

## INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2021

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

Councillors K Brooks, C Howley, C Knight,  
A Marshall-Katung and J Pryor

### 11 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

### 12 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

### 13 Late Items

There were no late items.

### 14 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

### 15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Bentley, A Garthwaite and N Walshaw.

### 16 Open Forum

In order to facilitate the Open Forum whilst Community Committees were being held remotely, the process had been adapted so that members of the public were able to submit written representations in advance of the meeting on any matter which fell within the Committee's terms of reference.

The following submissions had been made:

From a Hyde Park resident:

When are the planters in Hyde Park going to be removed? Residents' journeys are taking longer which is creating more pollution. I have observed vans and trucks both getting stuck and now lockdown is easing the main routes will be busier. Where is the evidence to show if this is working in terms of pollution/congestion before and during the installation.

It was reported that evidence into the effectiveness of the planters was still being gathered. Some had already been removed from locations that

included Royal Park and Alexandra Road and there would be a full evaluation at the end of the trial period.

From Hyde Park and Moorland Residents:

What are the Councillors going to do about anti-social behaviour in our area especially that caused by students. I have been a resident for 20 years and I am faced with noise nuisance, drug taking in the street, parties. We were pleased when the recent PSPO was launched but since then the bins and litter still block the streets and we are all sleep deprived due to parties night after night. Whose responsibility is it to address these problems, (Police, landlords, Council, Universities?) when will some meaningful action be taken? Home is now needed more than ever as a safety net

It was reported that there had been engagement with local residents. There had been regular police patrols in the area and a problem tenant had been identified. This tenant had now moved on and it was hoped that the situation would now improve. It was suggested that a further meeting be arranged with residents and partners including the Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Universities and Police.

**17 Minutes - 3 December 2020**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

**18 Draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy - Consultation**

The report of the Director of City Development brought Members attention to details of the consultation on the draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy.

The Chair welcomed Paul Foster, Transport Planning Manager and Finn Campbell, Team Leader (Forward Planning) to the meeting for this item.

The Committee received a presentation on the draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy. The following was highlighted:

- The draft strategy had been considered at Executive Board in December 2020 before going out to consultation.
- The strategy vision was for a city where nobody needed a car and everyone had an affordable, accessible and zero carbon choice for travel.
- There were three main aims to the strategy:
  - Tackling Climate Change
  - Delivering Inclusive Growth
  - Improving Health & Wellbeing
- Targets for the types of travel which would reduce the use of individual vehicles.
- Targets to reduce the numbers of people killed or seriously injured in traffic accidents.

- The need to reduce CO2 emissions.
- The six big moves:
  - De-carbonising transport
  - Creating healthier streets, spaces and communities
  - Transforming the city centre
  - Enhancing public transport
  - New mobility solutions
  - Delivery of a mass transit network
- Key feedback for Inner North West from the 2016 Transport Conversation.

In response to questions it was reported that the strategy would take account of the requirements for people with disabilities and other health issues.

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

## **19 Inner North West Community Committee - Finance Report**

The report of the Head of Stronger Communities presented the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2020/21.

Marcia Cunningham, Localities Officer presented the report.

Issues highlighted included the following:

- Remaining balance in the Wellbeing Revenue Fund. There had been some unspent monies due to projects not being delivered. Members agreed this should be returned to the pot. The balance would now be £16,573.
- Balances remaining from the Covid 19 funding pots. There was £3,290.95 in the main pot and £2,638.95 in the Tier 3 pot. The Tier 3 pot needed spending by the end of the month.
- Applications for funding – as the budget had not yet been agreed it had been decided to hold a separate funding meeting.
- Youth Activities Fund budget – further funding had been returned and there was £3,300 remaining. There were also further funding applications to consider.
- Remaining Capital Budget - £15,298 remaining
- Remaining Community Infrastructure Levy Budget - – there was also additional funding to be injected into this pot.

**RESOLVED** –

- (1) That details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- (2) That monitoring information of funded projects be noted.
- (3) That details of the Youth Activities Fund be noted.
- (4) That details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget be noted.
- (5) That details of the Capital Budget be noted.

(6) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy be noted.

## **20 Inner North West Community Committee - Update Report**

The report of the Head of Stronger Communities brought Members' attention to an update of the work which the Communities Team was engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunity for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Marcia Cunningham, Localities Officer presented the report.

Members' attention was brought to the following:

- Children's & Families Sub-Group planned to meet as soon as the results of the online survey was known as to what young people wanted to see in their area. The survey had taken place due to the cancellation of the Youth Summit.
- Environment – there had been a sub-group with a focus on graffiti. Partners in attendance included the Universities. Information would be sent out to residents in targeted areas.
- Mental Health Workshops that had been funded by the Community Committee fund –the first one had been held in February and good feedback had been received. There would be another one on 12 April 2021.

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

## **21 Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2021/2022**

The report of the City Solicitor presented proposals for meeting dates for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

It was proposed that meetings should still be held on Thursdays at 6.00 p.m. Members requested that the day be changed as the Community Committee often clashed with meetings of Plans Panels. Members indicated that Wednesday would be the preferred day for holding meetings.

**RESOLVED** – That a revised schedule of meetings of the Inner North West Community Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year be prepared.