

INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor A Khan in the Chair

Councillors S Arif, C Dobson, R Grahame,
A Hussain, G Hyde, K Maqsood, D Ragan
and B Selby

34 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

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

35 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

The agenda contained no exempt information.

36 Late Items

No late items of business were added to the agenda.

37 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

38 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

39 Open Forum

Members of the public addressed the meeting under the provisions of Paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules (Open Forum):

Save Fearnville Fields Campaign – The Committee heard a deputation from the Save Fearnville Fields Campaign which was against the proposals to build a new secondary free school academy on the King George V playing fields. The following was highlighted:

- It was not felt that the site was suitable for a school
- The fields had been put in trust for perpetuity for the people of East Leeds to use for sports and recreation and this was their current use.
- The site was liable to flooding
- The roads around the site already had significant congestion issues.
- The Wyke Valley Trail and nature reserve would be impacted by any development.

- Concern regarding the loss of green space.
- Other secondary schools in the area were also academies and struggling. It would be more suitable to improve and expand these sites.
- Alternative proposals for a sports centre would be more suitable.
- The local MP and Ward Councillors were also against the proposals.

It was reported that the matter would be referred to the Director of Children's Services.

The Committee was given an update on activity at the foodbank in October and November. Over 644 people had used the service in South and East Leeds. In the past week the food bank had run out of several main items.

A resident of Murton Close referred to a deputation that had previously been brought before the Council regarding the closure of a ginnel. Despite permission from the Secretary of State in 2004 for this closure to happen, nothing had happened and there were continued problems with crime, anti-social behaviour and drug dealing. It was reported that this matter would be referred to the Communities Team to look into jointly with LASBT and the police.

Issues with parking from Foundry Approach and the South Parkway.

40 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – The minutes of the meeting held 7th September 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

41 Matters Arising

Since the last meeting of the Community Committee, it was reported that there had been a change to the political composition of the Community Committee. It had therefore been proposed to make some changes to the appointments made by the Community Committee at the beginning of the Municipal Year.

RESOLVED – That the following changes be made to Inner East Community Committee Appointments for 2017/18:

- Community Committee Champion, Children's Services – Councillor S Arif to replace Councillor C Dobson (Cllr S Arif also to fulfil the Corporate Parenting Board role)
- Children & Young People Sub-Group Chair – Councillor S Arif to replace Councillor C Dobson.
- Seacroft Manston Cluster Representative – Councillor G Hyde to replace Councillor C Dobson
- East North East Local Housing Advisory Panels – Councillor G Hyde to replace Councillor C Dobson
- Advisory Sub Group – Councillor D Ragan to replace Councillor A Khan.

Inclusive Growth workshops. It was reported that these would look to be arranged in January or February 2018.

42 Leeds Transport Conversation update and Inner East transport update

Further to minute 37 of the meeting held 8th September 2016 and the subsequent workshop held on 2nd November 2016, the Chief Officer Highways & Transportation submitted an update report providing feedback from the Transport Conversation and specifically the feedback from the Inner East Community Committee and area, as well as a summary of the Leeds wide transport proposals and development of a Leeds Transport Strategy.

Andrew Hall, Head of Transportation and Liz Hunter, West Yorkshire Combined Authority were in attendance to update the Committee.

It was reported that the following had been highlighted during the previous engagement process for the Inner East Area:

- Public transport provision – particularly bus services, facilities, local connectivity and value for money
- Facilities for cyclists
- Rail services
- Improved pedestrian links
- Support for a tram system

Further issues highlighted included the following:

- One of the main elements of the strategy would be investment in the public transport network. It was aimed to double bus usage by 2027. This was supported by bus operators across the city and there would be significant investment in the quality of bus vehicles across Leeds.
- There would be three new railway stations at Thorpe Park, Leeds Bradford Airport and Millshaw.
- There would be further park and ride sites.
- Access to rail – improvements to accessibility to Crossgates station
- Development of local transport hubs
- Improvements pedestrian and cycle routes.
- The A58 corridor

Further to comments and questions from Members, the following as discussed:

- Disappointment with the level of funding for Inner East Leeds which had higher levels of unemployment.
- The need for better connectivity across communities.
- New housing developments that don't have easy access to public transport links.

- The need for better value for money on bus a services – it could be cheaper to use taxis.
- Public transport access to the hospitals was difficult.
- The need for localised bus services.

RESOLVED –

- a) To note and feedback on the progression of the delivery plan for the £173.5 million proposals.
- b) WYCA inviting feedback on the network improvement and community hub proposals.
- c) To note the development of a longer term Leeds Transport Strategy.

43 Wellbeing Report - November 2017

The East North East Area Leader submitted a report providing an update on the current position of the capital and revenue budget for the Inner East CC. the report noted the decisions regarding Wellbeing applications taken by delegated authority since the last meeting and outlined new applications for funding.

Neil Young, Area Officer presented the report.

Members' attention was brought to applications that had been received for funding and the ongoing discussion regarding the distribution of Community Infrastructure Levy monies.

RESOLVED -

- 1) To note the Wellbeing spend to date and the current balances for the 2017/18 financial year as outlined in Appendix 1 of the submitted report
- 2) To note new Wellbeing applications that have been received since the date of the last community committee meeting and the intention to undertake ward level consultation on these.
- 3) To note decisions taken on funding applications made by delegated authority, in line with the agreed 'minimum conditions' as outlined in paragraphs 9 to 17 of the report
- 4) To note the discussions to date regarding the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in Inner East.
- 5) To approve a new Wellbeing application (point 6) for the 2017 Inner East Youth Summit.

44 Community Committee Update Report - November 2017

Neil Young, Area Officer, presented an update report on the Inner East CC work programme, including recent successes and challenges and ongoing pieces of work. The report outlined follow up work undertaken since previous workshops and the work of the Committee's sub groups. Recent community events were also featured.

Issues highlighted from the report included the following:

- Harehills Festival
- Youth Activity Peer Inspections – There was to be a Youth Summit at Chapel FM on 4th December 2017.
- Further to the successful bid for the Community Led Local Development Fund, it was reported that arrangements were being made to establish a Local Action Group.
- European Capital of Culture Bid – reference was made to the decision regarding the legitimacy of the bid it was agreed that a letter be sent to the local MEP on behalf of the Community Committee.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report and the comments made during discussions

45 Leeds Health and Care Plan: Inspiring Change through Better Conversations with Citizens

Further to minute 69 of the meeting held 23rd March 2017, the Committee considered the joint report of the Head of the Leeds Health & Care Plan and the Head of Programme Delivery-System Integration, NHS Leeds CCGs Partnership, which provided an overview of the progress made in shaping the Leeds Health and Care Plan following the previous conversation with the Community Committee.

Thea Stein, Dr Yen Anderson, Rebecca Barwick and Gaynor Connor were in attendance to make a presentation and answer Members' questions.

The following issues were highlighted:

- The Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy underpinned all issues relating to health including issues such as transport.
- The need to have better conversations with people and the approach to achieving this.
- Getting people to use services correctly – avoiding unnecessary A&E appointments, using pharmacies for advice.
- Getting services to work together in a more efficient way.
- The Leeds Health Care Plan – focusing on prevention, early start, promoting physical activity, reduce drinking and smoking, self-management and pro-active care.
- How to take health provision forward in communities.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following was discussed:

- The need for more medical centres and GP surgeries – potential use of the old Shakespeare Primary School site.
- Development of neighbourhood teams which covered a variety of services – GPs, Nurses, Therapists.
- The need to address high health inequalities in the Inner East Area.

- Getting the right geographical spread for neighbourhood teams. There was a complexity of populace and demand. Local services needed to be structured for local people.

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the contents of the report and that the report will be used as the basis for discussions during the informal workshop scheduled to follow the Committee meeting
- b) To support the updated Leeds Plan as a basis for conversation with citizens on the future of health and care.
- c) To actively support widespread conversation and discussion of the Leeds Plan and narrative to encourage feedback and comment.
- d) To support the emerging model of Local Care Partnerships and actively engage with their development in their communities.

46 Community Comment

The following matters were raised by Members of the public in relation to the formal Committee reports:

- Transport links for the Aire Valley corridor – There was still an ambition to do this and connect communities both to the north and south of the river.
- Inclusion of Mental Health in the Leeds Health Care Plan.
- Reliability of buses from Cross Green to hospitals. This was being monitored in conjunction with the bus operator.

47 Date and Time of next meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 6.00 pm