

INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor J Dowson in the Chair

Councillors M France-Mir, S Hamilton,
L Martin, M Rafique and E Taylor

16 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

17 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

18 Late Items

There were no late items.

19 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interests were made at the meeting.

20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, M Shahzad, J Bowden and Z Hussain.

21 Open Forum

On this occasion there were no members of the public present at the meeting.

22 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2022 as a correct record.

23 Highways - Annual Improvement Consultation

The report of the Executive Manager, Highways provided the Inner North East Community Committee with an update on the Highways Annual Improvement Consultation.

The presentation which was appended to the submitted report was shown at the meeting and the Community Committee were invited to make comments.

The Community Committee were informed of the following points:

- The consultation on next years' programme closed on 2nd September. Lists of the proposed works had been provided to Councillors and Parish Councils at the start of July requesting comments.
- Members were provided with an explanation of the Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice. 36 recommendations include: Lifecycle Plans, Inspections, Risk Management and Defect Repair.

- Explanation of how the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy aligns with the corporate vision and contributes to the vision for Leeds. It was noted that key factors of the strategy in Regional Context, Sustainability and Climate Emergency and Communication and Engagement.
- Funding allocations include City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) and Leeds Capital.
- Members noted that the service is currently undertaking more preventative work which is surface dressing. It was noted that the life of a road is generally 10 years.
- The service is continually reviewing all streets, and these are added to a sheet with a colour code to show what stage of repair the road is in. All roads are inspected by an engineer and a scoring system is used and checked over a 3 year cycle. The service wish to get to the position that only 10% of roads are in poor condition.
- Each year all Members receive lists of roads requiring work and the priority given to them. Members are requested to make comments. Members were advised that all emails are noted and responded to.

Responding to direct questions from the Community Committee further information was provided:

- 60% of the work is carried out by internal DLO with 40% external contractors. It was noted that work was checked on site regularly. Members acknowledged that the checks were the same for both roads and pathways. The Council are also responsible for checking work carried out by the utility companies on the highways.
- Members were advised that letters are sent to residents informing them when work is to be undertaken and what the work will be, whether preventative or full refurbishment.

Members were of the view that works for traffic calming measures should be carried out whilst refurbishment works are being undertaken. It was acknowledged that Traffic Engineering do have a budget for traffic calming measures. The Chair requested an action to take traffic calming measures forward.

It was suggested that the letter which is sent to residents should be sent to Cllr Rafique so that he could suggest some ways in which the letters could be improved.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report and presentation.

24 Age Friendly Leeds Strategy & Action Plan 2022-2025

The report of the Director of Public Health presented to the Inner North East Community Committee the refresh of the draft Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025 to gain feedback. The report also requested support and promotion of the work of Age Friendly within the city.

The Community Committee were provided with the following points:

- Around 1 in 3 people are aged 50 and over. The number of Leeds residents aged 80 and over will increase by about 50% in the next 20 years.
- Age Friendly Leeds is one of the eight priorities in the Best Council Plan 2020-2025. The vision for Leeds is that it is a place where people age well, older people are valued, respected, appreciated and seen as assets.
- The draft Age Friendly Leeds Strategy 2022-25 has been reviewed and refreshed which has been informed by The State of Ageing in Leeds report. The process has been overseen by the Age Friendly Board chaired by Cllr Jenkins. The role of the Board is to provide strategic leadership and set the strategic direction for the Age Friendly Leeds work programme and ensure that the objectives are being met.
- Leeds is a member of the World Health Organisation Age Friendly Cities programme and has used and adapted the framework to identify and address barriers to the well-being and participation of older people.
- The strategy sets out six key priority areas: housing; public and civic spaces; travel and road safety; active, included and respected; healthy and independent ageing and employment and learning. Each of the priorities is headed by a domain lead. Domain leads have been identified and are working to implement the actions set out in the plan. The domain leads will feedback on a quarterly basis.
- The Leeds Older Peoples Forum (LOPF) gives practical ways for the local community to become involved to strengthen the age friendly approach and Councillors were invited to support and encourage people and businesses to get involved in:
 - The Age Friendly Ambassador Programme
 - Becoming a Dementia Friend
 - Age and Dementia Friendly Businesses
 - The Come in and Rest Scheme
 - Leeds Older People's Age Friendly Steering Group
- Public Health are working with partners to support older people in Leeds to be as resilient as possible this winter. It was recognised that the cost-of-living crisis together with the impact that the cold weather can have on older people will require an approach to ensure proactive and preventative support is provided to those most at risk this winter. It was noted there are a range of services to support older people during cold weather including:
 - Information and Advice Service run through Age UK Leeds who can offer information and advice on a range of issues such as:
 - Money Matters
 - State Benefits
 - Housing Rights
 - Consumer issues
 - Home Plus Leeds – whose aim is to enable and maintain independent living through improving health at home.
 - Lunch Clubs – Public Health fund the annual Lunch Club Grants offering a financial contribution to support voluntary groups to provide hot nutritious meals and social activities for older people in a communal environment for 40 weeks per year.

- Sign up to receive Cold Weather Alerts
- 'Stay Well this Winter' Grants
- Become a winter friend

Cllr Jenkins attended the meeting and updated the Community Committee on the following issues:

- Cost of living and fuel crisis including priority register for energy companies and a pilot scheme looking at the use of slow cookers.
- Access buses – and although there have been some difficulties with this service, it should be up and running again soon.
- Bus Fare Campaign – to remove the charges for concessionary bus pass users before 9.30am on weekdays. It was noted that from Monday tickets would be charged at £2 per journey and £4 per day.
- Closure of ticket offices at railway stations.

The Community Committee discussions included:

- Resting places and toilet facilities for use by the elder in the community and the city centre.
- The need to address issues in relation to transport for the elderly.
- Access to clubs which can provide activities, exercise, and interaction with other like-minded people.
- Information for older people on the best diets for them.
- Free places for swimming and gentle exercise classes
- Give credit to businesses who make available resting places and use of facilities.
- More benches in local areas.

The Community Committee were of the view that social prescribing, although useful was inconsistent across the city.

Members requested more details on:

- Ambassador Programme
- Training in relation to becoming a Dementia Friendly Ambassador
- Come in and rest schemes
- To know if wards are represented on older people and age friendly steering groups
- To receive an Age Friendly Pack

Cllr Dowson as Chair challenged the Members to try to add 5 businesses per ward for the Come in and Rest initiative.

It was noted that the Community Committee were holding a cost of living workshop on Tuesday 4th October to discuss the current crisis and see how the voluntary sector could work collaboratively to offer support to those most in need.

RESOLVED - To:

- Note the content of the report and the refresh of the Age Friendly Strategy

- Consider what work is currently underway to support age friendly, winter planning and the cost-of-living crisis in the local area and how to build on these further.
- Consider the needs of the local ageing population and how these needs can be addressed through local age friendly work
- Consider how the work of the Age Friendly Strategy and the community approaches lead by LOPF can be embedded within work of the community committee.

25 Inner North East Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought to Members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team has been engaged in, based on the priorities identified by the Community Committee.

The following points were highlighted:

- Some of the Sub-Groups had yet to meet. It was suggested that dates should be put in the calendar going forward.
- The Community Safety Sub-Group had held a workshop in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour. Cllr Rafique as Community Safety Champion provided the Community Committee with an update on the workshop.
- It was acknowledged that Cllr Harland the Executive Member for Communities was addressing the links between Community Committee Champions and Executive Board Members.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report.

26 Inner North East Community Committee Finance Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund as well as the CRIS and Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2022/23.

The Localities Officer presented the report highlighting the following points:

- At the time of writing the report the wellbeing Fund had a remaining balance of £45,065.48. Table 1 provided a list of projects funded.
- Members considered Wellbeing applications for:

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount requested	Decision
Festival of World Music	World on our Doorstep	Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay	£3,000.00 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Inner North East Crime Reduction - Burglary	West Yorkshire Police Inner North East NPT	Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay	£4,353.00 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
12th Celebration of	RadhaRaman Society	Chapel Allerton,	£2,900.00 (Wellbeing)	Agreed £2,000.00

RadhaRaman Folk Festival 2022		Moortown, Roundhay		
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- Paragraph 25 provided a list of projects considered and approved by DDN since the meeting held on 13th June 2022.
- Table 2 at Paragraph 27 showed the Ward Pots Budget which incorporates the skips. It was noted that the remaining balance currently stands at £46,189.86.
- Paragraph 30 showed a remaining balance of £2,692.76 in the Youth Activity Fund. Table 3 listed all the projects funded. Members were advised that the funding for the Youth Summit still need to be taken from the balance. Members requested a list of schools who had already said they would be attending.
- Table 4 at Paragraph 31 showed that the Community Committee has a capital budget of £32,848.00 available to spend as at April 2022.
- Table 5 at Paragraph 32 showed the balances for each ward in relation to the Community Infrastructure Levy budget.

RESOLVED - To note and approve:

- a) Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- b) Projects as set out above
- c) Details of projects approved by Delegated Decision
- d) Details of Skips and Wards Pots (Table 2)
- e) Details of the Youth Activities Fund (Table 3)
- f) Details of the Capital Budget (Table 4)
- g) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5)

27 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To note the next meeting of the Inner North East Community Committee will on Monday 28th November 2022. The time and, the venue still to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 19:35