

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor J Akhtar in the Chair

Councillors K Brooks, A Garthwaite,
J Gibson, C Knight, J Pryor and N Walshaw

13 Late Items

There were no late items. The following supplementary information was submitted with regards to Agenda Item 10, Wellbeing Update for 2018/19 Q2:

- Project summary for the refurbishment of the Welcome In activity room.
- Additional funding application for fencing at Hollin Drive.

14 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations.

15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Bentley and G Harper.

16 Minutes - 21 June 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

17 Universal Credit Update

The report of the Senior Policy Development Officer, Financial Inclusion Team provided the Committee with an update on Universal Credit.

Simon Betts, Department of Work and Pensions and Paul Harris, Housing Manager were in attendance for this item.

A briefing note was appended to the report which outlined the main issues and the Committee was given a presentation with regards to the implementation of Universal Credit.

It was reported that Universal Credit would begin to be implemented in Leeds from 10 October 2018 and the main focus was to try and raise aspirations in terms of work and future prospects whilst still supporting the most vulnerable.

Main issues highlighted included the following:

- Universal Credit would replace existing benefits with one monthly payment.
- The transition process on to Universal Credit for those in receipt of benefits.
- The benefits that Universal Credits would replace.
- How Universal Credits would be paid.
- The process for claiming Universal Credits and assistance with making claims.

In response to questions, the following was discussed:

- The transition from existing benefits would be seamless and people would not miss out on payments.
- For people awaiting their first claims, advance payments could be requested.
- The 16 hour rule would no longer exist meaning people could work longer hours without losing all benefits. This would help people back into full time employment and off benefits.
- Staff at job centres would be able to assist with making claims and digital support would be available across the city.
- Support provided by Housing Leeds to assist with claims and work with landlords.
- Safeguarding issues – there would be support to vulnerable people.

RESOLVED – That the report and discussion be noted.

18 Open Forum

Prior to the Open Forum, the Chair welcomed Eve Roodhouse, Chief Officer for Economic Development to the meeting.

Eve informed the Committee of the role of Economic Development which included policy; business support and attracting inward investment. The importance of the Inclusive Growth Strategy which focussed on people, places and activity was highlighted. Further reference was made to ongoing projects and the mapping exercise that was ongoing to capture all the relevant organisations across the City. Members were informed of the Digital Summit which was due to be held in November 2018.

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. The following was discussed:

- Disappointment that local community groups had not been made aware of the recent traffic consultation event held by Connecting Leeds at Leeds City Academy.

- Thanks were expressed to all officers and staff at the universities who had been involved in helping new students to integrate into the community. There had however still been some problems with parties and anti-social behaviour.
- Concern regarding the extension of licensing times at Headingley Stadium and the impact on local residents who had already suffered disturbance during development works. It was reported that the licence application had been complicated due to the various licences required for different events and a full response had been provided by Entertainment Licensing.
- Concern regarding the change of the Noise Nuisance helpline number. This was not publicised and the automated message did not give the new number.
- Development of a Wellbeing Centre for Hyde Park. A meeting would be arranged with Headingley & Hyde Park and Little London and Woodhouse Members.

19 Inner North West Community Committee Briefing Neighbourhood Team - September 2018

The report of the Chief Officer, Access & Care Delivery, Adult Social Care provided the Area Committee with an update on the progress with Strength Based Social Care across the city and drew attention to local features of this new approach to service delivery.

The following were in attendance for this item:

Carl Arnold – Project Manager, Adult Social Care
Jo Browning, Service Delivery Manager, Adult Social Care
Rhona Neilson, Team Manager, Adult Social Care

The Committee was shown a short video and given a presentation. A map showing the location of Neighbourhood Teams and Talking Point locations was also displayed.

Key issues discussed included the following:

- Talking points – these gave an initial point of first contact and speeded up the assessment process.
- Plans for talking points in other locations – Members were asked for locations but were reminded any venue needed to have low costs and be accessible.
- Use of Talking Points was growing and people were getting seen earlier than through the home visits system. Home visits were still available for those unable to attend a Talking Point.
- Little London Community Centre and the Welcome In at Weetwood were suggested as potential venues for Talking Points.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report and presentation be noted.
- (2) That the desire to return to the Community Committee Chairs Forum with a summary of this round of updates be noted.

20 Matter arising from the minutes

Minute No. 8 – Community Committee Appointments 2018/19

RESOLVED – That the appointment of Councillor J Gibson to the Ireland Wood Children’s Centre Management Committee be confirmed.

21 Wellbeing Fund update for 2018/19 Q2

The report of the Area Leader provided the Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activity Fund for 2018/19 and the current position of the small grants and skips pot.

Members were asked to:

- Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19 and consider any applications.
- Note the current position of the Small Grants and Skips pots.
- Note the current position of the Youth Activity Fun and those projects supported to date.
- Note the current position of the Wellbeing Capital fund and consider any funding applications.
- Agree the recommended application round process and funding priorities for 2019/20.

Jenna Robinson, Localities Officer presented the report.

Members’ attention was brought to the following applications:

- Refurbishment of Welcome In Activity Room – a project summary had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting and Members were supportive of this project.
- Hollin Drive – Replacement Rear Fence – This would be match funded with the HAP. The fencing would separate housing from the public bridleway where there had been recent incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Further issues discussed included the following:

- Remaining balances of the various budgets available.
- Process for Youth Activity Fund allocations.
- Wellbeing Application Round for 2019/20

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19 be noted.
- (2) That the following projects be approved:
 - Refurbishment of Welcome In Activity Room - £10,000
 - Hollin Drive, LS16 5NE – Replacement Rear Fence (18-42) - £6,407.68
- (3) That the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this be noted.
- (4) That the current position of the Wellbeing Capital fund be noted.
- (5) That the recommended application round process and funding priorities for 2019/20 be agreed.

22 Area Update Report

The report of the Area Leader provided the Committee with a summary of recent sub group and forum business as well as a general update on other project activity.

Members were asked to note the following:

- Key public health messages for the area.
- Community Committee newsletter.

Jenna Robinson, Localities Officer presented the report.

It was reported that there had not been any Sub-Group meetings since the last full meeting of the Community Committee. With regard to the Best Start Zone highlighted in the key public health messages, it was reported that this was focussed on the Hyde Park area.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the area update newsletter be noted.
- (2) That the key public health messages for the area be noted.

23 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 6 December 2018 at 7.00 p.m.