

Matters Arising from 14th January Meeting

The following provides an update on issues from the North West (Inner) Area Committee meeting held on 14th January 2010 that do not appear on the agenda of this meeting.

Update on the former Royal Park School

The school closed in September 2004, and in response to aspirations from the local community, the Council has endeavoured since then to bring forward various schemes to retain the building for combinations of Council, commercial and community use or other socially useful purpose. Following many attempts all ultimately proved to be undeliverable or had insufficient funding.

Because of this lack of progress, the Council's Executive Board on 14 October 2009 declined the Royal Park Community Consortium's repeated request for a six month period of exclusivity to allow the Consortium time to develop funding applications which might, subsequently, lead to the lease or transfer of the ownership of the property for community purposes. Instead it instructed the Director of City Development to invite unconditional best and final financial offers for sale of the property, including business plans illustrating the ability of the bidder to guarantee the long term sustainability of the building and that the purchaser must demonstrate the financial capacity not only for the purchase but also to address the very substantial cost of the refurbishment that would be required.

Formal tenders have been received and a report is due to be presented to the Councils executive board on 10th March.

Update on the HEART scheme at the former Headingley Primary School

Council officers and the Headingley Development Trust, along with their respective legal teams are currently in the final stages of completing the legal agreement which will include a community centre service level agreement, a funding agreement and a 125 year lease of the former school building to the Trust. The Trust have obtained conditional planning consent and hope to start work on-site by the end of February in order to complete the refurbishment in time for the 'Celebrate Headingley' weekend during the second week-end in September.

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a) Council's policy regarding gritting on pavements

- The Council's policy on winter maintenance is described in more detail in the Highways Maintenance Winter Service Plan, available at www.leeds.gov.uk.
- Footways and paved areas are categorised based on usage. Footways in categories 1a, 1 and 2 primary and secondary walking routes, i.e. city centre, busy urban shopping and business areas and routes linking different transport types such as rail, bus etc, will receive attention when snow or heavy frost is present and resources can be diverted to footway clearance without detriment to any ongoing carriageway winter operations.
- Footways in categories 3 and 4 would not normally be treated other than in response to circumstances.

- Salt bins are only provided if a location meets the criteria set out in the winter service plan, including gradient, amenities and shelter.

c) Holes dug on Woodhouse Moor

- The holes were dug on behalf of the New Generation Transport Scheme. The Parks and Countryside Area Manager inspected the area and found no flagstones broken, and some minor reinstatement work was required. The Parks and Countryside Service was not aware the holes were being dug and have sought reassurances from the NGT programme manager that permission will be sought in the future.

d) Hyde Park and Woodhouse Forum

- The date for the next Hyde Park and Woodhouse Forum will be agreed after the by-election on the 18th February 2010.

e) The Council's Protocol in relation to tarmacing paths

- 200 metres of tarmaced path on Woodhouse Moor was recently resurfaced. The Parks & Countryside service would not normally consult on basic infrastructure repairs.

71 City of Leeds School

- The proportion of students from Headingley Ward attending City of Leeds school is outlined below, along with the number of students attending Lawnswood and Carr Manor high schools.

City of Leeds: 19 of 575 pupils live within the Headingley Ward

Lawnswood: 108 of 1506 pupils live within the Headingley Ward

Carr Manor High: 1 of 723 pupils live within the Headingley Ward