

WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor T Hanley in the Chair

Councillors J Harper, A Lowe, J McKenna
and N Taggart

73 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Atkinson.

74 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

75 West Leeds Dog Watch Scheme

West Yorkshire Police and Community Safety submitted a report informing of the new West Leeds Dog Watch Scheme which was launched on 29th October 2011.

Mick Cox, PCSO at Pudsey Police Station updated the Area Committee on the West Leeds Dog Watch Scheme. New Members to the scheme are asked to report any suspicious activities that they see whilst walking their dogs. So far the scheme has resulted in a number of arrests including for scrap metal theft and burglary, as well as providing information relating to drug dealing. A number of other Police Forces are interested in starting similar schemes due to the success of the West Leeds Dog Watch Scheme.

The Chair thanked Mr Cox for his attendance and report.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

76 Minutes - 14th December 2011

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2011 be approved as a correct record subject to the addition of Mr Cross's apologies for that meeting.

77 Open Forum / Community Forums

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 to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference for the Area Committee.

Mr Morgan Pugh, Area Panel Member, informed the Area Committee that he had judged and presented the Garden Competition Awards in Bramley. He thanked the Area Committee for the funding it had provided towards the Garden Awards, which had been well attended.

The Chair informed the Area Committee that he was pleased that one prize had gone to Haley's Field which had been previously funded by the Area Committee.

78 Proposal to Develop Integrated Health and Social Care Teams

The Director of Adult Services submitted a report providing details of the work going on in Leeds to improve the effectiveness of health and social care services.

John Lennon, Adult Social Services, presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

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

- The importance of identifying the people who need assistance now and in the future; analytical tools will be used to look at GP patient lists to enable this work to be done.
- The importance of increasing abilities to ensure support with self care and management as part of personalisation of services.
- The areas of work which will require further consideration such as accountability to the Area Committee, and Governance Issues.
- The future work that will need to be done around the workforce such redesign and identifying the skill set which is required.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted and that a further update be brought to the Area Committee in six months time.

79 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Area Profile

The Director of Public Health submitted a report providing an update on the emerging priorities for this area flowing from the refresh of the Leeds Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Victoria Eaton, Consultant for Public Health with the Airedale, Bradford and Leeds NHS Trust presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

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

- The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has been done between the NHS and Leeds City Council in order to identify health needs across the city ahead of the transfer of functions to Leeds City Council in April 2013. This work has included the creation of 108 detailed profiles of local areas within Leeds.
- The difference in life expectancies depending on where people live, the causes of this and what work could be done regarding this.
- The issues around barriers for different groups of people to accessing healthcare and what can be done to improve accessibility of services to improve outcomes.

RESOLVED- That the recommendations of the report be accepted.

80 Area Chairs' Forum Minutes

The Assistant Chief Executive (Customer, Access and Performance) submitted a report informing Members of dates of future Area Chairs' Forum meetings for whom minutes will be sent to the Area Committee, and providing the minutes of the Area Chairs' Forum meeting of 11th November 2011.

RESOLVED- That the contents of the report and the minutes of the Area Chairs' Forum Meeting of 11th November 2011 be noted.

81 Minutes- Community Forum Minutes

A copy of the minutes of the Armley Community Forum held on 17th January 2012 were submitted for Members' information.

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the Armley Community Forum held on 17th January 2012 be received and noted.

82 Minutes- ALMO Inner West Area Panel

A copy of the minutes of the ALMO Inner West Area Panel meeting held on 12th December 2011 was submitted for Members' information.

Lynn Hamshaw, West North West homes Leeds, informed the Area Committee of funding available from the Area Panel to benefit ALMO neighbourhoods, and there was a discussion regarding this.

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the ALMO Inner West Area Panel held on 12th December 2011 be received and noted.

83 Wellbeing Fund Budget Report

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report updating Members on the capital and revenue funding committed via the Area Committee Well-Being Budget for wards in the Inner West area in the financial year 2011 / 12.

Chris Dickinson, West North West Area Improvement Manager, presented the report and responded to Members' comments and queries.

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

- All monies for this financial year have now been allocated.
- The next Area Committee meeting would have some applications for funding for consideration.
- Levels for Small Grant Funding would be set at the next Area Committee meeting.

RESOLVED- That the position of the Wellbeing Budget and the small grant approvals be noted.

84 Armley Town Centre Manager Update

The Armley Town Centre Manager submitted a report providing an update on events and actions in the Armley Town Centre area.

There was a discussion regarding future activity which could be done in the area by the former Town Centre Manager, Mr Condor, as he had now left that post but could potentially be commissioned to run events via his new role.

The Chair asked that the appreciation of the Area Committee be passed to Mr Condor for his work as Town Centre Manager.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted

85 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 21st March at 5.00 p.m. Venue to be confirmed.

The Chair thanked the Clerk who was leaving the Area Committee and wished her all the best for the future.

The meeting concluded at 7.05 p.m.