

NORTH WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

8TH DECEMBER 2005

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

OFFICERS: Christine Addison, North West Area Manager
Tom O'Donovan, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department
Christa Smith, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department
Dayle Lynch, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department
Neera Tyagi, Neighbourhoods and Housing Department
John Kearsley, City Services Department
Paul Gough, Development Department
Andrew Crates, Development Department
Sergeant Matt Davidson, West Yorkshire Police
Stuart Robinson, Chief Executive's Department

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Martin Cook, Headingley Network
Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby
Barrie Payne, Leeds HMO Lobby
Richard Norton, Friends and Residents of Orville Gardens
Lesley Smith, North West Leeds PCT
Jill Copeland, Leeds NHS Making Leeds Better
Mike Savage, Burford-Woodside Quarry
Dan Knight, Burford-Woodside Quarry
Jonathan Dunbavin, Burford-Woodside Quarry
Ken Stratford, Burley Lodge Centre
Ben Wren, Local Resident
Penny Bainbridge, Cardigan Centre
Cat Pearson, Seagulls Re-Use Ltd
Freda Matthews, Little Woodhouse Community Association
John Dickinson, Weetwood Residents Association
Ben Priestley, Gateway Church
Dave Syras, Kirkstall Resident

64 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the December meeting of the North West (Inner) Area Committee held at the Burley Lodge Centre.

65 Late Items

In accordance with his powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair consented to the submission of the following late items of urgent business relating to:-

- UDP Review Inspectors Report on ASHORE and Student Developments in Little Woodhouse (Minute 76 refers). The report was subject to the

findings of the Inspector's Report into the UDP Review which had only been released shortly before the meeting of the Area Committee.

- Area Manager's Report (Minute 79 refers). The report was not available at the time of the agenda despatch and also incorporated results of three key meetings held only a few days ago.

66 Declarations of Interest

The following personal interests were declared:-

Councillor Illingworth in view of his personal involvement with Leeds Organic Growers (Minute 71 refers).

Councillor Golton in view of his capacity as Lead Member of Development which includes chairing the Allotments Working Group (Minute 71 refers).

Councillor Jennings in his capacity as a Member on Plans Panel (West) (Minute 80 refers).

67 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hussain, Ken Torode and Linda Cullen.

68 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 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

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

Tom O'Donovan

The Chair informed the meeting that Tom O'Donovan, North West Area Management would be taking up a new position within the South wedge.

The Chair on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mr O'Donovan for his valuable contributions to the Committee over the past year and wished him well for the future.

The Committee noted that Dayle Lynch would be taking over from Mr O'Donovan from the 3rd January 2006.

Burley Liberal Club

A representative from Burley Liberal Club reported his concerns about Burley Liberal Club being sold with a possible change of use into a restaurant and flats.

Following discussions, the Committee resolved to strongly support the retention of the Club in its present form.

Headingley Development Trust

Richard Norton, Friends and Residents of Orville Gardens circulated copies of a leaflet entitled 'Headingley Development Trust at the heart of the community' requesting the general support of the Committee.

The Committee noted and welcomed the document and encouraged Members to offer their support by joining the society.

Studentification

Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby, drew the Committee's attention to a street party in Hessle Mount held on 29-30 October 2005 which (in the light of other items on the agenda) was significant for the following reasons:-

- the party involved 400 people, a mobile sound system and lasted until 8.00 am
- the report in the 'Leeds Student' appeared to applaud the party
- the apparent lack of action from the Universities and Student Unions with regard to this incident

Headingley Renaissance

Martin Cook, Headingley Network, informed the meeting that the 'Headingley Renaissance' document had now been published following the launch held on 7th November 2005.

Mr Cook enquired on the future of the Headingley Strategy Group in relation to such matters as transport/communities facilities and licensing issues etc.

The Chair expressed support for the continuation of the Headingley Strategy Group, and asked the North West Area Manager to consult on its future role following the completion of the Headingley Renaissance Document.

The Chair suggested that, in the interim period, the Transport Strategy Group could look into the transport issues.

69 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2005 be approved as a correct record.

70 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Leeds HMO Lobby (Minute 48(b) refers)

Dr Richard Tyler enquired on the progress of this issue.

The Chair responded and it was noted that the North West Area Manager had been requested to draw up a work programme on this issue and to circulate a list of items to be brought forward to the Area Committee.

(b) Primary School Review – Proposals for the Far Headingley Primary Planning Area (Minute 54 refers)

Councillor Atha informed the meeting that at the Executive Board on 16th November 2005, the above issue had been withdrawn and would be reconsidered at the Executive Board meeting on 14th December 2005.

In the light of this, the Committee reiterated its view expressed at the previous meeting in not supporting the proposed closure of Beckett Park Primary School on the grounds that Education Leeds had failed to make a case for closure.

(c) Street Lighting PFI (Minute 55 refers)

Councillor Morton referred to the above issue and enquired on the availability of a report picking up all the issues raised at the previous meeting.

John Kearsley, City Services Department responded and confirmed that a report on public consultation and on all of those issues raised at the previous meeting would be presented to the February 2006 meeting for consideration.

(d) Funding Officer – Update (Minute 60 refers)

Councillor Ewens referred to the above issue and informed the meeting that in January 2006, an Executive Roundtable would be looking at the general issue of funding for voluntary groups on a city wide basis.

(Councillor Illingworth joined the meeting at 7.20 pm during discussion of the above item)

71 Key Messages from Area Forums

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report updating the meeting on the feedback of Key Messages from ward forums and sub groups.

A copy of the key messages arising from the Headingley Forum meeting held on 1st December 2005 was circulated for the information/comment of the meeting.

Tom O'Donovan, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

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

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

- clarification of the future and existence of Weetwood Forum
- clarification of the role of the Hyde Park and Woodhouse Forum
- progress in relation to the Kirkstall District Centre and the BHS proposal

- concerns expressed in relation to the Leeds Girls High School planning framework
- the need for a special meeting of either the Area Committee or the Transport Sub Group to discuss public transport measures in relation to the A65/A660
- the need for an analysis to be undertaken on public participation on Ward Forums in general

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes the update on actions of previous Key Messages as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (c) That the new Key Messages outlined in Appendix 2 of the report be noted.
- (d) That the North West Area Manager be requested to prepare a report on the 'way forward' regarding Ward Forums, including public participation for consideration at the next meeting in February 2006.
- (e) That in relation to the A65/A660, a special meeting of either the Area Committee or Transport Sub Group be convened to discuss public transport measures.

(Councillor Minkin joined the meeting at 7.25 pm during discussion of the above item)

72 Inner North West Area Committee Well-Being Monitoring Report

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report providing the meeting with a monitoring of Well-Being Revenue and Capital Projects for Quarter 2 2005-06.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- (a) Inner North West Well-Being Budget 2005-06 – Quarter 2 Project Monitoring Report
- (b) Inner North West Well-Being Budget – Capital Programme 2004-2007 – Quarter 2 Monitoring Report for Projects Agreed by Area Committee

Tom O'Donovan, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members queries and comments.

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

- progress to date in relation to the 'strategic pause'
- the need to rename the title of the 'Community Compost' project
- clarification to date of the success of the green bin service
- clarification as to whether the geographic spread of wellbeing spending was right

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That the Well-being Revenue/Capital 2005/06 project monitoring procedure as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report be noted.
- (c) That in respect of the Hawksworth Wood Co-ordinator project as outlined in Section 2.4 of the report, approval be given to use the remainder of their Area Committee funding (£2,892) in the last quarter of 2005/06 financial year for the employment of a new worker.
- (d) That the North West Area Manager be requested to look at renaming the title of the 'Community Compost' project to reflect the wider recycling aims of the project.

73 Burglary Sticker Project

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on the Burglary Sticker Project seeking a financial contribution from the Area Committee.

Tom O'Donovan, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the request to allocate £3,000 towards the cost of the Burglary Sticker Project from the 2005/06 Well-being revenue budget be refused and that this issue be referred to the Community Safety Group for consideration in 2006.

74 Headingley Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) Update

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a progress report, together with detailing the next steps in respect of a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) for Headingley Town Centre.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document entitled 'Headingley DPPO Action Plan' for the information/comment of the meeting.

On behalf of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing, Sergeant Matt Davidson, West Yorkshire Police presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That the progress made to date and the next steps in respect of a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) for Headingley Town Centre be noted and welcomed.
- (c) That a meeting with the North West Area Manager, Councillor Morton and Zahid Butt (Community Safety Co-ordinator) be convened early in the new year to look at progress on the DPPO.

75 'Making Leeds Better'

The Committee received a report and presentation from Lesley Smith, North West Leeds PCT concerning the 'Making Leeds Better' strategic initiative involving all health and social care partners across the City, the aim of which was to improve the health and well-being of all service users across the City by providing speedy access to high quality care and treatment responsive to their needs, often at local level.

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

- the new regional Children's and Maternity Hospital proposed on the St James' Hospital site
- the new regional Oncology Unit planned for the same site
- the move away from the hospitalisation of patients, particularly the elderly, by the provision of rapid response intervention teams and the development of 'care pathways' to enable people to remain in the community
- the initiatives for new and updated community health centres, clinics and GP surgeries, often providing a wider range of services
- the rationalisation of hospital services, which would lead to the permanent closure of 'Nightingale' ward at the LGI, although there were currently no plans to close LGI altogether
- Department of Health proposals to develop a Walk-In Centre for commuters, possibly based in The Light, as part of a national strategy
- the development of facilities in the NW Inner Committee's area
- proposed public consultation and how the Committee and local groups and forums could engage in the change process
- the links to the City Council's 'Vision' objectives of moving up a league, narrowing the gap, Leeds as a City Region tackling health inequalities and generating employment and regeneration opportunities
- the transport problems and costs for patients attending clinics not in their immediate vicinity, and current problems with reference to some GP surgeries not taking blood tests

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and presentation be received and noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes the progress in developing the 'Making Leeds Better' programme for health and social care services in Leeds.
- (c) That this Committee be kept informed of local engagement mechanisms and opportunities for 'Making Leeds Better' in preparation for the formal consultation period next year.
- (d) That in relation to this Committee receiving progress reports on 'Making Leeds Better', this be undertaken on a six monthly basis via District Partnership meetings.

76 Direction Restricting To Let Boards in Part of the Inner North West Leeds

The Director of Development submitted a progress report on the work being undertaken to implement powers granted by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in order to control 'To Let' Boards within Inner North West Leeds.

Andrew Crates, Development Department presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted and welcomed.
- (b) That the North West Area Manager be requested to write to the Director of Development conveying the following points made by the Committee in relation to the current consultation arrangements:-
 - the need to look at limiting the number of 'To Let' boards to each landlord with the view to improving the levels of monitoring
 - the need to look at introducing a 'clean' period of no 'To Let' boards i.e. November/December

77 UDP Review Inspectors Report on ASHORE and Student Developments in Little Woodhouse

The Director of Development submitted a report on progress on the impact of ASHORE, the UDP Review Inspectors Report and the development of student accommodation in Little Woodhouse.

Andrew Crates and Paul Gough, Development Department presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and the proposals outlined be noted and endorsed.
- (b) That the North West Area Manager be requested to write to the Director of Development conveying the following points made by the Committee in relation to the Inspector's recommendations:-
 - the Committee's general concern about the proposals of the Inspector
 - the urgent need for the Director of Development to review outcomes of ASHORE appeals in the light of the revisions proposed by the Inspector
 - the Committee's strong opposition to the development of purpose built student accommodation in the ASHORE area (specifically Headingley)
- (c) That this issue be debated further at the Planning Group meeting on 12th December 2005 and that, in the interim period, Members of the Committee be requested to forward any further comments on the proposals to the Director of Development prior to the 22nd December 2005 report deadline for the January meeting of the Development Plans Panel.

78 Supertram

The Director of Development submitted a progress report on Supertram for the information/comment of the meeting.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes that it was the Director of Development's intention to provide a detailed briefing on future public transport proposals as soon as further information was available.

79 Development of Committee Area Delivery Plan 2006/07

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on the development of a Committee Area Delivery Plan for 2006/07.

Appended to the report was a copy of the Inner North West Area Committee Sub Group update for the information/comment of the meeting.

Tom O'Donovan, North West Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes the current position on the development of the 2006/07 Area Delivery Plan, the timetable for its completion and its proposed structure.
- (c) That the approach to the proposed themes and priority areas for 2006/07 as outlined in Section 3 of the report be endorsed.
- (d) That within the next six weeks, the thematic sub groups be requested to specifically look at how the Area Delivery Plan could be amended, together with addressing funding projects from the 2006/07 Well-Being fund and that the North West Area Manager be requested to forward a copy of their proposals to Members of the Committee prior to discussing this issue in detail at the meeting on the 9th February 2006.

80 Area Manager's Report

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted the North West Area Manager's report for the information/comment of the meeting.

Christine Addison, North West Area Manager presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes and welcomes the following specific areas of work:-
 - the issues being tackled by the District Partnership and Member involvement in the District Partnership
 - the proposed potential revisions to the Headingley Town and District Scheme
 - the Little London Comprehensive Regeneration Scheme and Neighbourhood Management proposals

- (c) That this Committee specifically notes the following issues:-
- a potential new children's centre in the Headingley area
 - the progress with tackling the recent increase in graffiti in Headingley
 - the progress with the Student Housing Group
 - the request to sell Woodsley Road Multi-cultural Community Centre to the Management Committee

(Councillor Minkin left the meeting at 9.40 pm during discussion of the above item)

81 Redevelopment of Woodside Quarry

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on the redevelopment of Woodside Quarry.

The Chair informed the meeting that the developers would be available at the conclusion of the meeting to answer any specific queries/comments on the proposed scheme.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That Members of the Committee be requested to forward their views on the redevelopment proposals for Woodside Quarry to the Chair within the specified timescale.

82 Date, Time and Venue of the Next Meeting

Thursday 9th February 2006 at 7.00 pm at Hawksworth Wood Children's Centre

(The meeting concluded at 10.00 pm)