

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor J Pryor in the Chair

Councillors J Akhtar, J Bentley, S Bentley,
G Harper, C Towler, J Walker and
N Walshaw

14 Open Forum

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

Reference was made to leaflets that had been distributed regarding proposals to develop a 262 bedroom student development on the former Leeds Girls High School playing fields site. It was felt that the Council had been misled regarding an application for planning permission to develop family homes on the site. Further reference was made to the number of empty homes and HMO properties in the area along with the lack of open spaces.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Planning Sub Group.

15 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of councillor J Chapman.

17 Minutes - 18 June 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

18 Wellbeing Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided Members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16 and the current position of the Small Grants and Skip Pots and those small grants and skips that had been approved since the last meeting. It also provided an update on the Youth Activities Fund.

Members were also asked to approve the commissioning process, timescales and funding priorities for the 2016/17 Wellbeing budget.

Members were informed that the Football & Your Future project had not taken place and £1,040 would be returned to the Wellbeing budget.

Members also discussed a Wellbeing fund request of £10,000 from the Council's waste management team to make changes to the bins on the Beamsleys in Headingley. Members discussed the cost of the project and the mixed views that they had received from residents and agreed that they would not fund this project and instead continue discussions with waste management on the issue. A ward by ward breakdown of Wellbeing spend was also requested.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the current position for Wellbeing Funds for 2015/16 be noted.
- (2) That the current position of the small grants and skip pots and those small grants and skips that had been approved since the last meeting be noted.
- (3) That the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this be noted.
- (4) That the recommended commissioning round process and funding priorities for 2016/17 be approved.

19 Area Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided Members with a summary of recent sub group business and the current position relating to other project activity.

Issues discussed included the following:

- Sub Group activity – the Planning Sub Group would be returning to holding more regular meetings. Attention was brought to highlights of Environmental Sub Group meetings. There had not been a meeting of the Children's Sub Group since the last Community Committee meeting.
- Neighbourhood Improvement Plans – Draft plans for Hyde Park and Little London were appended to the Agenda. It was reported that a number of actions were ongoing and the partnership work involved. Members were asked for their input. In relation to the Little London plan, reference was made to environmental work including the development of wild flower meadows.
- Members were notified of free Community Centre lets that had been approved.
- Update from the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel.

- Further to discussion at the last meeting, it was reported that bin collections on Ash Grove had been carried out on both sides of the street on the same day.
- Members were also reminded of the request regarding the finishing time of the Hyde Park Unity Day.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the key messages from Sub Groups be noted.
- (2) That the draft neighbourhood improvement plans be noted.
- (3) That the update from the Inner North West HAP be noted.

20 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 17 December 2015 at 7.00 p.m.