

## OUTER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillor N Harrington in the Chair

Councillors N Buckley, D Cohen, S Firth,  
L Richards, M Robinson and  
R. Stephenson

**28 APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS**

There were no appeals.

**29 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There was no exempt information.

**30 LATE ITEMS**

There were no formal late items, but with agreement from the Chair, the minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 meeting had been tabled for ratification.

**31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for the meeting had been received from Councillors P Harrand and A Lamb.

**32 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were made during the meeting.

**33 OPEN FORUM**

The Governance Services Officer reported that no submissions had been received with respect to "Open Forum".

**34 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meetings held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

**35 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no issues raised under Matters Arising.

**36 Age Friendly Leeds Strategy & Action Plan 2022-2025**

The report of the Director of Public Health presented the Outer North East Community Committee with 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 Deputy Director for Public Health, The Chief Executive for Leeds Older Peoples Forum (LOPF) and Deputy Executive Member for Adults and Children's Social Care and Health Partnerships were in attendance to introduce the report.

The Community Committee were provided with the following points:

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- 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.
- 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

The Committee discussed the following:

- Workers and volunteers within the third sector that provide care for the elderly tend to be older people and thus younger people should be encouraged to engage.
- The report overstated the ongoing Covid risk which has the potential to cause more worry to the socially vulnerable. The risks related to all winter illnesses should be of equal importance and all relevant vaccines encouraged, although Members still noted that Covid is still prevalent.
- Inadequate public transport and accessibility issues experienced in the Outer North East wards pose doubt to many of the objectives referenced in the report. Many elderly residents in the area report being unconnected with central Leeds and amenities that will improve their health and wellbeing.
- A cohesive approach with the wider area will assist with the strategy as areas outside of Leeds City Council's jurisdiction are relied upon by Outer North East residents for vital services.

- Many of the third sector and community services that cater for the elderly have struggled to recover service provision after the pandemic. Resource allocation through multiple streams, including Community Committee funding can be utilised for service recovery.
- The take up of pension credits entitlement was noted to be low, making it cost effective council resource spending to provide information to access these credits to benefit those in need.
- A conflict in the approach of the strategy by application to citizens from age 50 was noted, the stigma of who is old has changed over time. A meaningful approach should target those in higher age brackets as a fairer use of resources. It may be appropriate to breakdown the objectives for different age groups.
- In response to a question from Members it was confirmed a preventative focus, rather than treatment, was proposed by the strategy to enable better quality of aging and target wider health determinants. The strategy was not about care provision, it is to link and supplement to health and care systems, although it was noted the NHS elderly focused strategies begin from age 65, whereas this strategy begins from 50.
- Digital underpinning may be intimidating to those less literate with technology; digital training should be signposted. Skills and infrastructure should be accessible to all ages and banks, prescriptions and buses shouldn't be exclusively digital.
- The strategy should connect to vital health facilities and information for interim care after hospital was lacking in the report given the transport issues noted in the area, which may limit the ability for readmission to hospital.
- The proposals to improve employment opportunities for elderly people may pose some issues as positive employment discrimination, that favours someone by age, may be unlawful.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- a. To note the content of the report and the refresh of the Age Friendly Strategy
- b. To note the work that 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.
- c. That the needs of the local ageing population and how these needs can be addressed through local age friendly work, be noted.
- d. To note how the work of the Age Friendly Strategy and the community approaches lead by LOPF can be embedded within work of the community committee.

### **37 Adults & Health – Leeds Dementia Strategy**

The report of the Head of Service (Integrated Commissioning, Adults and Health) provided an update on the citywide Leeds Dementia Strategy. The Commissioning Lead, Dementia (Adults and Health, LCC) introduced the item, and provided the Community Committee with a PowerPoint presentation. The following information was highlighted:

- Background information to dementia and its causes. Further information can be found on: [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)
- Statistics within the Outer North East area show 546 dementia diagnoses in 2019 and 562 in 2022. Two thirds of estimated prevalence in Leeds is diagnosed.

- 85% of people with dementia have a carer: 480 carers for people with dementia in the Outer North East. 160 dementia carers in Outer North East areas are economically active. There is 70 people in the Outer North East who have “severe” dementia and 35 people in Outer North East live at home, with unpaid and paid support.
- There are multiple modifiable risk factors that may reduce the likelihood of developing dementia.
- An overview of the Living with Dementia in Leeds Strategy and the 6 commissioning priorities for health and social care:
  - Service ‘reset’ & recovery from Covid
  - Carer support and breaks
  - Annual review and care co-ordination
  - Demographics, diversity, and emerging needs
  - Care quality, complex needs, timely transfers
  - End-of-life care and planning ahead
- Service recovery from the pandemic was noted to be improving but still ongoing.
- An overview of the dementia prevention, intervention and care: 2020 report of the Lancet Commission: [www.thelancet.com/article/S0140-6736\(20\)30367-6/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/article/S0140-6736(20)30367-6/fulltext)
- Local support to live with dementia including the Alzheimer’s Society, Carers Leeds – 0113 380 4300 (advance line and Dementia carer team) and Neighbourhood Networks.
- The Memory Support Workers are employed by the Alzheimer’s Society and work in teams across the city alongside Community Health staff, Social Workers and with GP practices. Their aim is to be an ongoing named point of contact for people living with dementia and to ensure people can access information, advice, and support. \*
- Dementia carer support groups in the area were noted to be in Wetherby and Garforth, with information provided on the Carers Leeds website.

\*Referral for a Memory Support Worker – 0113 231 1727, [memorysupport.lypft@nhs.net](mailto:memorysupport.lypft@nhs.net)  
 Dementia Connect support line (includes evening and weekends – 0333 150 3456

The Committee discussed the following:

- It was noted that Councillors from the Outer North East wards had assisted with joining up facilities during the pandemic, assisting with activity such as contact with loved ones in care homes. Leeds City Council had worked alongside Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WiSE) during this time.
- With the noted public transport issues, there are volunteer run schemes in the area to assist with getting people to and from activities and care programmes, however accessibility concerns for the area remain.
- In response to a question from Members, it was outlined the Outer North East experiences the highest rate of dementia diagnosis per capita. Because the area has a more affluent population, this is linked to more people reaching very old age, which is the main risk factor for dementia. However, the ‘age-

standardised' risk of dementia is lower than for inner Leeds / less affluent areas, because of the impact of health inequalities.

- Members suggested all Leeds City Council employees and Councillors should be encouraged to become a dementia friend or ambassador. Several of the Members in attendance confirmed they were already dementia friendly trained.
- Social services visits usually end at 5pm daily, if these times could be extended to provide some later night assistance it will improve care provision for patients and carers.
- As the Outer North East is generally made up of smaller town and village populations, this provides some benefit of greater community support for people living with dementia.
- It is vital that carers are identified and provided with access to information regarding services available to them for support. Improving identification and recording of carers on GP patient management systems is an important element of this.

**RESOLVED** - That the content of the report and presentation, along with members comments be noted.

### **38 Local Plan Update Public Consultation**

The report of the Policy & Plans Group Manager provided the Outer North East Community Committee with a brief synopsis of the Local Plan Update public consultation, for general promotion and to gather input from Elected Members and residents on any further community engagement, to raise awareness and encourage participation in the consultation.

The Team Leader for Policy and Plans and Senior Planner from City Development introduced the report and provided the Community Committee with the following information.

- The public consultation period for Local Plan Update 1 (LPU1) was noted as 10 weeks, beginning on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, with the final week from the date of the committee meeting.
- The proposed updated policies were in reaction to the council's climate emergency declaration in 2019, with the ambition to be a carbon neutral city by 2030.
- Local planning policies will be updated and prioritised in aid of carbon reduction, with extensive, wide reaching consultation is in order to scope for the new or amended policies and assist with understanding negatives, feasibility and practical application.
- Views from stakeholders, statutory consultees, Leeds residents and businesses had been sought using a variety of means such as webinars and surveys.

A video was played at the meeting which outlined the consultation process in regard to how and where to comment on LPU1 and which aspects comments were being sought on. How the policies impact on carbon reduction, flood risk mitigation, green and blue infrastructure, place-making and sustainable infrastructure were presented. Further information on the consultation can be found via. [Local plan update \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/local-plan-update)

The Committee discussed the following:

- The 20 minute neighbourhood ideals may be perceived as authoritarian if pressure is put on people to live locally as there are gaps in amenity provision noted in the Outer North East and access to cars is often essential due to inadequate public transport.
- In response to a question from Members, the youth consultation efforts were outlined as, engagement through surveys, which use less planning jargon, at schools and public events, with incentives such as gift vouchers.
- Members comments that the consultation should engage further with college students as the future infrastructure and services will affect them considerably as they enter the next stages of life were noted.
- Concern regarding policy compliance were raised as planning applications under current policies often get recommended for approval when not fully policy compliant. As the costs associated with complying with new policies will fall to the developer this also raises viability concerns.
- The waterways and flood mitigation policies must take up and down stream considerations and authorities within the locality that share the same rivers must adopt the same policies for a common interest.
- The updated EN1 policy for a development to be net zero through its lifespan was confirmed by officers to mainly apply to residential and commercial developments. Members agreed this as logical as some developments can create short term carbon for long term gain, such as mass transit systems. An energy officer was confirmed to have been employed for carbon assessments.
- Incorporating the 'internet of things' into new developments (physical objects with sensors, processing ability, software and other technologies that connect and exchange data with other devices and systems over the Internet) should be encouraged for new developments to assist with advancing technology for public daily life.
- Members queried the application of policy to current developments; although how much weight can be given by policies in their draft stage is limited the policies need testing before full adoption. Public objection may provide insight as to how much weight to give each policy on individual applications and both current and proposed policies link to the council's climate emergency declaration.
- Members were supportive of the new tree policy models with improved processes for tree preservation orders, greater attempt to protect existing trees on site and measuring carbon storage of trees.

**RESOLVED** - That the content of the report and presentation, along with members comments be noted.

### **39 Outer North East Community Committee – Update Report**

The Committee received a report which provided an update on the key activities being undertaken by the Communities Team based upon the priorities identified by the Community Committee. In presenting the report, it

provided the Committee with an opportunity to discuss or seek further information on the range of actions currently being undertaken.

The Localities Officer in attendance introduced the report noting the provision of a range of activities and events within the local communities, including, The Youth Activity Fund Consultation being encouraged in schools to seek young people's view on how they would like money to be allocated in the area.

The Committee discussed the following:

- The officer or department responsible for issues raised in relation to festive lighting on trees in the area was queried, with details to be confirmed and provided after the meeting.
- The Alwoodley Santa's visit had received positive feedback from the community and was suggested to be replicated in Harewood next year.
- Councillor L Richards was thanked for visiting all the sites celebrating bonfire nights in the Wetherby ward.
- A request was made for the relevant officers to attend for a future meeting of the Community Committee to discuss CCTV operations.

**RESOLVED** - That the content of the report, along with members comments be noted.

#### 40 Outer North East Community Committee - Finance Report

The Head of Locality Partnerships submitted a report to update the Community Committee on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund (YAF), Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (CIL) for 2022/23.

Projects set out in the report were discussed, and agreed as follows:

Project Title	Ward	Amount	Decision
Thorner Over 60's Drop-In	Harewood	£334	Approved
Junior Indoor Cricket	Harewood	£1,260	Approved

#### **RESOLVED –**

1.) That the Wellbeing & Youth Activities Fund (YAF) applications be determined as set out above.

2.) To note;

a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)

b. Wellbeing proposal for consideration and approval (paragraph 20)

c. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)

d. Youth Activity Funding proposal for consideration and approval (paragraph 26)

e. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 3)

f. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (paragraph 28)

#### 41 Any Other Business

The Chair informed the Community Committee that two items of correspondence has been received by residents prior to the meeting

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regarding care home planning application consultation and proposed maintenance work to Scholes bridge. It was confirmed that the queries had been passed onto the relevant departments and the enquirers will receive a response from Ward Members in due course.

**42 Date and Time of the next Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – That the time and date of the next meeting as Monday, 13th March 2023 at 5:30pm, be noted.

(The meeting concluded at 19:54)