

INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor H Bithell in the Chair

Councillors L Cunningham, T Hinchcliffe,
A Parnham, A Rae, K Ritchie, A Rontree
and F Venner

CO-OPTEES PRESENT

Jonathan Butler and Mark Rollinson.

28 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

29 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

30 Late Items

There were no formal late items. However, there was supplementary information in relation to Agenda Item 10 Local Care Partnerships. This was circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

31 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Rontree – declared an interest as he is a member of the Kirkstall Festival 2024, in relation to the Agenda Item 11 – Finance Report.

32 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Cllr Smart
- Cat Hyde – Co-opted member of Armley
- Stephen McBarron – Co-opted member of Bramley and Stanningley
- Tamsin MacDonald – Co-opted Member of Kirkstall

33 Open Forum / Community Forums

On this occasion no members of the public wished to speak.

34 Minutes - 3rd September 2024

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2024, be approved as a correct record.

35 Matters Arising

Members were asked to note the following:

- In relation to Minute 24 – Leeds Streets for All.
 - Confirmation, that the intention is to deliver road safety improvements on Leeds & Bradford Road this financial year.

The Leeds & Bradford Road project is being funded through the road safety portion of the CRSTS and has been approved as part of the business case, so the money is there and available and does not need any additional funding.

- For the Leeds Streets for All Inner West consultation report, the Kirkstall Forge intervention, request for lighting on access routes, is now included and added to the publicly accessible web page.
- In relation to Minute 25 – Finance Report
 - The handrail in Armley which residents had requested has now been replaced.
 - Members had been sent an email on 4th September, in relation to the CIL 123 List.
 - Leaflets for DAZL had been received for distribution.
- In relation to Minute 26 – Update Report
 - The Jailey Fields play area is now operational. An open day had taken place, which had been successful with many residents from the area attending.

36 Healthwatch Leeds

The Head of Locality Partnerships provided a cover report for the update on the current Healthwatch Leeds Projects. An Officer from Healthwatch Leeds presented the report, Members had been provided with slides and information.

The Officer highlighted the following points:

- Healthwatch Leeds is an organisation that is the voice of the people and communities that use health and care services in Leeds, particularly those who are facing the greatest health inequalities. They provide an advice, information and signposting service to assist those who are struggling to navigate the health and care system and record enquiries on their database. They then feedback to the relevant organisations.
- The latest projects included Community Mental Health Transformation and Repeat Prescriptions.
- Inner West and Inner South areas of Leeds were part of a pilot looking at mental health, mental health services, the local area and a few key aspects of the CMHT service model. The target population were those who have or have had a mental health condition, carers of people with a mental health condition and those who fall into both categories. The pilot showed that support was felt to be less effective due to it being infrequent, time-limited or took a long time to access. The impact of the area on residents' mental health was fear of crime, anti-social behaviour, unsuitable housing and neighbour issues. The pilot found that people were more comfortable accessing services in traditional NHS-orientated venues and community-based venues. Only a minority of people were comfortable using phone lines. The Committee heard that the original plan was to extend the pilot, however, this had now changed and from February 2025, parts of the new model will be rolled

out citywide to provide more joined-up community mental health services and support.

- A project on repeat prescription had found that almost half of people were ordering their prescriptions online. However, fewer people from diverse communities, older age groups and those in low-income areas were using digital options. When using the digital options people praised the online ordering and pharmacy services. However, many found the online systems confusing, or they did not have the skills to use them, with some having to rely on others to order for them. It was also noted that there was inconsistent communication from GP's and the pharmacies.
- Key recommendations from this project were:
 - Keep non-digital options available
 - Surgeries and pharmacies should make people aware of electronic repeat dispensing and provide support to people to order online.
 - A consistent and clear approach in information for ordering online.
 - Better tracking to inform people when prescriptions were ready.

Members discussions and comments included:

- It was acknowledged that anti-social behaviour was a cause for mental health. Members were of the view that the Council needed to be more effective when reports are received in relation to noise issues and to act earlier. It was suggested that LASBT be invited to attend either a future Committee or the Community Safety sub-group for further discussion on this matter.
- Members were concerned that over 50% of people were not comfortable with using phone lines to discuss mental health issues and were of the view that more options should be available, to ensure that people felt comfortable to discuss issues. It was noted that often phone calls were lengthy, but it was quicker to get the appointments over the phone rather than wait for a face-to-face consultation.
- Members welcomed the fact that the pilot in Inner West and Inner South had proved successful and that better service provision was going to be rolled out across the city.
- Members recognised that digital apps were a useful tool and that it may be the younger people who were more willing to use them. However, they did wish to see more support for those who were not confident in using digital apps and for more options to be available to those who did not want or were unable to use digitalised systems.
- It was acknowledged that many GP's and pharmacies were now using online ordering for repeat prescriptions. However, the Members had concerns that there were variances in information about ordering prescriptions and that often the patient relied on family interactions to assist.
- Members provided positive experiences of the delivery service, but had concerns in relation to news articles that these may cease and that some pharmacies may close.

- Members raised concerns about the synchronicity of prescriptions and the lack of communications between GP's and pharmacies.

The Committee were informed that the findings had been presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board, Primary Care Board and the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board. The report included recommendations.

It was suggested that the Committee would welcome a quarterly update from Health watch Leeds on progress, which could be provided to the Locality Officer as part of the Update Report. The presenting Officer said Healthwatch Leeds would provide this and would find it useful to work with Councillors with a shared insight on the Inner West area.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report and the discussions.

37 Local Care Partnerships

The Head of Locality Partnerships provided a cover report for an update to the Committee on the Local Care Partnerships (LCPs)

The Officer from the LCPs Development Team presented the report and provided the following information:

- LCPs were adopted to work with and in local communities to provide joined up care with a focus on deprived areas of the city. Members were informed that Leeds is further ahead than other local authorities in using LCPs.
- The LCPs are based on the Primary Care Network (PCN) footprints, there are 15 in total. They are shaped by population, community, geography and assets.
- The aims of the LCPs are to work together across health and care partners to provide joined up, personalised care and to tackle health inequalities, including consideration of the wider determinants of health.
- The LCPs are made up of Primary Care Networks, Health and Social Care Teams, Local Third Sector Organisations, Community Representatives, City Wide Third Sector Organisations and Leeds City Council Teams.
- Partnership working helps to reduce duplication, provide a better experience for people using the services and increases job satisfaction for the workforce. Being place based allows the LCPs to tailor service delivery to local need and work with the community.
- The LCPs engage via LCP meetings, sub-groups, learning forums, lunch and learn sessions, weekly digest and the dashboard. It was noted that the dashboard could be shared with the Community Committee as part of the Update Report.
- The Healthy Leeds Plan has two main goals. Goal 1 is looking at reducing bed days, falls and children's respiratory illness. The Armley LCP is working on falls prevention to reduce the frequency of falls and fractures in the frail population, and the West Leeds LCP is working on children's respiratory issues and in November the first workshop was held to focus on accessing the RSV vaccinations in pregnancy,

housing and air quality. Goal 2 is looking to address mental health and hypertension. It was noted that grants had been received for blood pressure tests.

- A digital inclusion worker has been funded for 12 months to support organisations to sign up to the Data Bank and promote free access to WiFi.
- It was noted that all are welcome to attend the meetings and learning sessions held by the LCPs.

Members discussions included:

- Members were of the view that the weekly digest sent to members of the LCPs was useful for providing data and areas of need. However, it would be preferred if this was a monthly update.
- GPs can elect to change Primary Care Networks.
- There was a need for a connection between the LCPs and Housing Leeds to be greater to address any issues. It was also the view that there was a need to engage with private landlords. Members were informed of two sessions in February 2025, to bring together health and housing partners in the Inner South and East and North East of the city. However, more areas could be incorporated into the meeting if there were areas of concern.
- It was noted that positive feedback had been received in relation to the fall's prevention clinic.

The attending Officer thanked all the Councillors who were appointed to the LPCs for attending the meetings and the work that they do.

The Chair thanked the officer for attending and the presentation.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report and the discussion

38 Inner 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, and the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2024-25.

The Locality officer presented the report highlighting the following points:

- To note the remaining balance of £17,219.70 for the Wellbeing Fund. A breakdown of the projects was listed at Table 1 of the submitted report.
- Members were asked to consider the two projects listed at Paragraph 23 of the report:
 - On The Verge who were requesting £1,500.00 from the Wellbeing Fund.
 - Gilbert and Sandford external railings painting requested by LCC Housing Leeds for £13,848.00 from CIL.
- Members were informed that 3 projects had been considered and approved by Delegated Decision Notice (DDN) since the last meeting on 3rd September:

- Bramley Christmas Tree - £1,330.00
- 10 Stone Steps Handrail - £1,619.68
- Living in Bigger Bodies - £1,260.00
- Monitoring information in relation to Kirkstall Festival was provided at Paragraph 26.
- Members were asked to note the remaining balance of £12,771.98 in the Youth Activity Fund, with projects listed in Table 2 of the report.
- Members attention was drawn to Table 3 which provided information in relation to the Small Grants and Table 4 which provided information in relation to the community skips.
- The Inner West Community Committee has a capital budget of £1,957.27 available to spend and Members were asked to note the capital allocation summarised in Table 5.
- The Committee were asked to note the current balance of £105,459.21 in the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The projects provided through the CIL were listed at Table 6 of the report.

Members discussions included:

- Members agreed to move the grit bin and CCTV projects from wellbeing to the CIL fund.
- Members also decided to move the 10 stone steps handrail project from CIL to Capital.
- Members requested an update from LeedsWatch on the monitoring information from the CCTV cameras in each ward.

RESOLVED –

- a) Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1) to be noted.
- b) Wellbeing proposals considered with the following outcomes:
 - On the verge who were requesting £1,500.00 from the Wellbeing Fund. – Defer for more information.
 - Gilbert and Sandford external railings painting requested by LCC Housing Leeds for £337.59 from Capital and then £13,510.41 from CIL. - Approved
- c) Details of the projects approved via DDN (paragraph 23) to be noted.
- d) Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 27) to be noted.
- e) Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2) to be noted.
- f) Details of the Small Grants and Skips Budget (Tables 3 & 4) to be noted.
- g) Details of the Capital Budget (Table 5) to be noted.
- h) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6) to be noted.

39 Inner West Community Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an update on the work which the Communities Team had been engaged in, based on the priorities identified by the Community Committee.

Members were updated on the following:

- 90 young people from schools in the Inner West area had attended the Youth Summit at the Civic Hall on 15th November. It was noted and the Committee were unanimously delighted that the number of children had increased by 25 since the previous year. Members thought it was the loudest summit that they had attended, the young people were well behaved, and it had been a success.
- Cllr Hinchcliffe thanked all those members who attend the sub-group on the 9th November.
- The Children and Families sub-group were putting together an information document on the impact of vaping in under 18's. Members were requested to circulate the leaflet once it is completed, this will be after the tobacco bill goes through parliament.
- The student changeover had been a success, with message about reducing waste getting out to the students.
- It was noted that requests for enforcement on overgrown vegetation should only be made if it is encroaching onto the highway.
- A thank you was sent to the team who remove fallen leaves.
- Work had been ongoing at the Kirkstall Bridge Shopping Centre in relation to anti-social behaviour. It was noted that this had reduced by 96%. A warden will hopefully be provided on site over Christmas.
- Members were requested to report back on action days.
- Concerns had been raised in relation to the Gyrotory and the markings for merging into lanes. This issue is due to be addressed.
- A request had been made to Housing Offices that Members receive mor notification on walkabouts.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report and updates provided at the meeting.

40 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th March 2024 at 6pm. Venue to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 20:05