

INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor G Hussain in the Chair

Councillors R Charlwood, S Hamilton,
C Macniven, M Rafique and E Tunnicliffe

Approximately 25 representatives of the local community, organisations and stakeholders attended the meeting.

33 Election of the Chair

Councillor G Hussain reported that the Chair, Councillor E Taylor was unwell and had sent her apologies for the meeting. Members wished Councillor Taylor well and

RESOLVED – That Councillor G Hussain was elected Chair of the meeting.

34 Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all present to the formal meeting and brief introductions were made.

The Chair led the meeting in expressing condolences to the families and friends of the victims of a fatal accident on Stonegate Road, 25th November 2017. The work of the police officers and first responders at the scene was commended by the Committee.

35 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

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

36 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

37 Late Items

There were no late items of business.

38 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

39 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the Chair, Councillor E Taylor and from Councillors Dowson and Sobel.

40 Open Forum

Under the provisions of paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules (Open Forum), the following matter was raised: Save Moor Allerton Hall Primary School Group – Helen Simpson, representing the Group, highlighted concerns over a proposal to merge the school with Allerton Grange to create one through-school in the locality. She reported on local opposition to the proposal, including concerns over

safeguarding across a split school site, size and scale of the through-school; highways and traffic management and the timescale for implementation. The Group also had concern over the impact of the changes on the performance of the schools as Ofsted had categorised both as “Requires Improvement” and the Group felt the proposal distracted from the improvement focus. The Community Committee thanked Ms Simpson for her representation on behalf of the Group and

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the contents of the representation
- b) To ensure that the representation is deferred to the Executive Member with responsibility for Children & Families and the Director of Children & Families with a request that the Director respond directly to the Group

41 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 18th September 2017 as a correct record.

42 Matters Arising

Minute 28 – Clusters and Appointments – In response to a query over whether any of the Children’s Services Clusters had met, Councillor Rafique reported that he had attended a meeting of the 2Gether Cluster, which met approximately every 3 months. Councillor Macniven confirmed that she had attended a recent ARM Cluster meeting.

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

Further to minute 60 of the INE CC meeting held 9th March 2017, the Chief Officer, LCC Health Partnerships, submitted a report providing an overview of the progress made in shaping the Leeds Health & Care plan following on from the March meeting. The report considered proposals made to date and sought support for a shift in services towards better prevention and a more social model of health.

The report had formed the basis for discussions held during the informal workshop session led by Nigel Gray, Paul Bollom and Helen Haywood GP held to the formal meeting. Approximately 25 representatives from the local community, organisations and stakeholders had attended and the themes discussed would be incorporated into the consultation responses to the developing Leeds Health & Care Plan. The focus of the discussions included:

- The need for more prevention awareness
- Greater engagement with the public and clarity about the developing Plan and future finances for the health & care service
- Greater understanding of the role pharmacies can have in community healthcare and encouraging uptake
- Consideration of asset space and the impact of changes on communities
- The role of technology and connectivity in future health & care services and this approach needed to improve, with security and choice being issues to consider as not everyone utilises ICT at the same level

- The role of health & care staff and the opportunities for 'making every contact count'

RESOLVED

- a) That the contents of the report and the information provided on the workshop discussions be noted
- 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.

44 Transport Conversation update - Public Transport Investment programme (£173.5m), Inner North East update, and Leeds Transport Strategy development

Further to minute 33 of the meeting held 19th September 2016, the Chief Officer, Highways & Transportation, submitted a report which provided an update on the Transport Conversation, including information specific to the Inner North East area and updates on the £173.3 m Public Transport Investment programme and Leeds Transport Strategy development.

Gary Bartlett, Chief Officer Highways & Transportation, presented the report which provided an update on the progress made since the previous presentation and workshop at Inner North East CC in Autumn 2016. The report provided information on how the feedback from previous Conversation exercise had shaped the developing plan to spend the £174m fund granted by Central Government to Leeds for transport infrastructure. Tom Gifford, METRO, also attended the meeting.

Overall, information gathered from respondents showed that the car was still favoured over bus/train transport, some had indicated they may consider other transport if buses/trains were improved. There had been 700 respondents from the Inner North East CC area, and their top priorities included better value/service/reliability in the bus service; improved cycle facilities and park & ride in this part of the city. Other issues identified included the economic pressures and benefits, emerging clean air zone, move away from car domination in the city centre and putting pedestrians and cyclists first.

Additionally, Central Government required the £174m to be spent by 2021, so work was progressing on the following short term schemes which impacted on the Inner North East area:

- East Leeds Orbital Road
- Route 36 bus stops
- Examining possible review of A61
- Considering Park & Ride scheme in the northern quadrant
- Cycle way infrastructure

Tom GIFFORD, METRO, then addressed the meeting seeking to identify the transport priorities for the INE CC area and how the £174m should be

targeted. He acknowledged the general experience of unreliability, long journeys and cost of current bus provision in Leeds and focussed on two development proposals within the Transport Strategy:

Transport Hubs - £8m allocated from the £174m to develop Transport Hubs city wide, three had been identified so far including Moortown Corner
'Connecting Communities' - £5m had been allocated to this initiative, and the consultation sought views on the type of transport solutions preferred and the places within the city which could benefit from better connectivity.

During discussions, the following issues were considered:

- Acknowledged the improvements and investment made by First Bus in 284 new 'greener' buses. The introduction of the Clean Air Zone will be vital for air quality and health improvement and discussions with other bus operators were ongoing to achieve additional improved bus stock.
- Consideration of an 'Oyster card' smart ticketing scheme was suggested to allow travellers the opportunity to purchase tickets prior to their journey. Transport for the North and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority were working on this issue
- King Lane roundabout and the impact of this junction on stacking traffic on all routes and bus journeys. The close proximity of residences reduced the possibilities for works to improve the roundabout - such as road widening. Highways technicians were working towards a solution to address the heavy traffic flow through the area
- Bus provision and the night-time economy. Members noted the view that reduced services at night did not support the growing Leeds night-time economy, or shift-workers. However night -time services were dependant on commercial needs
- Bus provision and connectivity. The need for City Circular buses was identified to better connect the city's communities
- Service efficiency – One Member reported on the Edinburgh city bus service which provided an example of an efficient service with routes across and around the city. The service was cash only, with no change given and was well supported by users. The service was also municipally run
- Consultation with Leeds Bradford International Airport to ensure that any new transport links supported the airport's growth and accessibility whilst addressing visitor's use of local/residential roads as rat-runs to the airport.
- New Railway Stations - It was noted that respondents to the consultation so far had expressed support for a rail link with the airport, and discussions were ongoing regarding an additional station on the Leeds-Harrogate rail line. Three new stations had been identified and work with Network Rail was ongoing to pursue their development. Although it was not expected that Network Rail could deliver these by the 2021 deadline, LCC was committed to progressing their development as far as possible in readiness for their completion in 2022/23
- One Member reported on the need for a Park & Ride scheme in the north east of the city, commuter on street parking was prevalent in the

residential areas of the Chapeltown, Chapel Allerton and Harehills areas of the city

- Acknowledgement that bus patronage had decreased during the last 30 years, however the city had grown and more people travelled into the city.
- A review of fare pricing/minimum was requested, as residents of the Chapeltown area paid a minimum fee of £2.00 to travel into the city. In other areas of the city, passengers travelling the same or shorter distance into town were charged lower minimum fares.
- City walking. Development of a clear and simplified pedestrian route into the City was identified. Currently pedestrians from the INE area tackled multiple lanes of traffic to access the city via Sheepscar
- Moortown Corner – Members welcomed the plans to improve the area, and requested further details on what could be achieved. It was agreed that local Ward Councillors would meet with Highways & Transportation officers to discuss viable proposals in the first instance, before wider consultation took place.

The Community Committee thanked officers for their presentation of the feedback from the Transport Consultation and

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the feedback from the Transport Conversation and its input into the £173.5m public transport improvements and informing a wider transport strategy for the City and the Inner East area over the next 20 years.
- b) To note the overall progression of Leeds Transport and £173.5m funding programme in Leeds overall.
- c) To note progression of the major transport schemes within the Inner North East Area.
- d) To note the feedback provided to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority representative at the meeting on the proposals for the Transport Hubs and network proposals.
- e) To note the intention for local ward Members to meet directly with officers to discuss viable proposals on what can be achieved at the proposed Moortown Corner Transport Hub/improvement scheme.

45 Wellbeing Budget Report

Neil Pentelow, Area Officer, presented a report on the current budget position and setting out the Wellbeing and Youth Activity budget arrangements for the Committee. Additionally, the report outlined decisions taken under delegated authority for the area since the last CC meeting. It was noted that no new wellbeing applications had been submitted for consideration at this meeting.

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the current balances for 2017/18 and the spend to date against those budgets as set out in the submitted report and Appendix 1
- b) To note the delegated decisions made since the last meeting of Inner North East Community Committee as outlined in the schedule at paragraph 22 of the submitted report

46 Community Committee Update Report

Neil Pentelow, Area Officer, presented an update on the work programme of the Inner North East CC, its recent successes and challenges. The report also provided an outline of the main issues discussed by the Member advisory sub groups; work undertaken with the Community Champions and some of the Community Events successfully held in the Inner North East CC area since the last meeting.

Neil particularly highlighted the success of the recent 'Young People's Takeover day' at the Reginald Centre and the Volunteer Thankyou Event held on 28th October 2017. Councillor Charlwood expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee to the officers involved in organising the Thankyou Event which had been well received by the 150 attendees

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and the comments made during discussions be noted.

47 Community Comment

The Chair noted the opportunity for members of the public to give feedback and/or queries on the reports presented during the formal part of the Community Committee meeting, the intention being that written responses would be provided within 14 days. The following comments were raised and discussed:

Transport for Blue Badge Holders – In relation to bus service improvements a comments was made that as the population increases and grows older, more people held Blue Badges and a query was raised over whether Blue Badge Holders could be given relief of fares. The response that a national concessionary fare system was in place which granted free travel to older persons or passengers with specific needs was noted.

Orbital Bus Services – A comment relating to the No.91 bus route and the need to address the flow of traffic which can leave communities on the route without a bus was noted

Bus design – A comment regarding the difficulty of people with mobility issues using buses and/or having to stand when wheel/push chairs were on board was noted

RESOLVED – On this occasion, the comments and queries raised were noted as part of the response to the Transport Consultation.

48 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next formal meeting as Monday 5th March 2017 at 7.00 pm. (with an informal workshop at 6.00 pm)

49 Closing Remarks

Noting that this was the final meeting of 2017, the Chair led Members in wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.