

## INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2018

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Akhtar in the Chair

Councillors K Brooks, A Garthwaite,  
J Gibson, C Knight and N Walshaw

### 24 Open Forum

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. The following was discussed:

Concern was raised by local residents with regard to the proposed improvements at Lawnswood Roundabout. There had been discussions with Ward Councillors and attempts to engage with Planning and Highways. The proposed improvements to replace the roundabout with a traffic light system had been based on data that could improve bus times but it was not felt that the cost involved along with the long of trees and verges would be of any benefit to the area. It was felt that there were alternative options to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Further concerns raised included the consultation process and potential for the proposed scheme to have an adverse impact on pollution. It was proposed to invite a Highways representative to the next meeting of the Community Committee and to arrange a meeting with the Executive Member.

Students from Leeds Beckett University who had been assisting Councillor Gibson with the Health and Wellbeing project were introduced to the meeting.

### 25 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations.

### 26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Bentley, G Harper and J Pryor.

### 27 Minutes - Thursday, 27 September 2018

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

### 28 Home Plus Update

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting  
to be held on Thursday, 14th March, 2019

As nobody from Home Plus could attend the meeting, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

## **29 Youth Work Review**

The report of the Head of Commissioning, Children and Families presented the findings of the Youth Work review and the recommended option for future commissioning arrangements. The Community was asked to comment on the contents of the report and the recommended future commissioning arrangements. Information relating to budgets for Youth Work and population data for Inner North West were appended to the report.

Jean Ellison, Youth Offer Lead, Learning for Life and Kate Sibson, Commissioning Manager, Children and Families presented the report.

It was reported that the review had been carried out to ensure that the right services would be delivered to the right young people following a change in demographics since the last review.

Members were informed of the consultation process which had led to the recommended commissioning model. This would provide the following three wedge based contracts:

- Transitional work with 9 to 12 year olds
- Youth work provision for 12 to 17 year olds
- NEET prevention work

Members were informed that more detailed information could be provided at a ward level at Ward Member briefings.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following was discussed:

- Work with third sector providers and some concern that those who specialise in inner city areas are not equipped to carry out work in rural areas. It was reported that there had been ongoing workshops with all stakeholders to shape the appropriate delivery models.
- NEET prevention work was focussed on the 12 most deprived wards.
- Concern regarding the low number of sessions provided in Hyde Park and Little London areas. There would be an increase in provision in these areas.
- How to engage young people who don't already use services – reference was made to advertising and marketing of services..
- Changes to boundaries in Inner North West – budgets would be amended to address these changes.
- Mobile provision in Weetwood – this had not always been available. It was reported that the mobile provision was sometimes used to respond to situations elsewhere. Young people had also shown a preference for centre based provision.

- Long term contracts would be issued. These would 5 years with an additional option of a further 3 years.

**RESOLVED** – That the report and discussion be noted.

### **30 Outside Bodies Update**

Members were informed that a vacancy had arisen for an appointment to the Swarthmore Centre and were asked to make a nomination.

It was further reported that due to changes in the organisations constitution that Better Leeds Communities no longer required an appointment on behalf of the Council from the Community Committee.

**RESOLVED** –

- (1) That Councillor C Knight be appointed to the Swarthmore Centre for the remainder of the 2018/19 municipal year.
- (2) That it be noted that the Inner North West Community Committee is no longer required to make an appointment to Better Leeds Communities.

### **31 Wellbeing Fund Update for 2018/19 Q3**

The report of the Area Leader provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activity Fund for 2018/19 and the current position of the small grants and skips pots.

The report also asked the Community Committee to approve the Wellbeing funding round process and timescales for the 2018/19 Wellbeing budget.

A guide to the Community Infrastructure Levy for Parish and Town Councils and Community Committees was appended to the report.

Jenna Robinson, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- Health and Wellbeing Project – Ireland Wood Resident’s Group. An application had been received for a total of £2,200. Councillor Gibson informed the Committee that this was a project carried out in collaboration with Leeds Beckett’s University. The project involved a non-contact boxing exercise session followed by refreshments. Participants were asked for a minimal donation. Members supported the application.
- Members were asked to support the use of small grants monies towards future wellbeing grant applications for the remainder of the 2018/19 financial year.
- There had not been any further applications for Youth Activity Funds.

- Capital funding – £10,000 had been returned to the budget from the Lovell Park Project. Members were informed of the following two projects for consideration:
  - Access improvements to Burley Willows - £11,000 – this would secure land close to sheltered housing. £40,000 from Section106 monies had also been contributed.
  - Leeds Little Free Libraries - £1,000 – This was a project that had been started by local constituents and was operating in Headingley.
- Community Infrastructure Levy/Neighbourhood Funds – There was £21,098 available.
- The funding workshop for 2018/19 Wellbeing applications would be held on 26 February 2019. Youth Activity Funds would be discussed at school consultation workshops.

## **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19 be noted.
- (2) That the current position of the Small Grants and Skips pots be noted.
- (3) That the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date be noted.
- (4) That the current position of the Wellbeing Capital fund including CIL be noted.
- (5) That the following applications be approved:
  - Health and Wellbeing Project – Ireland Wood Resident’s Group - £2,200 – £1,275 from the remaining Wellbeing Funds allocation with the remainder to come from the small grants pot.
  - Access improvements to Burley Willows - £11,000
  - Leeds Little Free Libraries - £1,000
- (6) That the use of small grants monies towards future wellbeing grant applications for the remainder of the 2018/19 financial year be approved.

## **32 Area Update Report**

The report of the Area Leader provided Members with a summary of recent sub group and forum business as well as a general update on other project activity. A copy of the Community Committee newsletter was appended to the report.

Jenna Robinson, Localities Officer presented the report.

Members’ attention was brought to the following:

- Forthcoming sub-group meetings.
- Christmas bin collection details.
- Key public health issues.
- Headingley Community Hub – the Post Office had now opened and Money Buddies were also operating from there.

- Community Committee newsletter.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the discussions of the Inner North West Communiuty Committee sub groups and key messages be noted.
- (2) That the area update newsletter be noted.
- (3) That the key public health messages for the area be noted.

**33 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 14 March 2019 at 7.00 p.m.