

EAST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor B Selby in the Chair

Councillors A Hussain, D Hollingsworth,
G Hyde and V Morgan

CO_OPTEES: S Covell, M Dean, R Manners and P Rone

23 Late Items

In relation to Agenda Item 10, Consultation on Day Services for Older People, copies of the report of the Director of Adult Social Services – ‘Neighbourhood Network Schemes Review – Future Vision and Way Forward’ were circulated to Members.

24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Brett, Harington, Pryke and Taylor.

25 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.

26 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

27 Matters arising from the Minutes

Minute No. 19 – Community Engagement

The Gipton Forum co-optee regretted changes made to the format of the community engagement activities from the old style forum to the new engagement events. It was reported that the latter are attended by much greater numbers of residents.

28 CCTV (2008/09) Annual Report - for Leeds City Council Community Safety CCTV Service in Inner East Area Committee

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Thursday, 22nd October, 2009

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods provided a report which gave an outline of the CCTV service provided, details of the Area Committee role and a profile of CCTV in the East Inner Area.

The Chair welcomed Derek Whitehouse, CCTV Co-ordinator to the meeting.

Members attention was brought to the following issues:

- The Riverside cameras were not funded by the Council, but by private partners.
- Details of arrests that had been made with the assistance of CCTV information were given to the Committee. It was reported that Members would be given further information in relation to this.
- The report didn't include the deployment of 2 mobile CCTV vans that could be used. The Area Committee could influence the deployment of these vans and should put the relevant evidence for use to the tasking teams.
- Links to West Yorkshire Police – it was reported that the Council CCTV cameras had direct links and could be broadcast to the police control room. The Council had also received security accreditation and would also be able to access police radio.
- Development of new technology and options for updating the current CCTV systems used.

In response to Members questions and comments, the following issues were discussed:

- CCTV Strategy – it was reported that there was not a current Council wide strategy specifically for CCTV. Information relating to CCTV was detailed in the overarching strategy for public safety.
- CCTV operated by ALMOs did not have a direct link to the Police. The provision of this could be investigated and there would be financial implications.
- A noted increase in an area where CCTV cameras had been removed. These had been privately funded cameras.
- Potential use of volunteers to monitor images.
- Members of the Area Committee were invited to visit the CCTV control room.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That subject to the agreement of the ALMOs, the possibility of a direct CCTV link to West Yorkshire Police be investigated. Any investigations to include potential funding arrangements and costs.
- (3) That the Area Committee be updated on the development of a Council Wide CCTV Strategy.
- (4) That the Area Committee receives 6 monthly update reports.

29 Residual Waste Treatment PFI Project Update and Presentation

The report of the Head of Waste Management provided the Area Committee with an update of the communications activity which supported the Residual Waste Treatment project. A DVD presentation of progress to date was shown which included details of the bidders for the Waste Treatment PFI Project and the various options open for consultation.

Andrew Lingham, Senior Project Manager (Waste Strategy) and Tom Smith, Head of Performance Management and Service Improvement were in attendance to answer Members' questions.

In response to Members' comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- Concern that there was no reference to employment and training opportunities for local people.
- Concern that waste would be received from outside the city and the associated impacts.
- Further information was requested regarding the transportation of waste – it was reported that this would be transported by road. It was not yet known if any extra traffic would be generated, but a significant overall increase was not envisaged. Planning restrictions could be used to curtail the hours of transportation and also the routes involved.
- It was reported the contract would allow that up to 1% of waste treated at the proposed plant could be brought in from outside Leeds. The plant would primarily be built and scaled to deal with waste from Leeds.
- Impact on the EASEL project.
- Concern that all interested parties would not be consulted – it was reported that the consultation would be taken to as many people as possible but may have to be restricted in order to ensure it was manageable.
- As East Inner Leeds was the area likely to be most affected by the proposals for the Waste Treatment PFI Project, Members expressed an overall disappointment at the information that was available at the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and a further report be brought to the Committee in February 2010 exploring traffic issues – volumes and routes; links with highways developments both planned and additional needed as a result of this initiative and any other issues identified by Members in the meantime.

30 Consultation on Day Services for Older People

The report of the Director of Adult Social Services referred to the recent report that was submitted to the Executive Board regarding the future of Day Services for Older People in Leeds. The Committee was informed that the

Executive Board had agreed a period of consultation and was asked if they wished to contribute to this consultation.

The Chair welcomed Dennis Holmes, Deputy Director – Strategic Commissioning and Lynda Bowen, Chief Officer - Support & Enablement to the meeting.

Members were informed that two day centres in East Inner Leeds could be affected by proposals to change day care services: Naburn Court and the Doreen Hamilton Centre. Details of attendance at the centres from within the Inner East wards was provided.

It was reported that usage of these two centres had reduced. There had not been any barriers in place to prevent new people attending the centres and referrals were still being accepted.

Under the proposed new provision for day care services, users would still receive at least the same level of service provision and plans would be made to keep friends groups together.

Members were given an overview of the Neighbourhood Network Schemes Review. The following issues were highlighted:

- Funding arrangements across the City
- Partnership working and funding with NHS partners
- The review offered opportunity to consolidate funding and offer long term sustainable schemes.
- Availability to all, not just those with eligible social care needs.
- How to enable people to maintain their independence and remain in their local communities.

In response to Members' comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- The shift from Day Centres to Neighbourhood Network Services – it was reported that there would still be day care centre provision for those who were eligible for a statutory social care service.
- Criterion for meeting requirements of social care provision under the Community Care Act and different interventions that could be used.
- Reduction in numbers of older people potentially using services due people generally being in better health and improvements in medicine and other care.
- Personalisation and individual choice.
- There had been a noted increased demand for the use of Neighbourhood Networks.
- Placement of those who would be affected by proposed day centre closures

- Information was requested on Neighbourhood Network activity across Inner East Leeds – it was reported that this would be made available, along with cost information.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted
- (2) That it be suggested that one centre should remain open, possibly with a different role, but providing an opportunity for people to use or purchase services from there.
- (3) That a further report be brought to the Area Committee following the consultation period.

(Councillors Hyde and Selby declared a personal interest during this item due to their respective positions on the North and South Seacroft Good Neighbours Scheme, as did Councillor Hollingsworth due to his position with Richmond Hill Elderly Aid)

31 Area Delivery Plan 2008/11 - Update

The report of the East North East Area Manager provided Members with an update on the Area Delivery Plan actions for 2009-10. It detailed work carried out on behalf of the Area Committee since the last meeting in the summer and provided information on the Wellbeing revenue programme and expenditure.

Members attention was brought to Appendix B of the report which outlined summer activities provided for children and young people in Inner East Leeds. £21,600 of funding provided by the Area Committee had resulted in additional investment of £76,700 and a wide range of activities had been made available.

Details of small grants allocated were also included in the report.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

32 Wellbeing Capital Update and Scheme Proposal

The report of the East North East Area Manager updated the Members on 2009-10 capital wellbeing expenditure. It also requested the Area Committee to approve the following capital projects:

- Burmantofts and Richmond Hill - £2,500 for the development of a new recycling area in Cromwell Heights and Naseby Grange; £12,000k for the refurbishment of a public green space at Ivy Street; £15,000 for alleygating scheme at Back Cross Green Crescent.
- Gipton and Harehills - £3,000 for the purchase of 8 memocams; £20,000 for a new play area at Oak Tree Drive; approx £46,000 for alleygates at Bk. Hovingham grove, Bk. Dorset Rd., Bk. Hovingham Mount, Bk. Hovingham Terrace.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the following funding from Burmantofts and Richmond Hill capital wellbeing be approved:
 - £2.5k Recycling – Naseby Grange and Cromwell Heights
 - £12k Ivy Street POS
 - £15k alleygating – Bk Cross Green Crescent
- (3) That the following funding from Gipton and Harehills capital wellbeing be approved:
 - £3k memocams
 - £20k Oak Tree play area
 - £46k alleygating Bk Hovingham Grove and Mount, Bk Dorset Road and Hovingham Terrace

33 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 22 October 2009 at 6.00 p.m.