

INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor A Khan in the Chair

Councillors S Arif, C Dobson, R Grahame,
A Hussain, G Hyde, D Ragan and B Selby

Approximately 35 representatives of the local community; partner organisations and stakeholders attended the meeting.

56 Chairs Opening Remarks

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

Councillor Khan, Members of the Community Committee and all present observed one minute's silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives and were affected by the terrorist attack in Central London the previous day.

Councillor Khan stated that it was important to remember that Leeds was a compassionate and welcoming city; and local Councillors would continue to work hard with partners and the community to get that message across.

57 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

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

58 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

The agenda contained no exempt information.

59 Late Items

No formal late items of business were added to the agenda however Members were in receipt of a supplementary pack containing further details of the Community Committee budget (Wellbeing Report minute 66 refers).

60 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

61 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Maqsood.

62 Open Forum

Members of the public addressed the meeting under the provisions of Paragraphs 4:16 and 4:17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules (Open Forum):

Leeds South & East Food Bank – Bob Field provided information on the Leeds S&E Food Bank project which supported 11 Food Banks in total; and in particular the Lincoln Green Food Bank where he witnessed increasing need in the locality. Mr Field highlighted the running costs of the project. The matter

was referred to the Area Management Team to pursue and to encourage donations.

Best City to Live in – David Mackie requested consideration of a consultation on the Leeds as “Best City to Live in” priority. The ENE Area Leader reported that the Best Council Plan had recently been refreshed and it would be timely for Inner East CC to consider which of the corporate priorities would be appropriate as priorities for the area.

Locality Working – David Mackie queried whether an evaluation of the success of locality/community committee working would be undertaken. The ENE Area Leader reported that a review would be undertaken at the end of the 2016/17 Municipal Year and outcomes reported to the June meeting

CCTV – Annie Winters requested an update on the current CCTV system in place. She expressed concern that victims of crime were asked to provide a timeframe of 15 minutes either side of an incident in order for a CCTV operator to locate relevant footage as victims of burglary/theft were not always able to do this. Sgt L Leadbeater, West Yorkshire Police, responded that the usual timeframe was 30 minutes either side of an event, reviewing CCTV footage was resource intensive however WYP did appreciate that this could be frustrating for the victim.

The CC noted that, where appropriate, all of the matters raised would be referred to the relevant Member advisory sub group for further discussion and/or LCC Department.

63 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held 15th December 2016 as a correct record.

64 Matters Arising

Minute 53 Beckett Street Cemetery – The Area Officer reported on a recent visit to the Cemetery by local ward Members, the Executive Member for Environment & Sustainability and the Friends Group and the work being undertaken to develop an action plan. Councillor Ragan commended the Friends Group and LCC Parks & Countryside team for the works they had undertaken to create a heritage site worth visiting and thanked local ward Councillors for the funding provided to support the works. Councillor Arif agreed with those comments and expressed the continued support of the Gipton & Harehills ward Councillors.

65 Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2017/2018

Members considered a proposed schedule of meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year. The CC indicated their preference to continue to alternate meeting venues throughout the wards within the Inner East area, with the proviso that venues be accessible to all and by cross-ward public transport. Community workshops would continue to be held alongside formal business meetings.

RESOLVED –

- a) To approve the schedule of meetings as (Thursdays at 6.00pm)
Thursday 15th June 2017 at 6.00pm
Thursday 7th September 2017 at 6.00pm

Thursday 30th November 2017 at 6.00 pm

Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 6.00pm

With a community workshop to commence at 7.00pm after the formal business meeting

- b) To agree to continue to alternate the meeting venues throughout the three wards within the Inner East area.

66 Wellbeing Report

Neil Young, Area Officer, presented a report on the Committee's current budget position which included details of decisions taken under delegated authority for the area since the last CC meeting in December. The report also looked ahead to the allocated budget of £173,110.00 for 2017/18.

Members noted that the total projected carry forward of £40,000.00 may decrease as schemes currently underway were completed or pending any further delegated approval of schemes to be funded from the 2016/17 year.

During discussions, Members considered the top-slicing arrangements to secure funds for the ward pots, community engagement etc. and noted receipt of the detail of the Youth Activity Fund 2017/18 (YAF).

The CC discussed the YAF and the role of the Children & Young People Member advisory sub group which will provide strategic direction to the funding process in line with the CCs stated priorities. Members were keen to ensure that YAF activities had a universal appeal. Additionally, Councillor Hussain asked that applicants from within the Gipton & Harehills wards should provide assurance on how they will engage with and deliver schemes for 16/17 year olds, particularly those young people who did not engage with the education system. It was noted that LCC Childrens Services had recently released information on future work focussing on young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs) and sought local knowledge on NEETs to target resources appropriately.

RESOLVED -

- a) To note the Wellbeing spend to date and the current balances for the 2016/17 financial year (as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report).
- b) To note the decisions made by delegated authority since the date of the last Community Committee meeting (15th December 2016) as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the submitted report.
- c) To note receipt of the new Wellbeing applications (as outlined in paragraphs 31 to 37) and new Youth Activities Fund applications (paragraphs 15 to 29) and to note the intention to progress these through ward level consultation and approval via delegated authority, if applicable.
- d) To approve the proposed £173,110 Wellbeing Budget for 2017/18; including the top-slicing arrangements and ward pot arrangements as detailed in Appendix 1. These top-slicing arrangements included an amount for continued Neighbourhood Improvement staffing.

67 Community Committee Update Report

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Thursday 15th June 2017

Councillor Khan introduced the report, and in his role as community champion for Community Safety spoke briefly about the three recent murders in the locality, recognising the impact on the local community. He commended both the community and West Yorkshire Police for their response and introduced Sgt L Leadbeater and Sgt J McNiff who provided information on each of the incidents and reassurance that the incidents were unrelated. Sgt Leadbeater also reported on the close liaison undertaken with the families of the victims and perpetrators and the support from the local communities. In response to these incidents and the recent incident in London, policing in the area would be more visible to provide reassurance to the community.

Neil Young, Area Officer, presented the remainder of the report which provided an update on the Inner East CC work programme, its' recent successes and challenges. The report covered the main issues discussed by the Member advisory Sub Groups; the progress of the Neighbourhood Improvement Partnerships and highlighted community events held in the Inner East CC area since the last meeting.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report and the comments made during discussions.

68 Update on Health and Wellbeing Activity in Inner East Leeds

Councillor B Selby, Community Committee champion for health and wellbeing introduced the report and highlighted it's close link to the following item on the agenda – the development of the Leeds Plan and West Yorkshire and Harrogate Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). He highlighted low life expectancy as a key issue across the Inner East area. The Update reported on the action being taken to address this and other issues.

Liz Bailey, Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager for the ENE locality, presented the key health and wellbeing activity and achievements of the locality Public Health Team. She began by outlining that a 16% increase in deprivation had been recorded in Leeds since 2010 with the Inner East CC area containing several of the most deprived 10% neighbourhoods in Leeds which score poorly in terms of income; employment and levels of crime which in turn had negative impacts on people's ability to stay well. She also highlighted the rapid demographic change in the area as a key issue.

The report also outlined a review of commissioned work with partners and a review of the funding formula; to ensure the Inner East area received an equitable share per population in the most deprived areas.

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the key work programmes of the ENE/Leeds South & East CCG/Leeds North CCG Locality Public Health Team in the Inner East Community Committee area
- b) To note the new Locality Community Health Development and Improvement Services for the area
- c) To note the progress on the activity following the 2015 Community Committee workshop on the theme of reducing social isolation
- d) To note the comments made during discussion on the programme of work being undertaken.

69 Overview on the Development of the Leeds Plan and West Yorkshire and Harrogate Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

Nigel Gray, NHS Leeds North CCG, introduced the report as the basis of discussions to focus on three key areas:

- What do you think are the three key priorities that would help reduce the Health and Wellbeing Gap?
- Working with citizens is key to addressing the gaps, how do you think we can ensure that this is meaningful, open and honest?
- How would you like your community committee area to be part of the conversation as the Leeds Health & Care Plan develops?

Dr Andersen GP; James Woodhead, LCC Adult Social Care; and Tony Cooke Chief Officer, Health Partnerships attended the meeting.

Dr Andersen of Oakwood Lane Surgery addressed the meeting on her experience of working as a GP for 17 years in the locality. She highlighted the key issues as being proactive to prevent disease and achieve good outcomes for the community; addressing long term conditions such COPD and CVD; care for the elderly and ensuring medical support is provided in nursing/residential homes to assist in reducing the number of hospital admissions. Several initiatives were running at the Surgery to target resources effectively, such as Patient Champions, a Social Prescriber on site and an urgent responder - one GP who dealt with triage calls.

The themes arising from the discussions were noted as being:

- Availability/allocation of services across the locality was not equable and caused increased demand for the services elsewhere. One local ward member reported there was little GP provision in Richmond Hill and due to poor public bus services, many residents could not access health services outside of their locality.
- The difficulties in obtaining a GP appointment and appointment times – which discouraged some from attending
- Allocation of services did not target areas where the wider determinants of health had a significant impact - such as child poverty and fuel poverty. The statistics for health and wellbeing in Inner East clearly demonstrated the need for health services in the locality.
- The need for health and care workers to have transferrable skills, between hospitals, residential home and own home.
- Concern about the reduced workforce and recruitment to the health and care professions.
- Social media was used to connect with patients, however it was noted that whilst many people had smart phones, many Inner East residents did not have home internet access.

In response to those comments, the following information was discussed:

- *As a pilot, a GP had been practising at St James's – in response to local residents presenting at St James's with non-clinical/urgent care needs*

- *The Burmantofts walk-in centre provided GP care and patients would be seen within a 4 hour target time*
- *Both of these initiatives may not be sustainable in the future, however funding to extend the St James's GP provision was being sought - action was being taken now to invest in future provision*
- *Concerns over the future health and care workforce were noted as fewer people were choosing to work in the NHS; bursaries for nurses had been cut and GPs with young children often returned to work part-time, leaving practices short of hours to be covered*
- *A Health & Care Academy for Leeds was planned to 'grow our own' workforce. Health and care providers identified a need to link with schools, universities and communities known to score highly on the deprivation index to encourage interest in working in the health and care sector*
- *Future service models would include integration and co-location of services, such as pharmacists and nurses within GP surgeries.*

RESOLVED

- a) To note the key areas of focus for the Leeds Plan as described in the submitted report and how they will contribute to the delivery of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- b) To note the contents of the discussions and how the issues discussed identify the need and opportunities within the Inner East area that will inform and shape the development of the Leeds Plan
- c) To note the contents of the discussions on the most effective ways/opportunities the Leeds Plan development and delivery team can engage with citizens, groups and other stakeholders within the Inner East area to shape and support the delivery of the Leeds Plan.

70 Community Comment

The CC resolved to use the Community Comment section of the meeting to facilitate comments from residents to continue the discussion on the Leeds Plan and WY & Harrogate STP:

- Communication was identified as an issue, particularly with GP reception services to access appointments
- Concern over the impact of funding cuts on mental health services for young people/support services for young people effected by adult mental health issues/alcohol and drug abuse and/or young people who acted as carers for their adult family. The response that investment was being made in Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TaMHS) services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) was noted
- People need to understand what health and care services were available to them and where - whether they could access support on-line, in school, at a Hub
- Consider how the NHS/CCGs could empower the local community to be their ambassadors to get information out to all residents
- Alcohol abuse was an issue in the locality, there was a prevalence of shops selling cheap alcohol in the Richmond Hill area. People who

drank all day would not be able to access self-referral services for support.

- What needs to be done to secure funding for a modern co-located GP practice and pharmacy?
- Concern that the Leeds Plan did not relate to the services available in the inner east area.
- Concern that some services had been privatised – an example was given of an asthma clinic run inside a local GP surgery
- Recognition that a solution was needed to the language barrier – the Inner East area was home to many cultures and communities and it was common for adults accessing health and care services to rely on the children of the family to translate.
- Concern over the impact of local government funding cuts on services for the vulnerable, elderly, disabled or those with mental health issues

The following points were noted for further action by the presenters:

- A comment relating to the skills of practitioners to connect with their patients was noted
- It was not possible to self-refer for treatment in Burmantofts - the reasons for this to be investigated

Turning to the questions tabled as part of the planned workshop session, the Area Leader emphasised it would be useful for Councillors and residents to identify three priorities for each of their localities. Another informal workshop could be rearranged and local ward Councillors could encourage participation by the residents/tenants groups and Neighbourhood Improvement Boards they had contact with to provide feedback to the CCGs. The CC supported this as way to progress the consultation, seeking to ensure that the diverse communities were represented in the feedback and residents given a voice.

An additional comment was made referring to a previous item on the agenda: CCTV – The need to identify the improvements in technology which could improve CCTV coverage in the locality. It was noted that a response could not be provided at the meeting; however a response would be provided in due course.

71 Date and Time of next meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday, 15th June 2017 at 6.00 pm (the venue and community workshop arrangements will be confirmed nearer the date).