

East Area Committee

13th May, 2025

PRESENT:-

Councillors Belcher, Cahill, Chambers, Connor, Dad, Hatcher, Healand, Jepmond (Chair), Keal, Preston (Deputy Chair), D. Thompson.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

I. Anderson (Director of Legal Services and Partnerships)
P. Robson (Forum)
E. Butters (Assistant Director of Strategic Planning and Transformation, Hull Health and Care Partnership)
Sgt B. Fuller (Humberside Police)

L. Buttery (Head of Customer Service)
A. Shaw (Community Manager, Neighbourhoods and Housing)
P. Todd (Democratic Services Officer)

APOLOGIES:-

Councillors Gardiner, Kemp, Pantelakis, Raspin, Tock and Wilkinson.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
PROCEDURAL ITEMS		
78.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest were made in respect of the items that follow below.	
79.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2025 The Democratic Services Officer presented the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday 11 th March 2025 for approval. It was highlighted that the date on page 1 of the minutes stated the meeting took place on 11 th March 2024 and should read 11 th March 2025. Agreed – That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday 11 th March 2025, with the date amendment, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.	
80.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS	

	No public questions were received.	
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NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

Non-Key Decisions

81.	<p>EAST AREA PLAN UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships provided a briefing paper that outlined the objectives achieved in 2024/25, in relation to the 3 ambitions within the Area Plan, suggested future objectives and facilitated a discussion at the Committee with Members and partners on how to progress further, the strategic vision established within the plan going forward.</p> <p>A discussion took place, on ambition 1, between Members and partners around a workshop that would dedicate time on the different age groups within young people and focus on identifying the gaps in provision and how to do something about it. The aim would be to identify the issues, bring suggestions from members and partners, and collaboratively build a path forward. It was highlighted that one of the core points of discussion would be around NEETs and to join up conversations with providers in the community to identify how to convert an opportunity into a reality, and ultimately reduce the NEETs in the East Area. Another area of focus would be within schools and to investigate the health and wellbeing of younger children and change what would become long term behaviours.</p> <p>Members raised the mapping exercise, that detailed what was available in the East Area, and highlighted there were still things missing. The Community Manager advised the map would be brought to all Ward briefings to allow Members to provide further detail and clarity.</p> <p>A further discussion took place around Ambition 2, in which Health partners advised a large piece of work was underway on mapping and integrated data with a focus on neighbourhood health and to look at the gaps in the local communities. Members encouraged a proactive approach rather than to mop up once things had gone wrong. It was also requested that measurements be provided on not just health but also support and advice provided alongside economic activity. The Head of Customer Service advised the Committee that advice services at the former Greatfield Hub had not shut down but had relocated to St Hildas or St Stephens two days per week. The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships commented on the Hull Strategy and making access easier to residents by encouraging digital media, which had been successful. Concerns were raised around those that struggled to access digital media and comments made on the lack of Social Media</p>	
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	<p>links. Measurements were requested to back up the data on hits vs engagement and further information on how to use the digital tools.</p> <p>Members requested that Ambition 2 be updated to also include a focus on public transport, parking, active travel and highways due to concerns raised over being able to access services in the city.</p> <p>With reference to Ambition 3, a discussions took place with regards to crime, reporting, hot spots and how to measure outcomes. It was highlighted that the Big Survey on Active Hull could provide data to help understand change and what was being done to deliver it. Members also raised the link between residents reporting problems and the potential of no action being taken. Issues were raised in areas that included fires, damage to property and anti-social behaviour, with a discussion around responding to those at a ward level, but when looking at an Area strategic level how to change the behaviours so the neighbourhoods and open spaces felt safe. Police partners advised that a focus on reducing the attractiveness of criminality should be a core focus, and Members suggested to look into ways to facilitate the use of land in the community to allow local clubs and individuals to make use of the space.</p> <p>Agreed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. That the workshop be setup before the next meeting of the Area Committee and that it be split into two age groups that focused on under 16's and over 16's; b. that the Area Map be brought to all Ward Briefings for Members to provide further detail and clarity on the data; c. that measurements on digital media engagement and information on how to use the digital tools available be added to the delivery plan and presented at a future meeting; d. that measurements on crime hotspots and how preventative outcomes affected the data be added to the delivery plan and presented at a future meeting, and e. that ways to make use of community open spaces be explored to help improve a feeling of safety and reduction in criminal behaviour be added to the delivery plan and presented at a future meeting. 	<p>a. Head of Customer Service / Community Manager</p> <p>b. Community Manager</p> <p>c-e. Head of Customer Service</p>
82.	<p>EAST AREA S106/CIL FUNDS</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships provided a report to advise the Committee of available Section 106 & CIL</p>	

	<p>(Community Infrastructure Levy) available monies to be allocated to projects in the East Area Committee area. The report also sought agreement to the allocation of funds for the enhancement of public open space in the Ings Ward that would benefit residents of the Ings, Longhill and Bilton Grange and Sutton Wards.</p> <p>The officer gave a brief overview of the report.</p> <p>Agreed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. That the Ward budget balance for each East Area ward as set out in paragraph 7.1 of this report be noted, and b. that the allocation of S106 funds totalling £109,279.92 assigned to the Ings Ward (Applications 795185/182 - Princess Royal site - £78422.18 and 795185/286 - Mitcham Road - £30,857.74) as a contribution towards the total cost of new play equipment & associated environmental works at Western Gailes Way Playground is approved. 	<p>b. Community Manager, Neighbourhoods and Housing</p>
<p>83.</p>	<p>WARD BUDGET DECISION MAKING REPORT</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships provided a report which sought the Committee’s agreement on the review of the delegated decision-making arrangements for Ward Budgets.</p> <p>The officer gave an overview of the report. A discussion took place around paras 2.3 and 2.4 of the report with a suggestion of a majority decision as opposed to unanimous to avoid delay in decisions or to avoid officers making decisions.</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships advised that the delegation was to Area Committee and that this report further delegated to officers. The Community Manager would consult Ward Councillors with an intention to reach a consensus, and where that was not possible, paras 2.3 and 2.4 provided a way to reach a resolution.</p> <p>Members further discussed and requested an amendment to 2.4 of the report, so that if the Ward in question was that of the Chair of this Committee, the relevant Officer decision maker would instead consult the Deputy Chair.</p> <p>Agreed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. That the Community Manager –Neighbourhoods (the Officer Decision Maker for decisions below £50,000), following consultation with all relevant Ward Councillors, be authorised to approve all applications for funding from 	<p>a-e) Community Manager, Neighbourhoods and Housing</p>

	<p>the Ward Budgets up to a financial limit of £49,999;</p> <p>b. that the Assistant Director Neighbourhoods and Housing (the Officer Decision Maker for decisions of £50,000 or above), following consultation with all relevant Ward Councillors, be authorised to approve all applications for funding from Ward budget of £50,000 and above;</p> <p>c. that where either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • following consultation with Ward Councillors, including attempts to broker agreement with reference to the relevant Area and Ward Plans, there remains opposition by a Ward Councillor to a proposed decision; or • a conflict of interest is declared by a Ward Councillor in respect of the decision, <p>the relevant Officer Decision Maker will refer the decision to the Area Committee for a decision save where paragraph 2.4 applies;</p> <p>d. To amend 2.4 of the recommendation to read:</p> <p>Where a decision is required to be made prior to the next fixed meeting of the Area Committee and under paragraph 2.3 a requirement to refer the matter to the Area Committee has arisen, following consultation with the Area Committee Chair, or Area Committee Deputy Chair if the Ward in question is that of the Area Committee Chair's, the relevant Officer Decision Maker may still make that decision taking into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Plan; • The Ward Plans, and • Representations from Ward Councillors <p>and record in writing the reasons for the decision,</p> <p>e. A report setting out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Decisions made by Officer Decision Makers; • the reasons for those decisions; • the expenditure committed to, and • the funds remaining <p>will be presented at each meeting of the Area committees to enable Scrutiny of the same.</p>	
84.	<p>RESOLUTION LIST</p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer submitted an update on the progress of outstanding resolutions from previous meetings of the Committee.</p>	

	<p>Members raised concerned over the growing list of incomplete actions on the resolution list. Officers advised they would work on the outstanding actions before the next meeting to be able provide members of the Committee with updates.</p> <p>Agreed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. That minutes ‘proposed for completion’ be marked as completed, and b. that all remaining items be retained until such time as matters are resolved. 	<p>a-b. Democratic Services Officer</p>
<p>85.</p>	<p>WORK PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer submitted the Work Programme to update Members on future agenda items.</p> <p>Agreed – That the Work Programme for future meetings be noted.</p>	<p>Democratic Services Officer</p>

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