



Northern Area Committee

13th November, 2008

PRESENT:-

Councillor C Randall(Chair), Councillor K.E. Mathieson(Deputy Chair), Councillor S.J Bayes, Councillor T Geraghty, Councillor T.P Larsen, Councillor D McCobb, Councillor C.E Randall

IN ATTENDANCE:-

Richard Mainprize, Rob Tranmer(Streetscene), Alastair Shaw, Martin Benge, Jeannette Oliver, Carl Newsam and Andrew Stamp(Area and Neighbourhood Management), one member of the public was in attendance

APOLOGIES:-

None

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
PROCEDURAL ITEMS		
71	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>No apologies were received</p>	
72	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations of interest were received</p>	
73	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2008</p> <p>Agreed - That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on the 9th October 2008, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and signed by the Chair.</p>	
74	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTHERN AREA HOUSING BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2008</p> <p>Agreed - That the minutes of the Northern Area Housing Board be noted.</p>	
75	<p>UPDATE ON RESOLUTIONS PASSED</p> <p>The Governance Officer(Northern) tabled a report on issues raised at the last meeting, and outstanding resolutions from previous meetings of the Committee.</p> <p>Minute 14c) On the issue of the Dane Park Pavillion site, Members were concerned that the scheme for this site had not been progressed any further, and that the proposed scheme was subject to appropriate insurance monies being forthcoming. As this was not the case at the present time, Members requested an update report on the present situation of the site.</p>	(b-f)Area Housing Governance Officer - Northern

	<p>Minute 52a) On the issues of the new footpath on 11th Avenue and weeds growing through the tarmac. Members requested the Head of Streetscene, when planning such works involving the construction of paths and highways, contract specification to include appropriate weed control prior to construction.</p> <p>Members stressed the importance of road markings that had been taken up for roadworks, needed to be replaced as soon as possible. Members commented that this should be included in the contract specification for such roadworks and be part of the main contractor requirement.</p> <p>Agreed;</p> <p>a) That the report be noted by the Committee, b) that a report on the outstanding resolutions concerning the former Danepark Pavillion building be tabled to a future meeting of this Committee, c) that the Head of Streetscene ensures appropriate weed prevention control measures be incorporated into future highway construction works, d) that the Head of Streetscene reports on the requested combination of the highway resurfacing contract and Highway marking contract to ensure road markings are re-instated without delay following resurfacing works, e) that resolutions 62b, 64b, 65a, 66a, 68d, 69a, 69b, 21b, 51g, 51h and 53b be deleted from the list, and f) that the Governance Officer progresses all other outstanding issues</p>	
76	<p>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</p> <p>Members of the Public were given the opportunity to raise questions relating to the Northern Area. Matters raised included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed Northern Learning Academy - a resident queried why no action had been taken over the alleged physical threat to members of a delegation that had visited the proposed site. 2. Parks in the Northern Area - a resident asked if the parks in the Northern Area would be regenerated. It was explained that a feasibility study is currently underway. 3. Dog Fouling in Public Spaces - a resident asked if this issues had been progressed following the last meeting. <p>Agreed;</p> <p>a) That the issue of persons being physically threatened whilst visiting the Proposed BSF site, be passed to the Police for further investigation and clarification, b) that a report be submitted at a future meeting of the Committee with the results of the condition survey for Parks in the Northern Area, and c) that a report on Dog Fouling in public places be presented to a future meeting of the Area Committee</p>	(a-c)Area Housing Governance Officer - Northern
NON-EXEMPT ITEMS		
Non-Key Decisions		
77	QUILLCOURT PETITION	(b)Area Housing

The Area Manager (Sustainable Communities) from Area and Neighbourhood Management presented the report to the Area Committee. His report included:

- Residents were concerned about flooding in their area following June 2007
- Following the flats demolition, brick waste was deposited to create slops towards housing
- Petition by residents sent to the Area Committee for comment and progression

Members were informed that a survey was being carried out to establish the condition of the drainage under the slopping ground, which would give a clearer picture as to whether the drainage channels had been damaged and if there was any movement that could indicate water accumulation.

Members asked if the petition and report could be passed to the Head of Streetscene for further investigation and report back to the Committee.

Agreed;

- a) That the report be noted, and
- b) that the petition and report be sent to the Head of Streetscene for further investigation and report back to the Area Committee with the findings

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RESERVOIR ROAD PARKING - VERBAL UPDATE

(b)Head of
Streetscene Services

A representative from Streetscene gave a verbal update to the Area Committee. His verbal update included:

- Issues with parking in the Reservoir Road Area
- Investigations into the parking permit scheme for the Road
- Complaints received from residents regarding local businesses using the parking in the area
- Proposed parking spaces for residents in the Reservoir Road Area

Members were concerned that priority needed to be given to resident parking in the area, and that the exclusion time for businesses to park needed to be increased during the day.

Members asked for consultation to begin in the area at the end of November 2008, with a view to having an update to the Area Committee in December.

Agreed;

	<p>a) That the report be noted; and b) that once the consultation with residents has been carried out, that the findings be reported back to the December meeting of the Area Committee</p>	
79	<p>GREENWOOD AVENUE PARKING(BEVERLEY ROAD JUNCTION TO BEVERLEY/BARMSTON DRAIN)</p> <p>The Northern Area Highways Interface Officer from Streetscene gave a verbal update to the Area Committee. His verbal update included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues with commuters using Greenwood Avenue for parking when travelling into the citycentre • Timed zones for the parking areas • No guarantee of parking spaces for permit holders • No reserved spaces for residents • A Park and Ride facility to the north of the city is currently under negotiation with parties concerned to alleviate problems of parking • Parking permits would need to be purchased annually for the scheme to be in place <p>Members were concerned that this verbal update did not truly reflect the problems of parking along Greenwood Avenue and asked for a detailed study and consultation to be carried out to determine residents issues</p> <p>Agreed; a) That the report be noted, b) that a traffic and parking survey be carried out together with full resident consultation, and c) that a report be presented to the Area Committee</p>	(b)Head of Streetscene Services
80	<p>NORTHERN AREA FUNDS COMMUNITY INITIATIVES BUDGET AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND REPORT AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Area Manager(Sustainable Communities) submitted a report outlining expenditure to date on the Community Initiatives and Community Safety Budgets. There were no new applications to be considered by the committee.</p> <p>The Committee noted the Following:</p> <p>CIB 7-98, Northern Area Team and Landscape Architects. To provide modern multi use and multi age play scheme. Additional request for funds for provisions of multi purpose sports and play facilities to ensure all costs, which have escalated with the price of steel, are covered for the Shaw Park Play facility with no further reduction in play equipment</p>	(a-h)Area Manager Sustainable Communities - Northern

CIB 7-99, Northern Area Team and Streetscene. Improved environment. Inglemire Lane/Philip Larking Close raised bed. Tiger teeth bollards placed close together allowing flexibility to shape a sloping flower bed with an inner membrane to help preserve the wood from rotting.

CIB 17-3, Rainbow Garden. Education, learning and employment. Funding to pay for Employer Liability insurance for the Rainbow Garden. To take young people on work experience the garden needs to have employer liability insurance in place. Young people would come from Connexions, Sir Henry Cooper School, etc.

CIB 56-2, Hull Youth Enterprise Partnership. An educational experience for local young people. To run a 'Young Enterprise' Programme in primary schools and Sir Henry Cooper School. The primary programme consists of 6 modules which are run over 5 one hour weekly sessions for 60-90 young people age 7-11.

CIB 7-100, Northern Area Team/Waste Management. Improved cleaner area and community pride. A Bring Out Your Rubbish Day Event to be held in the same week as the Citysafe Action Week. 08.11.08 covering 800 properties 20th, 14th, 16th, 10th, 12th, 8th, 6th, 18th Avenues and Ripley Close.

CIB 7-101, Northern Area Team. Safe area for public use. Funding for replacement drainage cover for Shaw Park Playing Fields. The drain is still live, and the cover needs replacing due to the risk it poses.

CSF 16-1, Hall Road Residents(Mr Lawrence). Improved security for residents. to target harden a rear access area; provide funding for new lock and keys.

CSF 6-14, Northern Area Team. To provide secure fencing to one side of Wetherby Close Communal Garden. Local residents will be able to feel safe and secure whilst enjoying the benefits of produce grown in the communal garden.

Agreed - Members agreed the following:

- a) CIB 7-98, Northern Area Team/Landscape Architects - Shaw Park. Total cost £17,000, amount requested £17,000(capital). Total cost to be met by Orchard Park and Greenwood Ward
- b) CIB 7-99, Northern Area Team/Streetscene - Flower Bed. Total cost £4,600, amount requested £4,600(revenue). Total cost to be met by University Ward
- c) CIB 17-3, Rainbow Garden - Insurance. Total cost £157.50, amount requested £157.50(revenue). Total cost to be met by University Ward
- d) CIB 56-2, Hull Youth Enterprise Partnership - an educational experience for local young people. Total cost £3,400, amount requested £3,400(revenue) Total cost to be met by University Ward.
- e) CIB 7-100, Northern Area Team/Waste Management - Bring out your Rubbish Day. Total cost £3,000, amount requested £2,000(revenue). Total cost to be met by Orchard Park and Greenwood Ward
- f) CIB 7-101, Northern Area Team - Drain Cover - Shaw Park. Total cost £189.13, amount requested £189.13(capital). Total cost to be met by Orchard Park and Greenwood Ward
- g) CSF 16-1, Hall Road Residents - New Lock and Keys. Total cost £48.90, amount requested £48.90. Total cost to be met by University Ward

	h) CSF 6-14, Northern Area Team - Wetherby Close Communal Garden. Total cost £2,180, amount requested £2,180. Total cost to be met by Orchard Park and Greenwood Ward	
81	<p>EFFECTIVE AREA MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The Area Director - Northern presented the report to the Area Committee. His report included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the 'Transformation Programme' to the Area Committee • Aims of the programme and the effect it will have on the Areas • The Governments white paper on 'Communities in Control' and its role in community engagement • Links with residents and services that the Area Teams deliver • improved levels of customer satisfaction and performance • Links with partners to roll out the programme in the Area <p>Members were deeply concerned that the Committee had not been consulted on the 'Transformation Programme' in the Area with particular reference to the stated programme brief, and asked the Interim Head of Service to attend an informal meeting with the Committee to discuss the report and gain Committee feedback.</p> <p>A Member said that although the service in its present form was working for the Northern Area, they felt as though disaggregation of services was not fully completed and that the Area Team were being hampered by this.</p> <p>Members said that Area Committees and Area Teams needed to control budgets for Housing, Waste Management and use the centre less to provide a better service in the Areas.</p> <p>The Committee needed to be given further information on the programme, so that they have a better understanding of the programmes implications on the Area, the Committee also needed information on who was setting the intended outcomes for the programme,</p> <p>Agreed;</p> <p>a) That the author of the report be asked to attend an informal meeting of the Area Committee Members to discuss issues raised, and</p> <p>b) that further discussions would take place at the December meeting of the Area Committee on the 'Transformation Programme'</p>	(a-b)Area Director - Northern
82	<p>STREET CARE MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The Area Director - Northern, opened the discussion on the review of Disaggregated Street Care budgets with the Area Committee. The Committee</p>	(a-b)Area Director - Northern

discussed:

- Disaggregated budgets in the Area
- Cleaning of housing land
- Services in the Area
- Rectifying problems to the service in the Area
- No control of Street Care services in the Area

Members were concerned that the Area Committee was not being consulted on issues in the local Area and that the services provided in the Area were under resourced, which needed to be addressed.

Agreed;

- a) That the Committee asks full Council to look into resources regarding Street Care to allow a balanced approach for services, and
- b) that a report on the findings of the full Council be presented to a future meeting of the Area Committee

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AREA DIRECTOR'S(NORTHERN) QUARTERLY REPORT AND VERBAL UPDATE

(b)Area Director - Northern

The Area Director - Northern presented the report to the Area Committee. His report included:

Quarterly Report

- Statistical information stating that the Northern Area was top or second in all performance categories
- Encam survey information available
- Crime statistics and Community Safety work on track in the Area
- Street Care surveys detailing statistics on litter, graffiti, showing increases and the Area needs more resources
- Relet times for the Area

Members were very concerned that the average relet times had increased significantly, and that this service needed to be improved.

Area Director's Verbal Update

- Progress was being made at meetings of the Orchard Park District Centre Regeneration Board
- Shopping Centre Master Plan was underway, with temporary lights being installed prior to demolition of some of the site

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at plans for the new Orchard Park Centre and the new Plaza • Engaging with Groundworks, who had expressed an interest in working in the Northern Area • Away Day planned with Members • PFI bid for the Orchard Park <p>Members were very concerned that they had not been involved in the consultation process for the PFI bid. Members asked if they could receive a copy of the full bid and appendices before it went to Cabinet for a decision</p> <p>Members also asked for a special Area Committee to be arranged to discuss this bid in full with the Director of Housing in attendance.</p> <p>Agreed;</p> <p>a) That the report be noted, and</p> <p>b) that a full copy of the Bid and appendices be received by the Committee, so that a special meeting of the Committee can be arranged to discuss this issue.</p>	
84	<p>FORWARD REPORT PROGRAMME</p> <p>Agreed - That the report be noted with the addition of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of Surplus Properties • Update on the services provided by the Community Wardens • Community Associations - Community Centre Review 	

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10.00am to 12.00 noon

The above Executive Decisions will come into force and many be implemented on the expiry of five working days after publication of the decisions i.e 21st November 2008, unless called in by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.