

Matters Arising from 28th October 2010 Meeting

The following provides an update on issues from the North West (Inner) Area Committee meeting held on 28th October that do not appear on the agenda of this meeting.

Minute 31 a Houses in Multiple Occupation

A report to North West (Inner) Area Committee regarding HMOs has been postponed until Feb 2011 so that it can include the proposed way forward for Leeds in reference to Article Four Direction. A briefing for members chaired by Cllr Lewis the Executive member for planning will take place in December to discuss this matter.

Minute 31 b Royal Park Primary School

Members asked for information on costs of additional security patrols. Currently the Council carries out checks from the street twice a day. The cost to provide a weekly perimeter check and an internal check (on separate days) is £20.46 per week, or £491.04 for 24 weeks.

Members also asked for an update on maintenance issues. The cost to temporarily repair the roof is £1,800, however it is unlikely that this work will be carried out in light of the imminent decision on the building's future.

On 5 January Executive Board will consider three offers for the former Royal Park Primary School. Outline details of the offers received are:

- A private limited company has made a financial offer to use the site for community purposes;
- Another private limited company has made a financial offer to use the site for residential purposes;
- Royal Park Community Consortium has made a financial offer to use the site for community purposes.

Minute 33 f Small Grant for bin stickering

Members asked for feedback on a bin stickering project in student areas funded by a Well-being small grant. When collection routes in Leeds changed, the council contacted over 300,000 households by post with details of their new collection arrangements. Having undertaken research in areas with high student populations, it is clear that the standard approach to communicating collection days to residents via a mail out, would not be particularly effective. The council worked with the two Universities and the Student Unions to come up with a different approach in these areas. Instead of mailing calendars to residents in the identified area, the council recruited students to put calendars directly on to the bins in the area. All households were also sent an information leaflet about the change to services, and a small leaflet advising that if a calendar had not been stuck on their bin they could contact the council for one.

Minute 39 Environmental Services Delegation

The work on bringing together the services identified in the report to the last Area Committee meeting has progressed as follows:

A Project Board has now been established to oversee delivery which includes Senior Officers from Environmental Services, Regeneration and Governance. The project is being led by Helen Freeman, Chief Environmental Health Officer.

A work programme has been produced which aims to achieve the delegation of the services being pulled together by the beginning of the new municipal year. The main tasks to be achieved are:

- Integrating the currently separate services and recruit to the new structure
- Mapping current resources and assessing the environmental management needs of localities
- Delivering a programme of Member Development to equip Area Committees to take on the new responsibilities and manage the Service Level Agreements
- Design and agree the SLAs with Committees

Interim progress was reported to the Area Committee Chairs meeting on the 3rd December. A full progress report and module of Member Development will be provided for the next Committee cycle.