

## **NORTH EAST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Councillor G Wilkinson in the Chair

Councillors J Procter, R D Feldman,  
Mrs R Feldman, P Harrand and A Castle

**OFFICERS:** Rory Barke, East/North East Area Manager  
Alison Pickering, Area Management Officer  
Mike Earle, Democratic Services

### **18 Chair's Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Carole Clark, who was replacing Alison Pickering at the NE Area Office, Sergeant Matthew Appleyard, who had just returned to Wetherby Police Station, and Mr Alan Everard, a local resident.

### **19 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors A. Lamb, R. Procter and A. Shelbrooke.

### **20 Declaration of Interests**

The following declarations of interest were made:-

Councillor G. Wilkinson – Agenda Item 12 (Minute No. 28 refers) – applications for funding from Wetherby Town Council in respect of the Wetherby Community Bonfire and the Jubilee Garden footpath – personal and prejudicial interest in his capacity as a Member of Wetherby Town Council.

### **21 Open Forum**

The Chair made reference to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure Rules for an Open Forum session of up to 10 minutes at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee, to allow members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the remit of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no issues were raised.

### **22 Minutes - 7th July 2008**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **23 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

(a) Proposals for a New GP-led Health Centre in Leeds (Min. No. 8 refers)

Further to Minute No. 8, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008, the Chair reported that arrangements had been made for a representative of Leeds NHS Trust to attend the October Area Committee meeting to speak to Members on this issue.

**24 Area Management Income from Advertising on Lamp Posts**

The Director of City Development submitted a report regarding advertising on lamp posts across the City, part of which income would come to the Area Committees in respect of any such advertisements within its area.

Helen Franklin, Acting Head of Highways Services attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments. In brief summary, the main points discussed were :-

- There were no current proposals for lamp post advertising in the Committee's area. Arterial commuter routes were the most likely possible locations;
- The Council's Advertising Design Guide limited the number of suitable locations. Once the service provider had identified a potential site, this would be considered initially by a special group of officers, to judge whether or not it was regarded as suitable, in particular with regard to road safety. Adverts would not be placed in wholly residential areas,
- If a site was regarded as potentially suitable, planning permission was required, and it was at this stage that Ward Members would be consulted;
- The content of the advertisement was a matter for the service provider. All advertisements were subject to national ASA standards. Where previous complaints had been received, advertisements had been removed.

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

**25 Area Committee Roles and Functions 2008/09**

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a copy of his report to the Executive Board on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The report contained details of the functions delegated to Area Committees for 2008/09. It also addressed the development of the role of Area Committees in representing the community interest, in terms of service performance, co-ordination and targeting, and an increased influencing, developmental and consultative role, particularly in view of the demise of the previous District Partnerships. These proposals were influenced by the Area Management Review, led by Councillor Chapman, reported to the Executive Board in November 2007.

In brief summary, the issues raised were :-

- The allocation of Area Committee Well-Being Budgets across the City, and the discrepancies in the levels of funding for various parts of the

City. The Area Manager indicated that the allocation was based on a formula, which took account of population levels and levels of deprivation indices, and he undertook to provide Members with exact details of the formula,

- The discrepancy in the numbers of Neighbourhood Wardens between different parts of the City. The Area Manager reminded Members that this subject had previously been discussed and decided, with some Area Committees choosing to finance additional PCSO's, rather than Neighbourhood Wardens;
- Councillor Harrand requested that Members be provided with details of the budgets associated with the transfer of responsibility for Community Centres to Area Committees;
- Speed cameras, Walton Road, Wetherby. In response to the Chair, Inspector Griffiths stated that the operation of speed cameras was a matter for the Camera Safety Partnership. The Chair indicated that he would pursue the matter separately outside the meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That, subject to the above comments, the report be noted.

## **26 Community Centres - Pricing and Lettings Policy**

Further to Minute No 58,11<sup>th</sup> February 2008, the East/North East Area Manager submitted a report outlining the results of the 3 month consultation exercise which had taken place between April and June 2008, and setting out a schedule of proposed charges and discounts for community centres operating in the Committee's area.

In brief summary, the main issues raised were :-

- The fact that the Wetherby Ward Members had decided that in respect of Community Centres in Wetherby Ward, for a transitional period of 3 years, prices would be fixed at 2007/08 levels where letting arrangements were unchanged, except for those users currently paying more than the proposed new charges. This situation would be reviewed after two years;
- The Alwoodley Ward Members indicated that they might wish to implement a ' payment holiday ', whereby use of the Treetops Community Centre would be free for all users for the next 12 months, as a promotional offer to get the Centre in use. The Area Manager stated that the proposed scheme did not preclude this, and he would pursue this idea separately with the Alwoodley Ward Members;
- All users would be notified of the new charges and discounts, including a tailored letter setting out specifically how they would be affected by the changes.

**RESOLVED** – That, subject to the above comments, the schedule of charges and discounts appended to the report be approved and be reviewed on an annual basis.

## **27 Area Delivery Plan 2008 - 2011 - Update**

Further to Minute No 7, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008, the East/North East Area Manager submitted a report advising Members of two proposed amendments to the Area Delivery Plan 2008-2011 as a result of the Ward Member discussions held subsequent to that meeting. The report also contained an update on actions since the 7<sup>th</sup> July meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That the revised Area Delivery Plan 2008-2011 be received and approved.

## **28 Well-Being Fund 2008 - 2011**

The East/North East Area Manager submitted a situation report regarding the Committee's Well-Being Fund 2008/09, including details of small grants approved since the last meeting, projects in development and applications for revenue and capital funding before the Committee this evening for determination.

### **RESOLVED** –

- (a) That the Area Manager's report be noted, including details of small grants made since the last meeting and projects in development
- (b) That the following decisions be taken in respect of the applications for funding before the Committee tonight for determination:-

#### Revenue

- (i) Community Planning Officer - £50,000 – Approved
- (ii) Gang Resistance Project, Wetherby - £3,680 – Approved
- (iii) Thorner Bowling Club - £3,180 – Approved
- (iv) Wetherby Community Bonfire - £1,000 – Approved
- (v) Wetherby- Jubilee Garden Pathway - £1,000 – Approved
- (vi) Clifford – Northways Playing Field - £1,165 – Approved
- (vii) Tempo FM Radio Station - £5,000 requested – £2,623 approved

#### Capital

- (i) Cranmer Bank, Alwoodley – Security - £4,000 - Approved
- (ii) Thorner Victory Hall - £25,000 requested – £10,000 approved.

(N.B. Councillor G Wilkinson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the applications for funding from Wetherby Town Council in relation to the Wetherby Community Bonfire and the Jubilee Garden pathway, in his capacity as a Member of Wetherby Town Council, and left the room during the consideration of these particular applications. Councillor R D Feldman assumed the Chair for these particular items).

## **29 Town and Parish Council Forum - Feedback Report**

The East/North East Area Manager submitted a report outlining the issues discussed at the meeting of the Town and Parish Council Forum held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

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

**30 Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008, 5.30 pm, Civic Hall  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008, 5.30 pm, Civic Hall  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 5.30 pm, Town Hall, Leeds  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009, 6.00 pm, venue to be announced.

**31 Alison Pickering**

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair paid tribute to Alison Pickering, who was leaving the NE Area Office to take up a similar position in the West Area Office, and wished her well for the future.

The meeting concluded at 7.00pm.