

**North West Inner Area Committee
Freshers Sub Group
23rd October 2007, 2.00pm, Civic Hall**

Present:

Cllr Penny Ewens (Acting Chair)
Richard Brown, Leeds City Council
Sue Buckle, South Headingley Residents' Association
Sara Gill, Leeds University Students' Union
Aidan Grills, Leeds University Students' Union
Rachel Harkness, Headingley Network
Bill Howe, Leeds Metropolitan Students' Union
Rachel Ryan and Adam Chermiti, South Headingley Residents' Association
Amanda Jackson, University of Leeds
Stewart Lewis, Leeds City Council
Andy Milnes, Leeds City Council
Carole Munsey, West Yorkshire Police
Barrie Payne, HMO Lobby
Linda Robbins, Headingley Network
Paul Stephenson, Headingley Pubwatch

Apologies:

Richard Coldwell, West Yorkshire Police,
David Gomersall, Leeds City Council
Cllr Elizabeth Minkin
Jacqueline McNee, Leeds Metropolitan Students' Union
Cllr James Monaghan (Chair)
Richard Tyler, HMO Lobby

Action

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Cllr Ewens welcomed everyone and explained that she was chairing the meeting due to Cllr Monaghan being unwell.

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

- 2.1 Regarding minute 2.15, on induction events for students, the need to be proactive in speaking with students at the very start of the academic year was emphasised. Communication between students and the community could be further developed around the freshers' period and it was agreed that the universities, unions and community representatives would bring more detailed proposals to the next meeting. Universities, unions and community representatives
- 2.2 The meaning of the term 'freshers' week' was raised. It was noted that the main issue related to the movement of students, particularly their return to the city in the period. In some instances this movement began in advance of or after freshers' week itself.

3.0 Final feedback from freshers' week

- 3.1 Targeted enforcement activities had continued. It was noted that the situation with regards to flyering had improved toward the second half of the freshers' period and as a result less penalty notices were issued.
- 3.2 A reduction in noise from promotional activities in Headingley was noted during the second half of the freshers' period. Enforcement officers had temporarily confiscated loudhailers from one group of promoters
- 3.3 An increase in fly tipping was noted due to unwanted furniture being removed from properties. Ideas to mitigate the problem included:
- Enhanced work with charity furniture shops, although it was noted that many local shops struggle to cope with the peaks in donations
 - Storage space for unwanted furniture within the universities could help and it was asked if this request could be made to the relevant manager. Amanda Jackson
 - An expansion of Leeds University Students' Union Greenstreets project, although it was noted that this scheme is run by volunteers and has limited funding Sara Gill & Aidan Grills
 - A presentation to landlords about their responsibilities at the UNIPOL annual meeting
 - Targeted work to encourage landlords to clear unwanted furniture Stewart Lewis & David Gomersall
- 3.4 It was acknowledged that streetscene services had undertaken good work in the area and that the extra efforts were appreciated by local residents.
- 3.5 Problems with recycling were reported. In particular green bins were often contaminated which caused streetscene waste collection services major problems. A change in the approach to recycling collection in the area of housing mix has been proposed in a streetscene paper currently being considered by Cllr Monaghan (**key message**). It was noted that the current recycling rate of 8% within the Area of Housing Mix was poor in comparison with other areas of Leeds. An update on the issue will be brought to the next meeting. Andy Milnes
- 3.6 Information provided to residents on recycling could be enhanced. Andy Milnes

4.0 Future meetings regarding services for students and young professionals in Inner NW Leeds

- 4.1 It was agreed that a single group would be formed to look at issues relevant to students and young professionals in the Area of Housing Mix. This group will meet every 6 weeks throughout the year and will be chaired by Cllr Monaghan (**key message**). A proposed name and terms of reference will be brought to the next meeting. Cllr Monaghan and Richard Brown

5.0 Any Other Business

- 5.1 There was discussion on noise nuisance, particularly with regards to some recent student parties. This item will be an agenda item at the next meeting, with particular focus on the 'out of hours' service. The relevant environmental health manager will be invited to attend. Richard Brown
- 5.2 The 'neighbourhood helpline' (0113 343 1064) which is a joint initiative between the universities was also recommended. Reports made to this service can result in the universities taking up concerns directly with student party organisers
- 5.3 It was agreed that a regular attendee from Leeds Metropolitan was required. Richard Brown

6.0 Key Messages

- 6.1 Items 3.5 and 4.1 were agreed as key messages to Area Committee

7.0 Time and date of next meeting

- 7.1 Friday 7th December, 1.45 pm, Civic Hall