area Committee, consideration of this issue be deferred for further discussion between Elected Members and Area Management staff.

22 Proposed Direction to Restrict the Display of ‘To Let’ Boards within North West Leeds

The Chief Planning and Development Services Officer submitted a report advising the meeting about the follow up work undertaken since March 2003 when the Council’s submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) failed to secure special powers to control the siting of ‘To Let’ Boards in parts of North West Leeds.

The report also sought Members comments on the draft report prepared to support the Council’s new application and to agree the exact boundary for the area of ‘special control’.

S Wraith, Development Department and D Jones, North West Area Committee were in attendance.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the draft report be noted and that Members be requested to provide comments/feedback direct to D Jones c/o david.a.jones@leeds.gov.uk
- (b) That approval be given to recommend the boundary for the area of ‘special control’ to be the same as the ASHORE boundary.

23 Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies

Referring to minute 8 of the meeting held on 6th July 2004, the Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a progress report on the Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That in respect of Burley Lodge Centre – Committee of Management, Councillor P Ewens be appointed to this outside body and that the remaining two vacancies be discussed at a future meeting.
- (c) That in respect of Caring Together in Woodhouse and Little London, Councillor L V Rhodes-Clayton be appointed to this outside body.

- (d) That in respect of the Independent Living Resource Centre Committee, this Committee notes that this outside body has been discontinued.
- (e) That in relation to Members attending the Weetwood Police Forum, this be undertaken on an ad hoc basis.

24 Date and Time of Next Meeting

14th October 2004 at 7.00 pm at Weetwood Primary School, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 16

(The meeting concluded at 9.20pm)