

INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

Councillors G Almas, J Blake, K Groves,
E Nash, A Scopes, P Truswell and P Wray

40 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

41 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

42 Late Items

There were no late items.

43 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

44 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M Iqbal.

45 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2018 were approved as a correct record.

46 Open Forum

A member of the public in attendance drew Members attention to some vehicles regularly parked on yellow lines on Domestic Street, Holbeck, and on Jack Lane, Hunslet. These issues had been reported to the relevant Highways team, however Members heard that no action had been taken to remove the vehicles. The Chair requested the member of the public to provide further detail outside of the meeting.

47 Children Looked After

The Area Leader submitted a report that introduced a verbal update from the Children Looked After Service regarding the number and composition of Children Looked After in the Inner South.

The following were in attendance:

- Ruth Terry, Head of Children's Social Work
- Jon Nevill, Service Delivery Manager, Children and Families

The Service Delivery Manager provided Members with a PowerPoint presentation with further detail around the number of children who are currently looked after in the LS10/LS11 area, and the number of children looked after who originate from the area.

Members discussed a number of matters, including:

- Members queried the high numbers for the area, and were informed that historically a large proportion of Foster Carers live in South Leeds. Additionally, there are a number of extended family placements in the area.
- Members commented on the wide-spread of locations across the country where children are placed, and were informed that this is largely due to placements with extended family members living in other parts of the country, rather than external residential placements.
- There were some concerns expressed around the transition to becoming care leavers, and particularly the impact of the roll-out of Universal Credit. Members were assured that payments for care leavers have been subsidised where there has been a delay in Universal Credit payments.
- There were some concerns around the disengagement of academies in the Cluster Partnerships in South Leeds, and the impact this may have on early identification of families who require support. Members suggested that some further work is required in this area.
- The need for more cultural mapping and recruitment of BME foster carers in South Leeds.
- Members expressed concerns regarding the number of children looked after who attend alternative provision to main stream schooling following exclusion.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the presentation, along with Members comments, be noted.

48 Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team Review

The Leeds Antisocial Behaviour Team submitted a report that introduced an update report on the Citywide LASBT Review in the Inner South Community Committee Area.

Patrick Bird, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Manager for South Leeds, was in attendance and introduced the report.

Members discussed a number of matters, including:

- Members commented that an individual report for the Inner South would have been more useful than the generic report, to provide Members with a clearer context of issues and take-up / success of mediation.
- Members queried whether staffing levels would change as part of the review, and were informed that staffing levels were set in 2010 and therefore required attention.
- Members expressed frustrations with the lack of partnership between LASBT and housing colleagues, which they hoped would be resolved through the triage system proposed.
- There were suggestions for a more prominent social media presence, including CCTV footage of activity which attracts attention when used by other local authorities. Members also commented that some offences required re-naming to reflect the seriousness of the act, such as fly tipping, which was felt to have more impact if referred to as environmental crime.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report along with members comment, be noted.

Councillor P Wray left the meeting at 6:25pm during discussion of this item.

49 Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2019/2020

The City Solicitor submitted a report requesting Members to give consideration to the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2019/2020 municipal year, whilst also considering whether any revisions to the current meeting and venue arrangements should be explored.

Members were advised of the following dates and times for consideration:

- 7.00pm, 12th June 2019
- 5.30pm, 4th Sept 2019
- 2.00pm, 27th Nov 2019
- 5.30pm, 4th Mar 2020

RESOLVED – That the dates in the draft meeting schedule for 2019/20 set out above be agreed, subject to further discussion between Members about the timings of the meetings.

50 Inner South Community Committee Delegated Budget

The Area Leader submitted a report which presented the delegated budget position for the Community Committee.

The report set out the following:

- Details of the Wellbeing Budget position
- An update on both the revenue and youth activities fund elements of the Wellbeing budget

- Details of revenue projects agreed to date
- Details of Youth Activities Fund agreed to date
- Details of Capital Budget agreed to date
- Details of Small Grants projects agreed to date
- Details of Community Infrastructure Levy Budget position
- Details of project proposal for consideration and approval
- Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision

In relation to the allocation of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), Members requested an additional private meeting to be arranged to agree on a way forward for allocating funds within each ward.

Members were asked to consider an application for £2,805.60 in total (£2,000 Beeston & Holbeck, £805.60 Hunslet & Riverside) of Wellbeing funding. The application was submitted by Slung Low, who was in attendance, and informed Members that the application was for a family-friendly festival called 'How to... Adventure!' which would take place at the Holbeck on Sunday 12th May, 2019, providing various creative workshops throughout the day. Members approved the application.

RESOLVED -

- a) That the contents of the report be noted;
- b) That the revenue projects already agreed as listed be noted;
- c) That the Youth Activities fund projects already agreed as listed be noted;
- d) That the capital budgets already agreed as listed be agreed;
- e) That the Small Grants projects already agreed as listed be noted;
- f) That the CIL Neighbourhood Fund Balance as listed be noted;
- g) That the Wellbeing application set out be agreed;
- h) That the projects approved via Delegated Decision be noted.

51 Inner South Community Committee Update Report

The Area Leader submitted a report which provided a summary of the work undertaken by the Communities Team based on the priorities identified by the Inner South Community Committee.

The following was appended to the report:

- Facebook engagement update
- Inner South Community Committee Newsletter, Children and Young People's Activity Edition

The Localities Officer introduced the report, highlighting some of the key developments following the previous meeting of the Committee.

Councillor Scopes provided Members with an update in relation to the Inner South Youth Summit, which took place on 21st January 2019. Councillor

Scopes was pleased with the turnout from various community groups, and was keen to work closely with groups in attendance in future projects.

Councillor Groves expressed some concerns regarding the Employment & Skills Ward Data April – Sept 2018 as set out in the report, and informed the Committee that she would contact the relevant Executive Member for further clarity on the position.

The meeting ended at 19:35pm.