

NORTH EAST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2006

PRESENT: Councillor M Lobley in the Chair

Councillors J Dowson, S Hamilton,
R Harker, V Kendall, B Lancaster,
M Rafique and P Wadsworth

19 Late Items

The Chair gave notice of a late item of urgent business (Minute 23 refers).

The Chair indicated that in accordance with his powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, he had agreed to accept a late item of urgent business on to the agenda. The item was from Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust regarding their application for Foundation Trust Status. It was agreed to include the item on the agenda to allow consideration of the report before the end of the consultation period.

20 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Harker declared a personal interest in Minute 25, Youth Service, as he was the Executive Board Member with responsibility for Children's Services.

Councillors Lancaster and Hamilton declared personal interests in Minute 23 and 26, Leeds Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust and Making Leeds Better Progress Report, due to their respective roles as Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) and NHS employee.

21 Apologies

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Harris.

22 Open Forum

The agenda made reference to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure rules for an Open Forum Session at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee, for members of the public to ask questions or to make representations on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no matters were raised under this item by those members of the public who were in attendance.

23 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.

24 Matters Arising

In reference to Minute 6, 26th June 2006 Members were informed that the damaged wall on Roundhay Road had been reported to the Learning and Leisure Department. Further to Minute 12 of the same meeting, it was reported that the Chapeltown Road Development was on schedule and Members would receive a further update at an Area Committee meeting before the end of the year.

25 Making Leeds Better Progress Report

Consideration was given to a report regarding a progress report on the Making Leeds Better programme. The report highlighted the following areas:

- The Making Leeds Better Vision
- Modelling and Affordability
- Health Impact Assessment
- Care Pathways
- Engagement

Members were informed that Making Leeds Better was to be considered at a forthcoming meeting of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care).

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

26 Youth Service

The Director of Learning and Leisure submitted a report regarding the objectives, delivery and effectiveness of Youth Service provision in the North East (Inner) Area. Appended to the report was statistical information on Youth Services work along with Youth Programmes carried out across the North East Inner area.

Neil Bowden of the Youth Service answered Members' questions and brought attention to the following areas:

- Youth Matters.
- Summer Activities – donations from the Well-Being Fund were gratefully acknowledged.
- The children and young people's section of the Area Delivery Plan.
- Investment in and the use of Council buildings for Youth Service activities.
- Youth Service volunteers.
- The Youth Service budget.

Ian Jones, Youth Development Worker gave the committee on further issues relating to the Youth Service. Issues discussed included volunteer recruitment, Criminal Record Bureau registrations, voluntary organisations in

the area and the production of an information booklet detailing youth activities across the area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

27 2006/07 Well-Being Fund

The North East Area Manager presented a report which contained recommendations of the Well-Being Fund Working Group. The Committee was requested to consider the recommendations of the Working Group and indicate if the level of the grant requested was to be approved.

Further to the applications from Leeds Chinese Women's Group and the Chapeltown Young Peoples 10-2 Club/Yes Cyber, it was recommended that these groups should meet with Paul Auber, Grant Funding Advice Officer to discuss future funding requirements and applications. It was further reported that Area Management staff should be invited, along with the Youth Service to a meeting of the Yes Cyber Management Committee to discuss their management structure and that their current application had been a one off emergency request. Members expressed their thanks to Unity Housing who had provided assistance to the Yes Cyber project.

(Councillor Dowson declared a personal interest in this item during the discussion regarding the application for Scott Hall Multi-Use Games Area due to her capacity as a Director of Groundwork Leeds. Councillor Harker declared a personal interest during the discussion regarding the application for Chapeltown Young Peoples 10-2 Club/Yes Cyber due to his capacity as Executive Member for Children's Services and abstained from voting on this item).

RESOLVED – That the following decisions be made in respect of the revenue and capital applications submitted for consideration at this meeting:-

Revenue – Large Grants

- (i) D:Side - £2,500 – Approved.
- (ii) Leeds Chinese Women's Group - £750 – Approved
- (iii) Scott Hall Multi-Use Games Area - £5,000 – Approved
- (iv) Chapeltown Young Peoples 10-2 Club/Yes Cyber - £10,000 – Approved

Revenue – Small Grants

- (i) The Gathering 2006 – Refused
- (ii) Roundhay Community Radio - £500 – Approved

Capital – Large Grants

- (i) Stainbeck UFC Church - £3,250 – Approved

28 2005/06 Well-Being Fund Projects Update

The North East Area Manager provided the Committee with a report that gave an update on the progress of projects that were awarded grants from the 2005/06 Well-Being revenue large grant allocation and the three year capital allocation.

Projects funded included the following:

- Queenshill Drive Landscaping
- Community Highlights
- Inner North East Summer Sports
- North Park Avenue Allotment
- Seven Community Arts Centre
- Queenshill Drive Drying Area
- D-side (drugs: support, information, drug education)
- Beckhill Approach Seating Area Project
- Cowper Street Community Garden
- Carr Manor Princes' Trust XL Club
- New World Steel Orchestra
- Garden in the Park, Potternewtown Park
- Leeds Reach
- Roundhay Community Environmental Festival
- Chapel Allerton Arts Festival
- Scott Hall Sports Centre Disabled Access Improvements

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

29 North East District Partnership Update

The North East Area Manager presented a report which provided Members with a summary of recent actions and achievements of the North East District Partnership.

Members attention was brought to progress on the District Neighbourhood Action Plans, the proposed Joints Services Centre and Chapeltown Community Centre Action Group.

RESOLVED – That the report and recent action and achievements be noted.

30 Reports of Area Committee Working Groups

Consideration was given to a report of the North East Area Manager which informed Members of issues that had been considered by the Area Committee Working Groups since the last meeting of the Area Committee. The report detailed issues raised at the meetings of the Community Safety Working Group and the Youth Issues Working Group.

Hannah Smith, Senior Neighbourhood Warden, gave the Committee an update on the work of the Community Safety teams within the North East Inner area and Members were also informed of enforcement issues. Further issues discussed included clean up, housing lettings and tenancies and ginnels.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

31 Area Actions and Achievements Progress Report

The North East Area Manager presented a report which provided Members with a summary of recent actions and achievements of the Area Committee and Area Management Team. Significant actions and achievements detailed in the report included the week of action on the Beckhill Estate, the Oakwood Town & District Centre feasibility study, the Chapeltown Community facilities review and the appointment of the Intensive Families Project Co-ordinator.

RESOLVED – That the report and recent actions and achievements be noted.

32 Area Committee Forums - Feedback

The North East Area Manager submitted a report which updated the Area Committee on feedback from consultative forums held within the North East Inner area. The report gave details of future forums and feedback on forums since the last meeting of the Area Committee.

It was noted that since the last Area Committee meeting there had only been one forum, the Roundhay West Parks Forum. Issues highlighted at this forum included refuse collection and recycling. In response to a Members question it was reported that there had not been any discussion regarding the privatisation of refuse collection services.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

33 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – That the next meeting be held at 4.00 p.m. on Monday, 16th October 2006 at the Ramgarhia Sikh Centre, 8/10 Chapeltown Road, Leeds.