

OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor M Coulson in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn, D Blackburn,
A Carter, Mrs A Carter, J Jarosz, R Lewis
and T Wilford

CHAIRS COMMENT

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

25 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public

There was no exempt information on this occasion.

26 Late Items

There were no late items.

27 Declaration Of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests made.

28 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. R Wood.

29 Open Forum / Community Forum

In accordance with Paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of the Community Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.

Chair was in receipt of an email From Mr Martin Stanley a resident of Pudsey who had attended the Community Committee workshop on the Transport Conversation held in September 2016. The Chair read the email to the Committee:-

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"I note with dismay some of the comments in the report compiled by Aecom, but I believe these must be viewed in the context of the construction of the cycling facilities was ongoing whilst the survey was being undertaken.

Therefore congestion was prevalent due to the construction, and the benefits of the scheme had yet to be realised. While I too think the scheme is not perfect, it is definitely the direction that we should be going and as evidenced by the recorded numbers of people using it, has enabled people to switch to cycling.

I would also like to raise an inaccuracy in the Summary of discussion document of the meeting on 28th September 2016. (Attached)
It notes:

Workplace car parking scheme - like Nottingham?

This was my suggestion and should in fact read:

Workplace parking levy - like Nottingham.

The former makes it sound like I suggested more workplace parking, when in fact the levy is designed to incentivise workplaces to invest in sustainable and public transport. The money raised by the levy is ring fenced for sustainable and public transport improvements.

I would appreciate if this error could be noted and rectified."

The Chair requested that this was included within the formal minutes.

The Community Committee noted the error and informed Transport Services Officers of the error

The Chair had been made aware that Mr Lodge also a resident of Pudsey was attending the meeting and wished to ask a question in relation to Item 9 - Leeds Health and Care Plan: Inspiring Change through better conversations with citizens. However, Mr Lodge had requested that he wished to listen to the presentation first and then if necessary ask his question. The Chair was agreeable to this and informed the Committee Members of his intention to allow Mr Lodge time to ask his question at the end of the presentation.

30 Minutes

RESOLVED - The minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2017 were approved as a correct record.

31 Finance Update Report

Members considered a report of the West North West Area Leader which provided the Committee with an update on the budget position for the

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Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund for 2017/18 and the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots.

Members' attention was drawn to point 9 of the submitted report informed Members that an allocation of £104,670 had been received for the 2017/18 financial year. Members heard that after project underspends and carry forward figures from 2016/17, the total fund available for new projects in 2017/18 was £112,237.06. This funding had been committed to 26 projects for 2017/18. Table 1 of the submitted report outlined Wellbeing applications which had been approved since the last meeting.

Members were informed that Appendix 1 of the submitted report showed details of monitoring returns provided by Wellbeing projects funded in 2017/18. It was noted that some projects were still to provide monitoring information.

Members were also informed of the latest update from the Council's Finance Department showed there was £33,900 in capital monies available for allocation in 2017/18.

It was noted that the Youth Activities Fund had now been fully committed, although there could be some underspends.

The Committee heard that Members representing all 3 wards had met on 10th November to discuss the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and how they wished to use the money for the allocation of the Community Committee element of the Neighbourhood Fund in Outer West. The recommendation was that any funds raised through CIL would be retained by the ward in which it was generated.

Members discussed the funding of bands in the parks, Members agreed in principle to fund the bands in the parks project for next year 2018/19.

RESOLVED – To:-

- Note the current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing Fund for 2017/18 and applications that had been approved since the last meeting at Table 1 of the submitted report.
- Note the content of the end of year monitoring returns for projects funded in 2017/18 at Appendix 1 of the submitted report.
- Note the current budget position for the small grants and skips
- Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2017/18.
- To agree in principle the funding for bands in the park for 2018/19.

32 Leeds Health and Care Plan: Inspiring Change through Better Conversations with Citizens

Head of the Leeds Health and Care Plan, Health Partnerships, Paul Bollom was at the Community Committee to present the report on Leeds Health and Care Plan: Inspiring Change through Better Conversations with Citizens.

Cllr. Josie Jarosz as the Community Committee Champion for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care introduced the item. Cllr. Jarosz thanked the Chair for allowing Mr Lodge to ask his question at the end of the item.

Cllr. Jarosz said that this report tried to be open, honest and transparent in its approach on the Health and Care Plan for Leeds and how the city intended to spend money on services.

Hannah Howe, Director of Forum Centre as a third sector partner spoke to the presentation.

Ms Howe explained that the new plan joined up all health care services including those from the third sector giving them a voice in the plan for Leeds.

Ms Howe said that the Leeds Health and Care Plan was the city's approach to closing the three gaps that had been nationally identified by health, care and civic leaders. It was noted that these gaps had been identified as being health inequalities, quality of services and financial sustainability. She went on to say that the plan provided an opportunity for the city to shape the future direction of health and to transition towards a community focused approach, which understood that good health was a function of wider factors such as housing, employment, environment, family and community.

The Committee heard that the main drain on the health service was not always medical but supportive intervention, this new plan recognised the need for support services that could be offered within the city.

Leeds want to focus on having great preventative services and were putting more resources into prevention and support services especially in relation to mental health.

A copy of the proposals to be addressed by the Health and Care Plan was tabled at the meeting. It focussed on the key areas of the plan as Prevention, Self-Management and Proactive Care, Optimising Secondary Care and Urgent Care and Rapid Response and set out key actions to be undertaken.

The Community Committee were informed that communities would be consulted as the Health and Care Plan evolved.

Dr Keene, a GP at West Leeds Family Practice and representing the Pudsey GP's was at the meeting and addressed the Committee.

Dr Keene said that the success of the plan would be good communication across the services and agencies. He explained that there were difficulties at present with the different services often spread across a location and using different systems. However, this was being addressed through the plan with

partnerships forming and coming together as neighbourhood teams to form Hubs bringing better communication and consistency in approach by services and agencies.

Mr Lodge a resident of Pudsey at the discretion of the Chair had been given permission to ask a question at the end of the presentation.

Mr Lodge explained to the Committee that his wife had dementia and although a care plan had been put together by staff at St Mary's Hospital there was an issue with carers not turning up through the day. He was of the view that better communication across services and agencies was still required.

Mr Lodge also queried the fact that if the report was to be as open, honest and transparent as possible why were there no figures on spending and savings within the report.

Paul Bollom responded saying that they were open about the figures involved however they were unable to enter this information into the report as this was a continual living issue and any information that could be used was set against historical information. It was noted that £700 million needed to be saved and that doing nothing was not an option. It was also noted that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was at the time of this meeting delivering his speech in relation to the Budget and that figures could change.

Mr Bollom also said that better self-management similar to those in Europe would provide better outcomes and services but this required more work. He also explained that information in relation to the Health and Care Plan, spending and savings were transparent through work at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Members discussed the following points:-

- The need to keep Councillors updated on the Health and Care Plan
- Suggested a briefing session for a future meeting on Mental Health issues specifically in the work place
- The boundaries covered by the Neighbourhood Teams
- Keep conversations going with Elected Members and the community
- To ensure that information is dealt with appropriately and understood by all parties.
- Funding required for third sector to continue supporting work
- For all staff in all the health services to be on board with the Health and Care Plan for the services to be able to work together
- The third sector to be included in Neighbourhood Team meetings to discuss and address areas of work, support and funding issues
- Inequalities to be addressed
- For the third sector to talk and support all areas of the Council and communities as well as the Healthcare Partnerships.

- Need to do more work around mental health issues as this is an increasing problem and Leeds wants to be seen as a compassionate city.
- More work to be carried out in relation to health across departments such as housing, areas of the city and across other cities

The Chair said that he welcomed the Health and Care Plan and thanked the officers for the presentation. He hoped that Councillors would be kept up to date to assist them with their work in the communities that they serve.

RESOLVED – That the Community Committee:-

- Support the updated Leeds Plan as a basis for conversation with citizens on the future of health and care.
- Actively support widespread conversation and discussion of the Leeds Plan and narrative to encourage feedback and comment
- Support the emerging model of Local Care Partnerships and actively engage with their development in their communities

33 Leeds Transport Conversation update - Public Transport Investment programme (£173.5m), Outer West update, and Leeds Transport Strategy development

The Chair again read an email that he had received from a local resident at the start of this presentation as Gary Bartlett, Chief Officer, Highways and Transportation had not been present at the start of the meeting. Minute 29 refers.

The Community Committee had received the report of the Chief Officer Highways and Transport, Gary Bartlett which updated the Members on the Leeds Transport Conversation following the report, presentation and workshop at the Committee in September 2016.

The Chief Officer explained that from the feedback received residents had provided suggestions they wished to see on both short and long term improvements. He said that it was not surprising that people had fed back they preferred to travel by car for the following reasons; comfort, door to door, and reliability rather than use public transport.

The Chief Officer said that overall the response to the survey had been high and that a total to 680 respondents were from the Outer West area this was 8% of the overall feedback returned. The top three priorities for transport investment indicated by the Outer West respondents was:-

- Criticism of the cycling improvements/waste of money
- Invest in tram system
- More reliable bus service

It was also noted that other key issues highlighted were improvements to cycle facilities, expanded rail service, tackling traffic congestion,

cheaper/better bus fleets, better connections with surrounding areas and a more frequent bus service.

The Chief Officer provided examples of work already ongoing in the Outer West area this included:-

- Highway improvements to roundabouts at Thornbury and Rodley
- Improved parking at New Pudsey Station and were currently looking at improving access also.

The Members noted that the two park and ride schemes at Elland Road and Temple Green were being well used and it was hoped that other park and rides would be completed in the future.

Neil Wallace from WYCA was also at the meeting. He provided Members with information on investment into the bus services.

Mr Wallace informed the Members that by 2020 Leeds would have 248 new buses. The new buses would all be of the low emission standard, have free wifi and next stop announcements. He said that not only were First Bus to use low emission buses but also Arriva and Transdev were committed to this.

The Committee heard that the bus services were looking at improvements to the following:-

- the reliability of the buses;
- long journey times;
- poor connectivity between bus and rail networks

Mr Wallace advised Members that the bus service was developing a scheme for more real time information in shelters and on bus stops where no shelter was provided.

In response to Members questions the Committee were provided with the following information:-

- To address issues of air quality the bus services First, Arriva and Transdev would be converted to electric buses by 2020. It was noted that electric buses were already being trialled in Leeds.
- That buses had an agreement that engines would not be left idling in centre but this was the responsibility of individual drivers. It was noted that many of the buses now had stop start technology and when an engine has been idling for 4 minutes the engine stops.
- The low emission buses were at Euro 6 standard.
- The first trials of electric double decker buses had been successful
- The proposed Stourton Park and Ride will be an improvement on the Elland Road and Temple Green park and ride and will improve journey times into the city centre
- Three railway stations had been identified for funding within the £173.5 million. However, it was not known if the station at Wortley was to be reinstated. Officers were to take this back to check and inform Farnley/Wortley Ward Members.

The Chair welcomed the improvements at New Pudsey Station with the increase in parking facilities, but expressed concerns that train lengths also needed to increase if people were to use the trains.

The Committee heard that from 2019/20 the rail network was to introduce trains which would be able to take larger number of commuters.

RESOLVED – The Community Committee:-

- To note the feedback from the Transport Conversation and its input into the £173.5m public transport improvements and informing a wider transport strategy for the City and the Outer South area over the next 20 years.
- To note the overall progression of Leeds Transport and £173.5m public transport schemes in Leeds overall.
- To note progression of major transport schemes with the Outer West area.
- To provide feedback to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority on the proposals for the Transport Hubs and network proposals.

34 Date and time of next meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Outer West Community Committee will be Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 1.30pm.