

## INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillor E Taylor in the Chair

Councillors R Charlwood, J Dowson,  
S Hamilton, G Hussain, C Macniven,  
M Rafique, A Sobel and B Urry

Approximately 25 local residents, partners and stakeholders attended the meeting

**34 Chairs Opening Remarks**

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

**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**

The agenda contained no exempt information

**37 Late Items**

No formal late items of business were added to the agenda however a schedule containing a précis of the Wellbeing grant applications was tabled at the meeting for ease of reference (minute 43 refers)

**38 Declarations of Disclosable Interests**

No declarations of disclosable interests were made

**39 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

**40 Open Forum**

No matters were raised under the Open Forum.

**41 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** - That, subject to the amendment of minute 33 to delete the second sentence, the minutes of the previous meeting held 21st September 2015 be agreed as a correct record

**42 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**43 Wellbeing Budget report**

Lee Griffiths, Area Officer, presented a report providing an update on the current budget position and any decisions taken under delegated authority. The report also sought consideration of applications for funding from the Inner North East Community Committee (CC).

A schedule of the comments made by the Members Wellbeing Advisory Groups on the applications received was tabled at the meeting.

**RESOLVED -**

- a) To note the current balances for 2015/16 and the spend to date against these budgets
- b) To note the delegated decisions made in relation to Wellbeing applications since the last meeting of the Inner North East Community Committee on the 21st September 2015 as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
<b>Youth Activity Fund</b>	
Bonfire Night Extravaganza	£2,400
Deen Project	£2,509.64
 <b>Chapel Allerton ward budget</b>	
Chapeltown Flower Planter	£75.00
Chapeltown Festive Market	£500.00
Chapel Allerton Festive Lights	£2,911.00
<b>Roundhay ward budget</b>	
Roundhay ward Festive Lights	£1,147.00
<b>Moortown ward budget</b>	
New Grit bin/refills	<u>£1,847.56</u>

- c) That, having considered the Wellbeing Advisory Group's recommendations and the applications submitted, the following be approved:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>
<b>Moortown Ward budget</b>	
Moortown Community Garden	£354.00
 <b>Chapel Allerton Ward Budget</b>	
Reginald Centre LCD Screen	£1,000.00
 <b>Youth Activity Fund</b>	
Zest in the Community	£2,368.00
Craft For Kids	£575.00
Chapeltown Community Activity Week	£1,020.00
Meanwood Friday Night Club & Activity Week	£1,620.00
Prince Phillip Activity Week	£990.00
RJC – Booster Ballet Sessions and Dance Camp	£2,580.00
Grand Ambitions	DEFER for further discussion

**44 Community Committee Update Report**

Lee Griffiths, Area Officer, presented a report which provided an update on the work programme of the Inner North East CC, its recent success and challenges. The report also outlined the main issues discussed by the

Member advisory sub groups and the progress of the Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships.

A copy of the Performance Management Framework was included within the report along with information on recent community events, communications and social media and the challenges and opportunities ahead. The CC Champions also addressed the meeting providing additional information on work undertaken in their specific portfolios

The following local issues were raised:

- The progress of the development of the proposed Queenshill local Improvement Partnership
- The roll out of 20mph zones in the area due to planned school expansions and associated highways works
- Acknowledgement of the work undertaken by the friends of Allerton Fields group
- Events held on the theme of domestic violence awareness since the last meeting and discussion on the use of the funds set aside by the CC to support local activities raising awareness of domestic violence in each ward
- The work undertaken by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector to create a local bespoke Directory since the workshop on social isolation
- Future European funding opportunities aimed at supporting the local economy and helping people into work. It was noted that GIPSIL was leading the expression of interest for Leeds' bid. The role of the third sector and partners to support the bid was emphasised.
- Recognition of the areas' arts and culture heritage and the opportunities for the locality to be involved in Leeds' City of Culture 2023 bid. It was agreed that a report would be brought to a future meeting considering how the Inner North East locality could benefit, host and support the bid

**RESOLVED** - To note the contents of the Update report and the comments made by Members

#### **45 East North East Employment and Skills Plan 2015/16**

The Head of Communities and Partnerships, Employment & Skills, submitted a report which provided an update on the progress of the work of the ENE Employment & Skills Board in 2014/15 for the ENE area as a whole and specific to the Inner North East locality. The report also set out the revised structure of the Board and ENE Employment & Skills Plan for 2015/16.

Councillor G Hussain, Community Champion for Employment & Skills, introduced the report on annual progress made against the E&S Action Plan.

Michelle Anderson, LCC Children's Services, Employment & Skills Projects and Programmes, attended the meeting and gave a detailed presentation on the contents of the report, the work undertaken by the Employment and Skills Board so far and the background to the change in the priorities for the future. Keri Evans also attended the meeting. Key issues were discussed:

- The Boards' future focus on identifying realistic and deliverable priorities, the aim being to focus on quality with fewer priorities but resulting in a greater impact
- Future priority of maximising the number of local employers in the ENE developing apprenticeships and routes into employment to support young people
- The opportunities from the European Structural Investment Fund which offered different funding aimed at employment & skills
- The impact of Adult skills funding changes from grant aid to loans, noting that delivery of ESOL reminded critical some residents to access employment

The CC discussed the following:

- The importance of accurate school leavers data collection
- Concern that funding for ESOL courses had been withdrawn after courses had commenced. It was noted that ESOL courses were being provided by community groups but on an ad-hoc basis
- Language and communication were recognised as key for employability
- The impact of long term unemployment on mental health

In conclusion, the role of residents was identified as key in providing information on future priorities to local ward Councillors to inform the Board. Additionally, the role of Community Hubs as a base for collaboration between service providers and residents was highlighted

**RESOLVED –**

- a) To note the content of the report and agree to receive an annual update from the Employment and Skills Board
- b) To thank the officers for their presentation and note the work undertaken so far.
- c) To express best wishes to Michelle Anderson for her future role and to note and welcome Keri Evans as Michelle's replacement for the ENE area

**46 Community Hubs**

Nick Hart, Manager of ENE Centres, presented a report outlining the development of the Community Hub model across Leeds, with specific reference to the Compton Centre, seeking discussions on additional services that could be delivered from Community Hubs and other 'pop-up' or mobile hubs in the locality.

The report highlighted the early successes in the locality in respect of delivery of job shops, employment outcomes and the library service and outlined the services provided by partner organisations at the Hub. Additionally, proposals to appoint a Partnership Development Worker were highlighted whose remit would be to liaise between the LCC and North Leeds CCG in order to prioritise health and social prescribing.

The meeting received two presentations, the first from the Office of Fair Trading in relation to debt management and support offered by the LCC Illegal Money Lending Team based in community hub drop-in sessions; and the

second showing a report from "Made in Leeds" on 'Children's Takeover Day' 20th November 2015 when Wykebeck Primary School pupils attended the Reginald Centre, LS7 experiencing an adults' working day.

Dr Babu, GP based at the Westfield Medical Centre, Reginald Centre LS7, then gave a brief presentation providing more detail on the role of the Partnership Development Worker to bridge the gap between General Practice, Council and community services. Dr Babu also highlighted the role of volunteer community champions who had knowledge and understanding of local communities

A comment expressing concern over the lack of banking and financial facilities in the locality was noted for further discussion during the informal workshop to follow

**RESOLVED -**

- a) To note the content of the report
- b) To note the success to date of the implementation of the Community Hub Model at the Compton Centre
- c) To note the challenges faced by staff and services at the Compton Centre and note the comments made seeking to address those challenges
- d) That the comments made by the Committee in respect of additional services that could be delivered from the Community Hubs and other 'pop up' locations in the area be noted.
- e) To note that a facilitated workshop will take place following the formal meeting to capture ideas to take forward.

**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 CC meeting, the intention being that a written response would be provided within 14 days. The following comments were raised and discussed:

Employment and Skills – A member of the public addressed the meeting outlining the informal support she offered to local young men seeking employment and highlighted the issue of previous criminal record as a barrier to gaining employment. She identified a gap in support for the over 24's and the wider impact unemployment had on an area. In response, the work undertaken by the Job Centre and Social Justice Team was outlined as well as information on the anticipated European funding which would target ex-offenders as a priority group in need of support.

Regeneration – Whether the regeneration of the city centre brought positive benefits to the suburbs. Information was provided on the work undertaken by the Council to build relationships with developers to ensure that local people were employed on city centre schemes.

**48 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED** - To note the date and time of the next meeting as Monday 14th March 2016. The start time and venue to be confirmed

**49 Chairs Closing Remarks**

In closing the meeting, Councillor Taylor thanked everyone for their attendance and invited all to attend the informal workshop which would now commence to further discuss the theme of Community Hubs and consider future provision in the Inner North East locality