

NORTH WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 2006

PRESENT: Councillor J Monaghan in the Chair

Councillors B Atha, S Bentley, P Ewens,
M Hamilton, K Hussain, J Illingworth,
B Jennings, E Minkin and L Rhodes-
Clayton

OFFICERS: Christine Addison, North West Area Manager
Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management
Andrew Crates, Development Department
Keith Burton, Chief Executive's Department
Duncan Scobie, Marketing Leeds
Stuart Robinson, Chief Executive's Department

**MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC:**

Martin Cook, Headingley Network
Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby
Barry Payne, Leeds HMO Lobby
Dr John Dickinson, Weetwood Residents Association
Chris Webb, North Hyde Park Neighbourhood
Association
Annie Faulder, North Hyde Park Neighbourhood
Association
Pam Bone, North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association
Mercia Southon, North Hyde Park Neighbourhood
Association
Bill McKinnon, Friends of Woodhouse Moor
Richard Norton, Friends & Residents of Orville Gardens
Richard Coldwell, West Yorkshire Police
Brian Jackson, Headingley Mount Resident
Chris Hill, Headingley Development Trust
Kamila Maqsood, Local Resident

65 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the North West (Inner) Area Committee held at the West Park Centre, Spen Lane, Leeds 16.

66 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

67 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor J Chapman and Councillor D Morton.

68 Open Forum

In accordance with paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed members of the public to make representations or ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

In summary the following issues were raised at the meeting:-

(a) Leeds Metropolitan University's Proposed Development at Beckett's Park (Headingley Campus)

Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby informed the meeting that Leeds HMO Lobby had responded to the consultation on Leeds Metropolitan University's proposal to develop student residential accommodation for approximately 500 students at Beckett's Park (Headingley Campus).

On behalf of Leeds HMO Lobby, he requested the Committee to oppose the application on the grounds that it would create an enormous hole in the AoHM policy.

A debate ensued where it was apparent that some Members of the Committee, especially those within the Kirkstall ward, had not received the consultation questionnaire issued by the Metropolitan University.

The Committee further noted that Andrew Crates, Community Planner, Development Department had been in contact with LMU about the consultation process and it was agreed that the deadline for responses would be extended to 31st December 2006.

In concluding, the Committee expressed its concern about the random consultation process and agreed to revisit this issue at the next meeting in February 2007 when further information on the application would be available.

(b) HMO Licensing – Leeds City Council's Website

Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby informed the meeting that a register of applications submitted by landlords in respect of HMO Licensing was now available on the Council's website.

The Committee welcomed this new initiative.

(c) Streetscene Drop in Session – 4th December 2006

Barry Payne, Leeds HMO Lobby referred to the streetscene drop in session held on 4th December 2006 at St Michael's Parish Church Hall and expressed his gratitude to the Committee on the success of the event.

Following a debate it was noted that the information raised at the event, including illegal parking would be discussed further with relevant officers and the Headingley Forum in the near future.

(Councillor J Illingworth entered the room at 7.10 pm during discussion of the item on Leeds Metropolitan University's proposed development at Beckett's Park (Headingley Campus).

69 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2006 be approved as a correct record.
- (b) That the update on issues arising from the North West (Inner) Area Committee minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2006 be received and noted.

70 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Great Student Run (Minute 53 refers)

Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby enquired on the current position following a recent full page article on this issue in the Leeds Weekly News.

The North West Area Manager responded and informed the meeting that Leeds City Council were currently awaiting a decision by Nova International as to whether they wished to stage a 2007 race. Once Nova had reached a decision the Council would then respond accordingly.

(b) Community Safety (Minute 58 refers)

Councillor E Minkin enquired on the current position regarding the Committee's concern about the lack of Elected Member involvement with Operation Apollo.

The North West Area Manager responded and confirmed that following a recent review of operations, there would be Elected Member involvement in the future.

(c) Transportation Report – Traffic Congestion on A660 through Weetwood, Headingley and Hyde Park and Woodhouse, including A65 through Kirkstall (Minute 51(a) refers)

Councillor E Minkin referred to the Burley Road Bus Scheme and raised her concerns about the replacement landscape strip which would not be as wide under the revised plans.

Following a debate, the Chair agreed to write a letter, on behalf of the Area Committee, to the Development Department requesting reconsideration of this issue.

(d) A 'Vision' for Inner North West Leeds (Minute 62 refers)

Councillor B Atha referred to the urgent need to address the continuing problem of student accommodation in residential areas and requested the Area Committee to recommend to the Executive Board that all houses in multiple occupation should be licensed with a policy in place within the North West Inner area.

Following a vote by those Elected Members present, the above recommendation was approved and the North West Area Manager agreed to write a letter to Councillor A Carter on this issue.

The Committee also agreed to refer the issue to the Shared Housing Group for further discussion.

(Councillor K Hussain entered the room at 7.20 pm during discussion of the item on the Great Student Run).

71 Key Messages from Area Forums and Area Committee Themed Sub Groups

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report providing feedback on actions identified in past key message reports and updating Members on the key messages from ward forums and sub groups that have taken place since the last Area Committee.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- the need for stronger planning policies in the Kirkstall ward
- the need to encompass Kirkstall within the Area Action Plan
- the need to focus on Kirkstall and the links across the valley and not to restrict this to Headingley in isolation
- the need to address issues of development and regeneration in Kirkstall at the North West Vision meeting on 14th December 2006

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That approval be given to Headingley being the next focus of a Neighbourhood Design Statement with funding allocated to Headingley Development Trust to undertake this.
- (c) That approval be given to support initial planning work to take place in progressing towards an Area Action Plan.
- (d) That approval be given to support the request by Headingley Forum that a review of the Headingley Cumulative Impact Policy be undertaken and that as a first step evidence of the impact of late night eateries in the area be gathered.
- (e) That approval be given to the re-establishment of the Central Headingley Strategy Group.
- (f) That a report be submitted to a future Area Committee meeting on Children Leeds Extended Services.
- (g) That the issues of concern raised at the meeting by the Kirkstall Ward Members be addressed at the Inner North West Vision meeting on 14th December 2006.

72 Well-being Report

Referring to Minute 56 of the meeting held on 26th October 2006, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on the Well-being budget.

The purpose of the report was to provide Members with:-

- an analysis of Well-being applications during 2006/07, by theme and area
- an outline of in principle commitments already made for the 2007/08 budget
- possible options for the allocation of funds during 2007/08
- an update on small grants approved in 2006/07

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- (a) Breakdown of Revenue Spend – 2006/07 Revenue Spend by theme/ 2006/07 Revenue Spend by ward (Appendix 1 refers)
- (b) Breakdown of Capital Spend – Capital Spend 2004/07 to date by theme / Capital Spend 2004/07 to date by ward (Appendix 2 refers)
- (c) Projects agreed in principle for 2007/08 (Appendix 3 refers)
- (d) Area Committee Well-Being Fund – Project Summary –Yorkshire Deli Market/Headingley Development Trust (HDT) (Appendix 4 refers)

The Chair informed the Committee that at the East (Inner) Area Committee meeting held on 6th December 2006, Members had decided to withdraw their funding in respect of Radio Asian Fever following advice received from officers.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That approval be given to holding a special budget workshop in early 2007 to look at funding for 2007/08.
- (c) That in respect of Radio Asian Fever, this Committee notes that as the organisation had not achieved the required funding from other Area Committees, this Committee's allocation be withdrawn.
- (d) That North West Area Management be requested to write to the organisation to advise them of the need to resubmit its application should it achieve all of the other funding required from other sources.
- (e) That the small grant application received from Headingley Development Trust in respect of the Yorkshire Deli Market be approved.

73 Headingley Development Trust

Referring to Minute 41 of the meeting held on 21st September 2006, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report in respect of Headingley Development Trust, including its work and aspirations for the ward of Headingley.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That this Committee fully supports the Headingley Development Trust's proposals.
- (c) That this Committee would also support a less than best value disposal, or a long lease arrangement of the ex-Headingley Primary School site to Headingley Development Trust in order to achieve its HEART ambitions.
- (d) That the above resolutions be provided to the Executive Board when it considers the disposal of the ex-Headingley Primary School site at its meeting on 13th December 2006.

74 Marketing of Inner North West Leeds

Referring to Minute 6 of the meeting held on 29th June 2006, the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on the marketing of Inner North West Leeds.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Duncan Scobie, Marketing Leeds, was also in attendance and made a brief presentation on the specific issues outlined in section 3.2 of the report.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and presentation.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- clarification as to how Inner North West Leeds would be marketed by Marketing Leeds
- the need for a vision document of Inner North West Leeds to be produced prior to having a marketing strategy in place
- the need to have more discussions on how to portray Inner North West Leeds as a lively and interesting place and to focus on such attractions as Kirkstall Abbey/ Kirkstall Museum etc with the aim of promoting green spaces etc
- the need to focus on deprived areas for sport and to build upon the strengths of what was currently in place in terms of sport development
- the need for Marketing Leeds to be involved in the development and production of the Inner North West Vision document
- the importance of having a consultation process with local organisations and resident groups within the Inner North West area
- the need to focus on the role of culture and regeneration and adopt the practice of how we live and how we learn

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report, together with the presentation from Marketing Leeds be noted.
- (b) That Marketing Leeds be requested to be involved in the development and production of the Inner North West Vision document.

75 Children's Trust Arrangements for Leeds

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report in respect of progress in implementing the Children Act and to summarise the children's trust arrangements that were being adopted in Leeds.

Appended to the report was a copy of a diagram illustrating children's trust arrangements in Leeds for the information/comment of the meeting.

Keith Burton, Deputy Director, Children's Services (Commissioning and Partnerships), Chief Executive's Department presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments. A copy of the powerpoint presentation slides were also circulated at the meeting.

Detailed discussion ensued on the content of the report and appendices.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- the need to look at how the children's trust would connect with Elected Members and the Area Committee
- clarification of how the Children's Trust would connect with Primary Care Trusts
- clarification of the current running of health buses in limited areas
- clarification of the staffing structure of the Children's Trust and the appointments made to date
- clarification of the work being undertaken by the Children's Trust in respect of those children who were out of control
- the need for the Children's Trust to liaise with School Governors

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.

76 Leeds Local Development Framework

The Head of Planning and Economic Policy, Development Department submitted a report on raising the awareness of the Leeds Local Development Framework (LDF) and inviting specific comments from Members on initial Core Strategy issues and options and scenarios.

Andrew Crates, Community Planner, Development Department presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- the need to focus on the relationship between development and transport to ensure Leeds' continued economic success
- the need to focus on the 'higher quality' of urban design as well as creative urban design which had a key role to play in providing successful places
- clarification as to who had determined the statement in the report that in Leeds a large proportion of housing stock was the wrong size and of poor standard

- the need for highways engineers to have a total re-think on transport issues in the Kirkstall ward
- the urgent need to provide homes for people throughout the city
- the need for the Local Development Framework to address temporary seasonal accommodation and houses converted into multi occupational homes

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (b) That the Community Planner, Development Department be requested to summarise the points raised at the meeting on the draft Core Strategy and to forward an email to Members and interested parties with a link to the relevant documents, in order that such comments may be made before the 18th December 2006 deadline.
- (c) That this report be referred to the next meeting of the Planning Group for discussion and for North West Area Management to invite the Head of Planning and Economic Policy.

77 Making Leeds Better Progress Report

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report in respect of progress made to date in relation to Making Leeds Better, a strategic programme for improving health and social care services in the city.

Appended to the report was a city wide update on the Making Leeds Better programme produced by Making Leeds Better for the information/comment of the meeting.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That the resolution of the NHS boards on 19th September 2006 be noted.
- (c) That Members questions, concerns or ideas be fed into the plans for Making Leeds Better via the North West Area Manager.

78 Scrutiny Action Learning Project Around Community Development in Health and Wellbeing

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report requesting the views of Members in relation to the important measures around community development in Health and Wellbeing.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document entitled 'Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) Community Development in Health and Wellbeing Terms of Reference' for the information/comment of the meeting.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- the need to focus on community development and to make sure that the people residing in Inner North West Leeds receive the best health services currently available
- the need to address the Joint Service Centre project in Kirkstall

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That North West Area Management be requested to compile a list of projects within the North West Inner area and to circulate a copy to Members of the Committee for their input.

79 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 8th February 2007 at 7.00 pm (venue to be confirmed)

(The meeting concluded at 9.05 pm)