

NORTH WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2006

PRESENT: Councillor J Monaghan in the Chair

Councillors S Bentley, J Chapman,
P Ewens, M Hamilton, J Illingworth,
B Jennings, E Minkin, D Morton and
L Rhodes-Clayton

30 **Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the North West (Inner) Area Committee held at Woodsley Road Community Centre. He also thanked Andrew Hall, Development Department for his attendance prior to the Committee meeting to answer specific questions in relation to the Quality Bus Initiative.

31 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

32 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor B Atha and Councillor K Hussain.

33 **Open Forum**

In accordance with paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed 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:-

Freshers Week Planning Group in Central Headingley

Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby referred to the success of measures adopted by the Freshers Week Planning Group in Central Headingley and expressed his thanks to all agencies involved.

Headingley Development Trust's Yorkshire Deli Market – 9th September 2006

Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby referred to the success of the Headingley Development Trust's Yorkshire Deli Market held in Headingley on 9th September 2006.

Headingley Development Trust / Manning Stainton (Estate Agents) – Headingley Homes Initiative

Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby made reference to a new initiative by Headingley Development Trust with Manning Stainton entitled 'Headingley Homes' which enabled sellers to sell to families.

Student Housing in Headingley

Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby informed the meeting that there was an estimated 800 student houses (3,000 bedspaces) currently vacant in Headingley.

Policing Arrangements – World Cup Football/Test Cricket Matches

Barry Payne, Leeds HMO Lobby expressed his thanks to the Police in the way they managed both events during the summer.

New Parks Byelaws – Woodhouse Moor

Bill McKinnon, Friends of Woodhouse Moor raised his concerns about the enforcement of new Park Byelaws on Woodhouse Moor.

Following a debate, it was noted that there would be a public meeting on 2nd October 2006 arranged by Parks and Countryside to discuss plans for the Moor. The Chair encouraged everyone to attend.

Proposed Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) –Woodhouse Moor

Bill McKinnon, Friends of Woodhouse Moor raised his concerns that Woodhouse Moor would be excluded from the proposed Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) (Minute 37 refers).

(Councillor Minkin entered the room at 7.10 pm during discussions of the Student Housing in Headingley item)

34 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the minutes of the meetings held on 29th June 2006 and 7th August 2006 be approved as a correct record.
- (b) That the update on issues arising from the North West (Inner) Area Committee minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2006 be received and noted.

35 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- (a) Issues of Concern in and around the Headingley area (Minute 6 refers)
Martin Cook, Headingley Network enquired if any work had been undertaken since the last meeting with interested resident groups in Headingley with a view to addressing the whole picture.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management responded and informed the meeting that this topic would form the subject of a future report to the Area Committee.

- (b) Cumberland Road / Application for Change of Use of Church into Flats (Minute 6 refers)

A local resident raised the above issue and enquired if there had been any progress in relation to road safety concerns being debated at the North West Inner Planning Group.

Councillor M Hamilton responded in his capacity as Chair of the Planning Group and confirmed that this issue would be discussed at the next Planning Group meeting.

- (c) Great Student Run – Sunday 30th April 2006 (Minute 8(a) refers)
Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby raised the above issue and sought the Committee's approval in relation to the following:-
- (i) that a meeting on the Great Student Run be pursued with urgency
 - (ii) that any future meetings be minuted by someone other than Nova International

Following a brief discussion, Members agreed both points.

- (d) Key Messages from Area Forums and Area Committee Themed Sub Groups (Minute 12 refers)
Councillor E Minkin enquired if there had been any progress in relation to the Planning Group's proposal of a reduction in the speed limit to 30 mph outside Lawnswood High School.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management responded and informed the meeting that Highways were currently addressing the 30 mph limit including the provision of a pedestrian crossing.

Councillor Minkin also raised her continued concerns about decking installed outside a restaurant located on Spen Lane.

- (e) Quality Bus Initiative (Minute 14 refers)
Councillor E Minkin enquired if there had been any issues raised with Andrew Hall on the Quality Bus Initiative prior to the meeting.

Councillor Minkin referred to Willow Road Side/junction of Cardigan Road and requested that an amendment should be made to the scheme to leave more green/pedestrian space.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management responded and agreed to convey these comments to Andrew Hall.

36 Key Messages from Area Forums and Area Committee Themed Sub Groups

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report providing feedback on actions identified in June's Key Messages report and to update Members on the feedback of key messages from ward forums and sub groups that have taken place since the last Area Committee.

In addition to the above report, a copy of a document detailing the actions of the Burley Network (9th July 2006) and Little Woodhouse Community Forum (4th July 2006) was circulated for the information/comment of the meeting.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management, 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.
- (b) That this Committee endorses the Planning Group's view that the Development Department should use the East and South East Leeds Area Action Plan (EASEL) to work with stakeholders in identifying sites for purpose built student accommodation, in accordance with policy H15A of the Unitary Development Plan Review.
- (c) That approval be given to including the Burley Network and the Little Woodhouse Community Forum actions within future Key Messages reports, as an appendix.

37 Wellbeing Budget Report 2006/7

Referring to minutes 16 and 28 of the meetings held on 29th June 2006 and 7th August 2006, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report providing Members with the current position of the Well-being fund and on details of applications received since the last meeting.

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

- (a) Details in relation to the Little London and Little Woodhouse Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) Project
- (b) Revenue Criteria Matrix in relation to the Little London and Little Woodhouse Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) Project

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management and Inspector Richard Coldwell, West Yorkshire Police presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

The Committee noted that in respect of an application from the West Yorkshire Police for £10,000 for a graffiti project previously considered and deferred at the meeting held on 7th August 2006, this application had been withdrawn by the Police in view of a multi agency, involving key partners, being recently established to tackle the removal and the prevention of graffiti vandalism, together with the prosecution of offenders.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices and it was a general consensus of the meeting that the Little London and Little Woodhouse Designate Public Places Order project had failed to meet the agreed criteria for a Designated Public Places Order at this present time.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes the position of the Wellbeing budget as detailed in Section 1 of the report.

- (c) That the new revenue fund application/project received from the Little London and Little Woodhouse (Designated Public Places Order) as detailed in Section 2.1 of the report be refused on the grounds now reported and that the North West Area Manager be requested to look at other options in this area with a view to working with relevant agencies and the Council's Alcohol Strategy Group.
- (d) That, subject to a defined timescale and the establishment of a Multi Agency Group, approval be given to the allocation of £1,392 from the remaining capital to make the shortfall in match-funding for an alley-gating scheme as detailed in Section 2.4 of the report.
- (e) That the Small Grant budget position as outlined in Section 3 of the report be noted.

38 Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust - Foundation Trust Consultation

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report providing Members with some initial information about the consultation process on the Leeds Mental Health Teaching Trust's application for foundation trust status.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document containing information on the Foundation Trust consultation provided by Leeds Mental Health Teaching Trust.

The Committee received a presentation from Michelle Moran, Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- the strategic direction of the Foundation Trust
- the need to find a suitable name for the new organisation
- the need to engage more Members on the Foundation Trust

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That the presentation received from the Leeds Mental Health Teaching Trust on their Foundation Trust consultation be received and noted.
- (c) That the Leeds Mental Health Teaching Trust be encouraged to involve service users and local people in the development of future plans and services.

39 Graffiti Team - Inner North West

Referring to minute 8(d) of the meeting held on 29th June 2006, the Director of City Services submitted a report on progress in respect of the Graffiti Team in Inner North West.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document entitled 'Graffiti in North West Inner – Quarter 1 2006/07' which included specific details of the number of jobs cleared/average days to remove graffiti.

John Kearsley and Frieda Haley, City Services Department presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

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

In summary, specific reference was made to the following key issues:-

- clarification of the figures in relation to the four wards in Inner North West
- clarification of the 877 jobs which were proactive
- the need for Members to be informed when the blitzes were planned within the Headingley ward
- the need to have more detail on those people who are prosecuted
- the need to be more proactive on graffiti in next year's budget and to encourage agencies to engage in the bidding process
- the need for the Streetscene Sub Group to focus on enforcement issues

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That the specific issues raised at the meeting be addressed by the Streetscene Sub Group with a report back on progress to a future Area Committee meeting.
- (c) That Inspector Richard Coldwell be commended on his efforts in achieving the required funding for this initiative.

40 Area Action Plan for Inner North West

Referring to minute 6 of the meeting held on 29th June 2006, the Director of Development submitted a report providing Members with information about the role and scope of Area Action Plans and their potential use within Inner North West Area.

Appended to the report was a copy of the current work programme for Area Action Plans that covered Leeds City Centre, Aire Valley, East and South East Leeds (EASEL) and West Leeds for the information/comment of the meeting.

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

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices with specific reference to the need for the North West Inner area to have in place an Area Action Plan.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That the specific issues raised at the meeting be addressed at a Special Planning Group meeting and that, in the interim period the North West Area Manager be requested to invite a senior officer from Development Department to attend a future meeting to comment on the Committee's wish to have an Area Action Plan in place for the North West Inner area.

41 Area Manager's Report

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on the Area Manager's Report.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document entitled 'District Partnership Conference – 20th July 2006 – Workshop Tasks' for the information/comment of the meeting.

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

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

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That in respect of the proposals to relocate Leeds Girl's High school, such proposals be referred to the Planning Group for discussion with a report back on progress to a future Area Committee meeting.
- (c) That in respect of the future use of Headingley Primary school, a report on the school and the Headingley Development Trust proposals be considered at a future meeting.
- (d) That in the interests of sharing relevant information, the North West Area Manager be requested to forward agendas/papers for future District Partnership meetings to Members of the Committee for their retention/ information.

42 Leeds Community Foundation

Referring to minute 17 of the meeting held on 29th June 2006, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report providing Members with information on the Leeds Community Foundation.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area 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 the North West Area Manager be requested to circulate to Members of the Committee details in relation to how/when the Leeds Community Foundation was formed, including the names and addresses of trustees for their information/retention.

43 Youth Service Report

The Director of Learning and Leisure submitted a report which explored in depth the objectives, delivery and effectiveness of Youth Service provision in the North West Inner area.

Suzanne Wainwright, Learning and Leisure Department presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

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

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes and welcomes the information on Youth Services work, outcomes and achievements in the North West area.
- (c) That alternative mechanisms for the Children and Young People Sub-Group be explored, to allow for increased Member involvement.
- (d) That this Committee welcomes proposals for the development of a 'Hub' centre within the Headingley area.

44 Making Leeds Better Progress Report

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on progress in respect of Making Leeds Better.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document containing information on progress in key project areas provided by Making Leeds Better.

The Committee received a presentation from Carol Cochrane, North West Leeds PCT.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted and welcomed.
- (b) That this Committee welcomes further meetings with representatives from Making Leeds Better to discuss priority issues for Health Impact Assessment work.

45 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 26th October 2006 at 7.00 pm at Hawksworth Wood Children's Centre, Leeds 5.

(The meeting concluded at 9.55 pm)