

NORTH WEST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor P Wadsworth in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, C Campbell,
J L Carter, B Cleasby, C Fox, C Townsley,
P Latty, G Latty, P Wadsworth, D Collins
and S Lay

16 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

17 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

18 Late Items

There were no late items added to the agenda.

19 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

Councillor Cleasby declared a significant other interest in Agenda item 10 'Well - Being fund Budget Report' as a Member of the Horsforth Live at Home Scheme (minute 25 refers).

20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Downes.

21 Open Forum

In accordance with Paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

On this occasion, there were no members of the public present.

22 Minutes - 18th June 2012

The minutes of the North West Outer Area Committee meeting held on 18th June 2012 were approved as a correct record.

23 Matters Arising

Minute No.13. Area Committee Sub Groups

The Area Committee were informed that a representative of Leeds Bradford Airport would be in attendance at the meeting to be held on 5th November 2012 and that a tour of Leeds Bradford would be arranged for Members prior to the meeting.

24 Consultation on expansion of primary school provision for September 2014

The Senior Planning and Bids Manager, Elizabeth Lowes, presented a report of the Director of Children's Services. The report briefed the Area Committee on the proposals being brought forward in response to rising demand for reception places city wide, in particular those impacting on the outer north west area. The report also provided a general update on place pressure issues in the outer north west.

The Director of Children's Services, Nigel Richardson was also in attendance.

Members raised their concerns about the school's chosen for expansion and highlighted the developments which are proposed for the outer north west area of Leeds which will require primary school provision. Members requested that they be provided with planned expansions as early as possible.

Members also considered the problem of getting children into the school's closest to them.

A request was made to officers present for information on the reception class numbers for 2013/14 for the schools in Horsforth and Otley.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the report be noted;
- (b) that Members of the Area Committee respond to officers on an individual basis with their response to the consultation; and
- (c) that officers present provide information requested by Members during the discussion of this item.

25 Remobilisation of the New Generation Transport (NGT) Scheme: Current Position and Public Consultation

It was agreed by the Chair that agenda item 12 be heard at this point during the meeting due to officer availability.

The NGT Project Manager presented a report of the New Generation Transport Team which provided an update on NGT scheme including the rationale for the scheme.

Vanessa Allen, NGT Planning and Urban Design Manager and Dave Haskins NGT Project Director (West Yorkshire Metro) were also in attendance to help answer Member questions.

Members asked questions about the consultation process and how they would be continued to be briefed on the scheme. Concerns were also raised about the integration of bus services and ensuring that services to outer north west Leeds are not damaged by the introduction of NGT and its proposed route.

Members also questioned officers present about the expansion of NGT to other areas of the City and how parking would be managed for people wishing to leave their cars on the outskirts of the city and travel to the centre using NGT.

Members requested that ward members be briefed further through the North West Area Committee Transport Sub Group.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the report and on going consultation be noted; and
- (b) that a further briefing be provided to the North West Area Committee Transport Sub Group.

26 Well-Being Fund Budget Report

The Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance) submitted a report outlining the current position statement of the Area Committee's Wellbeing budget, detailing for determination those expressions of interest received for Wellbeing funding and presenting for information those small grant applications which had been received to date.

During this item the CCTV maintenance cost was considered with Members questioning whether the maintenance of the CCTV cables was spread evenly between all the wards of Leeds.

During discussion of well being funding Members considered that further information was required on what other funding Horsforth Live at Home Scheme received.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the current position of the Well Being Budget, as set out in Section 2 and Section 3 of the submitted report be noted;
- (b) that the following be agreed in respect of those expressions of interest received for Wellbeing funding, as detailed within Section 4 of the submitted report; and

Name of Project: Yeadon Festive Lights
Ward Affected: Otley & Yeadon
Name of delivery organisation: Leeds Lights (LCC)
Decision £3,550 revenue **APPROVED**

Name of Project: Guiseley & Rawdon Festive Lights
Ward affected: Guiseley & Rawdon
Name of delivery organisation: Leeds Lights (LCC)
Decision: £2,550 revenue **APPROVED**

Name of Project: Horsforth Festive Lights
Ward affected: Horsforth
Name of delivery organisation: Horsforth Town Council
Decision: £2,100 revenue **APPROVED**

Name of Project: Horsforth CCTV
Ward affected: Horsforth
Name of delivery organisation: Leedswatch
Decision : £3,679.40 revenue **APPROVED**

Name of Project: Replacement of Water Supply Pipe
Ward affected: Adel & Wharfedale
Name of delivery organisation: Robert Craven Memorial Hall
Decision: £2,500 revenue **APPROVED**

Name of Project: AVSED IT System
Ward affected: Guiseley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon
Name of delivery organisation: Aireborough Voluntary Services to the Elderly with Disabilities
Decision: £2,400 revenue (£1,200 G&R, £1,200 O&Y) **APPROVED**

Name of Project: Sir George Martin Drive Footway
Ward affected: Adel & Wharfedale
Name of delivery organisation: Highways and Transportation (LCC)
Decision : £6,000 revenue **APPROVED** – subject to written confirmation being received that the area being paved does not cover any private property not owned by the Council.

Name of Project: Surprise View Car Park
Ward affected: Guiseley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon
Name of delivery organisation: Friends of Chevin Park
Decision: £2,500 revenue **APPROVED**

Name of Project: Horsforth Live at Home Gardening Scheme
Ward affected: Horsforth
Name of Delivery Organisation: Horsforth Live at Home Scheme
Decision: £2,450 **DEFERRED** – further information to be sought as to other sources of funding received by the group.

(c) that confirmation be sought as to the distribution costs for laying CCTV cables to all wards in Leeds.

27 Children's Services Update Report to Area Committees - Outer North West

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report which provided the Area Committee with an update on Children's Services Developments.

The recent Local Ofsted Inspections were noted by Members and congratulations passed to Children's Services staff involved in these inspections. However disappointment was also expressed that no schools had achieved an outstanding Ofsted report.

Members discussed the report in detail specifically in terms of how the North West Outer area compares to other areas of the City.

Members also questioned officers about the analysis of and reasons for school non attendance and as part of this discussion the meanings of some of the terms used within the performance information provided in the Appendices to the report.

Admission information on Newlaithes and Featherbank school's was requested by Cllr Cleasby.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the report be noted; and
- (b) that the report and appendices be referred to the North West Outer Area Committee Children and Young People Sub Group for further detailed analysis; and
- (c) that admissions information on Newlaithes and Featherbank Primary Schools be provided as requested.

28 West North West Homes Leeds Involvement in Area Committee

West North West Home submitted a report which outlined the purpose of West North West Homes Leeds involvement in Area Committees, and to explore ways of making that involvement as meaningful and productive as possible.

Members asked questions about estate grading and inspections and requested some of the inaccuracies in the division of the estates and areas be corrected. Members commented on the estates rated acceptable and what was being done to improve these.

Communication to residents was also raised in discussion with Members feeling that it was important that residents were informed as to how their estate was performing.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that action plans for estates rated acceptable be forwarded to Members of the Area Committee;
- (b) that West North West Home publicise the results of the estate grading and inspections;
- (c) that a further 6 monthly update report be received by the Area Committee at its meeting on 25th March 2013; and
- (d) that the report be noted.

29 Community Right to Bid

The Acting Chief Asset Management Officer submitted a report which updated the Area Committee on developments with Community Right to Bid and advised of the implementation date.

Members considered the role of the neighbourhood forums in consultation and nomination of assets and also asked the officer present about how Community Right to Bid worked in practice and what obligations the landowner was under.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

30 Area Update Report

The Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance) submitted a report which brought together a range of information regarding Area Committee business.

The Area Improvement Manager, Jane Pattison, informed the Area Committee about Neighbourhood Planning which had been discussed at the Policy Sub Group Meeting on 1st August 2012. The Area Committee agreed that support should be given to local groups and members in relation to Neighbourhood Planning. Members requested that a small grant be made for Neighbourhood Planning.

RESOLVED –

- (a) that the report be noted; and

- (b) that a small grant be made by the Area Committee for Neighbourhood Planning activities.

31 Area Chairs Forum Minutes

The Area Committee considered a report of the Assistant Chief Executive Customer Access and Performance. The report formally notified Members that the minutes of Area Chair's Forum meetings will be brought to Area Committee meetings as a regular agenda item and presented for comment the minutes of the Area Chairs' Forum meeting held on 12th March 2012.

Members considered the minutes of the Area Chair's forum meeting.

RESOLVED – that the contents of the report be noted.

32 Appointment of Area Committee Representation upon Leeds Initiative Area Based Partnership Groups/Corporate Carers' Group

The Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Access and Performance) and the Chief Officer (Democratic and Central Services) submitted a report which provided background to local Member representation upon Leeds Initiative Area Based Partnership groups and also the Council's Corporate Carer's Group, and invited the Committee to determine the Elected Member appointments to those groups.

RESOLVED – The Area Committee resolved that:

- (a) Councillor P Latty be appointed to the Corporate Carers' Group;
- (b) Councillor G Latty be appointed to the Area Health and Wellbeing Partnership; and
- (c) Councillor S Lay be appointed to the Divisional Community Safety Partnership.

33 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

2pm 5th November 2012, Guiseley Methodist Church, Off Oxford Road, LS20 9EP.

The meeting concluded at 4:45pm