

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor J Akhtar in the Chair

Councillors K Brooks, A Garthwaite,
A Marshall-Katung, J Pryor and I Wilson

14 Election of Chair

Due to the absence of Councillor Walshaw, a nomination was sought to elect a Chair for the meeting. A nomination was made and seconded on behalf of Councillor J Akhtar.

RESOLVED – That Councillor J Akhtar be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

15 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

16 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

17 Late Items

There were no late items. Supplementary information was submitted for Agenda Item 10, Inner North West Community Committee Finance Report.

18 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

19 Apologies for Absence

Councillors Howley, Flint and Walshaw sent their apologies ahead of the meeting.

20 Minutes - 6th July 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

21 Open Forum

There were no representations made by the public during the Open Forum.

22 Highways - Annual Improvement Consultation

The report of the Executive Manager of Asset Management updated Members on the Annual Improvement Consultation for Highways.

The Community Committee were informed of the following points:

- The consultation on next years' programme closed on 2nd September. Lists of the proposed works had been provided to Councillors and Parish Councils at the start of July requesting comments.
- Members were provided with an explanation of the Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice. 36 recommendations include: Lifecycle Plans, Inspections, Risk Management and Defect Repair.
- Explanation of how the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy aligns with the corporate vision and contributes to the vision for Leeds. It was noted that key factors of the strategy in Regional Context, Sustainability and Climate Emergency and Communication and Engagement.
- Funding allocations include City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) and Leeds Capital.
- Members noted that the service is currently undertaking more preventative work which is surface dressing. It was noted that the life of a road is generally 10 years.
- The service is continually reviewing all streets, and these are added to a sheet with a colour code to show what stage of repair the road is in. All roads are inspected by an engineer and a scoring system is used and checked over a 3 year cycle. The service wish to get to the position that only 10% of roads are in poor condition.
- Each year all Members receive lists of roads requiring work and the priority given to them. Members are requested to make comments. Members were advised that all emails are noted and responded to.

RESOLVED – That the report and discussion be noted.

23 Age Friendly Leeds Strategy & Action Plan 2022-2025

The report of the Director of Public Health presented to the Inner North West Community Committee the refresh of the draft Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025 to gain feedback. The report also requested support and promotion of the work of Age Friendly within the city.

The Community Committee were provided with the following points:

- Around 1 in 3 people are aged 50 and over. The number of Leeds residents aged 80 and over will increase by about 50% in the next 20 years.
- Age Friendly Leeds is one of the eight priorities in the Best Council Plan 2020-2025. The vision for Leeds is that it is a place where people age well, older people are valued, respected, appreciated and seen as assets.
- The draft Age Friendly Leeds Strategy 2022-25 has been reviewed and refreshed which has been informed by The State of Ageing in Leeds report. The process has been overseen by the Age Friendly Board chaired by Cllr Jenkins. The role of the Board is to provide strategic leadership and set the strategic direction for the Age Friendly Leeds work programme and ensure that the objectives are being met.

- Leeds is a member of the World Health Organisation Age Friendly Cities programme and has used and adapted the framework to identify and address barriers to the well-being and participation of older people.
- The strategy sets out six key priority areas: housing; public and civic spaces; travel and road safety; active, included and respected; healthy and independent ageing and employment and learning. Each of the priorities is headed by a domain lead. Domain leads have been identified and are working to implement the actions set out in the plan. The domain leads will feedback on a quarterly basis.
- The Leeds Older Peoples Forum (LOPF) gives practical ways for the local community to become involved to strengthen the age friendly approach and Councillors were invited to support and encourage people and businesses to get involved in:
 - The Age Friendly Ambassador Programme
 - Becoming a Dementia Friend
 - Age and Dementia Friendly Businesses
 - The Come in and Rest Scheme
 - Leeds Older People's Age Friendly Steering Group

The Committee discussed the following:

- The specific experiences of older people who are still in the workplace, and how their needs can be met. The Centre for Ageing Better is distributing to employers information on how they can support their older employees, with Leeds City Council being one employer who is integrating this advice into their own recruitment procedures. West Yorkshire Combined Authority is integrating age into their Fair Work Charter. One particular consideration was for older people who are not yet of pensionable age, but are out of work and struggling to re-enter the workplace, or access learning and training opportunities.
- A breakdown of the ambassador programme by ward will be provided.
- Older people and transport was discussed, and consultations can better connect with the older people who are most affected.
- The cost of living was a running theme through the discussion, especially relevant to energy bills and how 'Warm Spaces' can be connected with specifically supporting older people. A Council Cost of Living report is to be circulated soon by the Chief Officer of Community Hubs, Welfare and Business Support.

RESOLVED - The Committee noted the report's recommendations to consider the provision of local ageing friendly policies.

24 Inner North West Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund,

Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy budget for 2022/23.

Marcia Cunningham, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

Members discussed the applications for funding that had been submitted. With regard to the application from Jungle Kids, Members were supportive of the application but suggested that there was some discussion with the applicant regarding alternative funding for future projects.

The West Yorkshire Police Bumpy project had been agreed in principle, but a decision was also awaited regarding funding from the Outer North West Community Committee. It was proposed to defer this until the December meeting.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- (3) That monitoring information of funded projects is noted.
- (4) That details of the Youth Activity Fund position be noted.
- (5) That details of the Small Grants & Skips budget be noted.
- (6) That details of the Capital Budget be noted.
- (7) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy budget be noted.
- (8) That the following applications be approved:
 - Your Backyard, Activities for Older People £2,487
 - Headingley Lit Fest- Poetry in Primary Schools £2,800
 - Jungle Kids- October Half Term £1,000.
 - Vineyard Church Food Pantry £2,767
 - Springbank Primary School – Storytelling Chair £810.60
 - The Elders Group – Cardigan Community Centre £2,000.00
- (9) That the following application be deferred:
 - WYP Bumpy Project

25 Inner North West Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought to Members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team has been engaged in, based on the priorities identified by the Community Committee.

Issues detailed in the report included an update on Children & Families; Health and Wellbeing; Cleaner Neighbourhoods,; Housing and Employment & Skills.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

26 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the date and time of the next meeting is 14th December at 6pm.

