

## **NORTH WEST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C Townsley in the Chair

Councillors J Bale, A Barker, C Campbell,  
J L Carter, C Fox, G Kirkland and G Latty

### **34 Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the November meeting of the North West (Outer) Area Committee held in the Civic Hall, Leeds.

He informed the meeting that Councillor R Downes had tendered his apologies due to a personal matter. Members of the Committee conveyed their best wishes to him and his family.

### **35 Declaration of Interests**

(a) The following personal declarations were made:-

- Councillor J L Carter in his capacity as a member of the West Yorkshire Police Authority (Agenda Item 12) (Minute 39 refers)
- Councillor G P Kirkland in view of him owning a house which was located within Otley Conservation Area (Agenda Item 14) (Minute 38 refers)
- Jane Pattison, North West Area Management in view of the fact that her daughters attended West End Primary School (Agenda Item 12) (Minute 39 refers)

(b) The following personal and prejudicial declaration was made:-

- Councillor A Barker in his capacity as a Councillor on Horsforth Town Council (Agenda Item 12) (Minute 39 refers)

### **36 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor B Anderson, Councillor B Cleasby and Councillor R Downes.

### **37 Open Forum**

In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period for members of the public to make representations or ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

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

(a) Cuts to Bus Services on the A65

Clive Woods, Aireborough Civic Society raised his concerns over **proposed cuts to bus services** on the A65 and requested the Area Committee to write to **Metro** seeking a full review of bus services within the North West (Outer) area, with proper consultation, and for no changes to be implemented on the A65 until such time a full review had been undertaken.

Councillor J Bale responded on behalf of the Area Committee and endorsed the comments made by Mr C Woods.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to:-

- request North West Area Management to write a letter to Metro seeking a full review of bus services within the North West (Outer) area and with proper consultation
- invite Metro to a future meeting to discuss their 'Bus Changes programme for 2007' in more detail

(b) Horsforth Cemetery

Ann Badura made reference to Horsforth Cemetery and raised her concerns over the following issues:-

- poor maintenance of graves that had suffered damage
- headstones that were facing down and required attention
- damage caused to graves as a result of grass cutting equipment/mechanical diggers etc
- pot holes/re-surfacing works in need of attention

The Chair made reference to discussions undertaken at the last meeting in respect of Yeadon Cemetery and as a result of this, Phil Stephenson, Chief Superintendent, Cemeteries and Crematoria, Learning and Leisure was in attendance to answer Members' queries and comments.

Phil Stephenson informed the meeting that a programme of tarmac works had been ordered in respect of Horsforth Cemetery and that the work would be undertaken by February 2008. He also confirmed that the Parks and Countryside staff would address the concerns at Yeadon and Horsforth cemeteries and that Council staff tried, wherever possible, to avoid causing any damage to graves when undertaking grass cutting works.

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

- the need for progress to be made on this issue and to re-iterate the Council's commitment to ensuring that cemeteries should not become neglected
- the need for additional funding in this area

- the urgent need for headstones to be placed the right way up
- (c) Grass Works – A660 South Side (Otley to Bramhope)  
Hazel Lee, Pool Parish Council made reference to the grass cutting programme on the A660 south side (Otley to Bramhope) and congratulated Leeds City Council on the excellent work undertaken in this area.
- (d) Pool Conservation Area  
Pat Walker and Hazel Lee, Pool Parish Council enquired on the progress with regards to Pool becoming a Conservation Area in view of the fact that Leeds City Council were now in possession of the required documentation.

### 38 Conservation Area Reviews

The Director of City Development and Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a joint report on **Conservation Area reviews**.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- table listing the Conservation Areas under each of the four wards (Appendix 1 refers)
- map showing the ten designated Conservation Areas within the North West (Outer) Area (Appendix 2 refers)

Richard Taylor, Team Leader Conservation, City Development presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

During detailed discussion of this item, it became apparent that there was some degree of confusion about the allocation by Executive Board of an additional £50,000 from the **General Fund Reserves for 2007/08** to support a review of one or more Conservation Areas as referred to in paragraph 2.1 of the report.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (a) That this item be withdrawn from the meeting to enable further information to be obtained.
- (b) That in relation to the allocation of an additional £50,000 from the General Fund Reserves for 2007/8 to support a review of one or more Conservation Areas as referred to in paragraph 2.1 of the report, North West Area Management be requested to seek further clarification of how the money should be spent with a view to submitting a further report on this issue for discussion at the next meeting in December.

### 39 Well-being Budget Report

Referring to minute 32 of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a revised report on the current position statement on the well-being budget, details of proposed projects and small grant applications received to date.

Also appended to the report was a copy of a document entitled 'Well-being project monitoring 2007/08 Quarter 2' for the information/comment of the meeting.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

#### RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes the current position of the Well-being budget as detailed in Sections 1.0 and 2.0 of the report now submitted.
- (c) That this Committee notes the monitoring information as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted.
- (d) That the following projects as outlined in Section 4.0 of the report be dealt with as follows:-

<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Name of Delivery Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Chevin Forest Park Environmental and Access Enhancements	Chevin Forest Park, Parks and Countryside	Deferred for further information in relation to access to the Chevin and on the re-surfacing works to both car parks
Horsforth PCSOs	West Yorkshire Police and Horsforth Town Council	Agreed £8,100 revenue
Outdoor Adventure Play Area	West End Primary PTA	Agreed £9,000
Horsforth and Guiseley Designated Public Places Orders (DPPOs)	North West Area Management	Agreed £5,907 (£2,665 for Guiseley and £3,242 for Horsforth)

- (e) That this Committee notes the small grant as detailed in Section 5.1.

(Councillors A Barker having previously declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Horsforth PCSOs project left the room and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

#### 40 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007 be approved as a correct record.

#### 41 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

(a) Woodside Quarry Update (Minute 31 refers)

Jane Pattison, North West Area Management referred to the above issue and informed the meeting that following consideration of this item on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007, the Director of City Development had compiled a report on the **planning implications of employment land** within the North West (Outer) Area, but it was the view of the Chair that the report had failed to address Members' questions on this issue.

It was reported that a meeting would be arranged between Councillor C Townsley, Councillor B Cleasby and Paul Gough, City Development to discuss this report in more detail with a view to this issue being considered at the December meeting.

(Councillor C Campbell indicated that he was a Member and Chair of the Plans Panel (West) and could possibly be considering matters from this item at a later date in that capacity. In order to avoid any perception of pre-determination, Councillor C Campbell agreed that he would not be bound by any discussion taken at the meeting when issues from this matter came before Plans Panel (West) for determination, but would consider all representations and viewpoints presented at the planning meeting before reaching a conclusion based on the merits of the case)

#### 42 **Consultation on the Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-2011**

The Assistant Chief Executive (Planning Policy and Improvement) submitted a report on the consultation arrangements in relation to the Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-11.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document entitled 'Leeds Strategic Plan 2008/11: Developing Strategic Outcomes and Improvement Priorities' for the information/comment of the meeting.

Alan Gay, Director of Resources and Dylan Griffiths, Chief Executive's Department presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

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

- clarification of what was a **Competitive International City**
- the need to change the wording of the Draft Improvement Priorities in relation to '**Thriving Places: A place of many parts**' to read 'Increase the *number* of homes meeting the decency standard'

- clarification of what were the three major cultural schemes of international significance
- the need for the Plan to focus on the importance of educational achievement within a wider Leeds City Region
- the need to focus more on those communities living outside the centre of Leeds as part of the 'Leeds Live It Love It' initiative
- clarification of what were the improvement priorities in relation to the North West (Outer) area and the need for the Committee to be furnished with a list of the above priorities

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the content of the reports and appendices be noted.
- (b) That the comments expressed by Members at the meeting be fed back into the consultation process on the Leeds Strategic Plan.
- (c) That Assistant Chief Executive (Planning Policy and Improvement) be requested to liaise with North West Area Management with a view to e mailing Members with a list of improvement priorities in relation to the North West (Outer) area and that a further progress report on this issue be submitted to a future Area Committee meeting.

**43 Leeds Joint Area Review**

The Director of Children's Services Unit submitted a report on the Joint Area Review.

Shaid Mahmood, Locality Enabler, Children's Services presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices with specific reference to:-

- clarification of the funding criteria in relation to pockets of deprivation in outer areas
- the importance of protection and safety of those children and young people living in outlying areas
- the Council's Self Assessment and the difference between adequate and good

**RESOLVED -** That the contents of the report be noted and welcomed.

(Councillor A Barker left the meeting at 3.50 pm during discussions of the above item)

(Councillor G P Kirkland left the meeting at 3.55 pm during discussions of the above item)

**44 Key Messages from Area Committee Sub Groups and Forums**

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report updating the meeting on feedback from the sub groups and the ward forum that have taken place since the last Area Committee meeting.

Gerry Burnham, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

The Area Committee noted that the Community Safety Sub Group did not meet on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007, but that a revised date of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007 had been agreed by Members of the group.

During discussion of the report, Councillor C Campbell made reference to the refurbished bins as referred to in paragraph 3.1 of the report and sought clarification as to whether Streetscene would empty any additional bins

Gerry Burnham responded and confirmed that Streetscene had indicated that they would empty any additional bins.

**RESOLVED** - That the contents of the report be noted.

#### **45 Neighbourhood Improvement Areas Update**

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on progress in relation to the Neighbourhood Improvement Areas in Outer North West Leeds.

Appended to the report was a programme of improvements that were being developed to tackle neighbourhood issues at a local level in the following areas for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- Holtdales – Adel and Wharfedale
- Henshaws – Otley and Yeadon
- Queensway area – Guiseley and Rawdon
- Weston Estate – Otley and Yeadon
- King Georges/King Edwards – Horsforth

Gerry Burnham, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

**RESOLVED** - That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.

#### **46 Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) Update Report**

Referring to minute 29 of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on progress in relation to the Designated Public Places Orders for North West Outer Town Centres.

Zahid Butt, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

**RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes the progress made in relation to Guiseley and Horsforth DPPOs.

- (c) That this Committee notes the draft DPPO action plan for Yeadon and Otley.
- (d) That a further progress report be submitted to the next meeting.

**47 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 2.00 pm (venue to be confirmed)

(The meeting concluded at 4.15 pm)