

North Area Committee

25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

PRESENT:-

Councillors Wareing (Chair), Nicola (Deputy Chair), Drake-Davis, Matthews, McCobb Lunn, Ross and Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

A. Shaw (Community Manager) and N. Stocks (Democratic Services Officer).

Inspector M. Peasgood (Humberside Police) – minute 120

L. Jamil (Head of Strategy, Market Intervention and Growth) – minute 121

M. Jewitt (Youth and Community Development Worker) – minute 122

M. Alford (Libraries Services Director) – minute 123

J. Moxon (Assistant Director, Learning and Skills) – minute 124

APOLOGIES:-

<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Description/Decision</b>	<b>Action By/Deadline</b>
<b>NON-EXEMPT ITEMS</b>		
117	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  No declarations were made in respect of the following agenda items.	Members Information
118	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021</b>  The Democratic Services Officer submitted the minutes of the meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2021, for approval.  <b>Agreed:-</b> That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2021, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.	
119	<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b>  The Democratic Services Officer informed the Committee that no public questions had been received.	

**COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

The Local Inspector attended the meeting and updated the Committee on policing and community safety issues in the North Area.

A discussion took place around the crime statistics and comparisons, year on year. Members were informed that there had been further increases in drug-related offences across all three wards, however it was anticipated that this was largely due to ongoing policing activity. The category of violence against a person also included online abuse.

Members stated that bollards had been installed opposite the shops on Hall Road, however there continued to be issues with damage to the fencing. Members reiterated that additional funding had been allocated to repair the fencing. CCTV was in place and continued to be monitored.

Further discussion took place around the excellent work undertaken by Neighbourhood Coordinators in the Orchard Park Ward and ongoing work with Sports Trader. It was anticipated that the shop would be open by July 2021 and would increase footfall in the area and bring a positive influence to the parade.

Members were informed that the Community bus sessions had been successful and the Police had received positive feedback in relation to the shops. Humber talking was scheduled to recommence in the coming weeks and further work had been undertaken with the University and self-defence had been arranged, which was provided by the Police trainers.

During their discussions, Members raised concerns with regard to King George V Playing Fields. In the region of £120k had previously been invested and further works had been scheduled; however there were concerns that the area continued to be subjected to vandalism.

Further discussion took place around the Oak Road car park, staffing changes and a number of Covid-19 breaches in the Beverley and Newland Ward. Members reiterated that a number of recent fights had caused significant concerns amongst residents, and sought further clarification as to what action had been taken to assure residents. In response, Members were informed that there had been an increased physical presence and high visibility patrols. Police surgeries had been advertised via

<p>'My Community Alerts' and social media. Further discussion had also been undertaken with the Supported Accommodation Review Team in respect of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO'S) and officers continued to work closely with partner agencies. Consideration had also been given to the use of closure notices and efforts were ongoing to tackle drug offences.</p> <p>Members reiterated that, whilst bollards had been installed to prevent drug dealing from cars in the Oak Road area, the issue appeared to have migrated to the Oak Road car park which was secluded and poorly lit. The local Inspector encouraged residents to report any ongoing issues, which would enable further action and covert resources to be diverted.</p> <p>Representatives of Humberside Fire and Rescue Service also attended the meeting.</p> <p>Members were advised that there had been three deliberate, secondary fires in the Orchard Park area, one deliberate secondary fire and one tree fire in the University Ward, five deliberate primary fires and three deliberate secondary fires in the Beverley and Newland Ward. Fire crews continued to conduct drive-bys in known hot-spot areas to assist with crime prevention. Any wheelie bins identified as 'at risk' were tagged to provide further safety advice to residents and officers continued to work with the Love Your Street Team.</p> <p>A further discussion took place around the fire dog visits to local schools. Members were informed that visits had been suspended during the Covid-19 lockdown; however the majority of local schools were keen to engage with the service.</p> <p><b>Agreed: -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) That the update be noted;</li> <li>(b) that additional patrols are undertaken in the vicinity of the King George V Playing Fields around dusk to avert ongoing issues of vandalism and take action, where required;</li> <li>(c) that officers liaise with Youth Services with regard to ongoing issues of vandalism around the King George V Playing Fields to consider any additional diversionary and preventative work which can be undertaken;</li> </ul>	<p>b-f Inspector Peasgood</p> <p>c) Youth Services</p>
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	<p>(d) that Members continue to have concerns around road traffic speeds in Hall Road and request that police presence be increased to monitor the situation, and that further consideration is given to working with the local Primary School and nurseries to raise speed awareness;</p> <p>(e) that further information is circulated with regard to the Hollie Guard personal safety mobile app at the future tasking meetings, and that further consideration is given as to how this can be widely promoted; and</p> <p>(f) that the Local Inspector reiterates Members' concerns around ongoing drug-related issues in the Oak Road Car Park and liaises with Ward Members to consider any further action that can be taken; and</p> <p>(g) that details of any schools who had not accepted scheduled visits from the fire dogs, be circulated off agenda to Members for information, and that this information is also provided to the Assistant Director Learning &amp; Skills, to raise awareness with school partnerships and encourage local engagement.</p>	<p>g) Humberside Fire and Rescue Service</p> <p>and</p> <p>Assistant Director Learning &amp; Skills</p>
121	<p><b>NORTH REGENERATION PROJECTS</b></p> <p>The Head of Housing Strategy and Renewal submitted a briefing paper, which updated Members on the Neighbourhood Renewal projects in the North Area.</p> <p>Members were updated on the Dane Park planning process, which had been reduced from 99 to 97 units, following further feedback from Planning Officers. It was anticipated that planning matters would be concluded by July 2021, pending the results of the ecological surveys.</p> <p>Officers continued to work with Unity in the Community in relation to the Unilateral Undertaking required to progress with plans for the former Catherine Ellis site.</p> <p>Members reiterated that positive feedback had been received in relation to the work undertaken in Axdane.</p> <p><b>Agreed: -</b></p>	

	<p>(a) That the briefing paper be noted; and</p> <p>(b) that Members acknowledge the excellent feedback from residents in relation to Axdane and commend the officers and all involved for their efforts in concluding the programmed works to an exceptional standard.</p>	Head of Housing Strategy and Renewal
122	<p><b>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT UPDATE</b></p> <p>The Director for Children, Young People and Family Services submitted a briefing paper, which updated the Northern Area Committee on Youth Work delivery by the Youth Development Service for period October - December 2020 as contained in appendix A.</p> <p>Members were informed that the doors at Route One had remained open and specific focus had been given to supporting vulnerable youths in the community. Headstart emotional support had continued to be provided to young carers on a 1:1 basis via a booking system, and weekly wellbeing packs had continued to be issued, which had included cookery and art activities. Officers continued to work with the voluntary sector and Northern Youth Network on the Healthy Easter programme and a range of activities had been scheduled, including two fishing sessions, dance/drama and sporting events.</p> <p>Efforts were underway to refocus the delivery of activities and provisions with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and the gradual lifting of lockdown.</p> <p><b>Agreed: -</b></p> <p>(a) That the briefing paper be noted;</p> <p>(b) that Members receive further details on the Healthy Easter programme, off agenda and</p> <p>(c) that a further update be provided to the May 2021 meeting to review the outcomes of the Healthy Easter Programme and provide a further update on the plans for the Summer programme and Healthy Holidays.</p>	Youth and Community Development Team
123	<b>PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DELIVERY PLAN FOR THE LIBRARY STRATEGY: BUILDING STRONG</b>	

	<p><b>KNOWLEDGEABLE COMMUNITIES 2020 – 2030</b></p> <p>The Corporate Director for Finance and Transformation submitted a briefing paper, which provided the Committee with the opportunity to comment on the progress of the Library Strategy Delivery Plan.</p> <p>The Libraries Services Director informed the Committee that officers would be working with the community before a further report goes back to Cabinet.</p> <p>Delivery of some events and activities had continued during lockdown, including online workshops and the housebound service for elderly and vulnerable residents. Over the next year, officers would continue to work with Members and the local community to review services and identify any improvements required. A second stream of the delivery plan also focussed on the condition and location of facilities.</p> <p>It was anticipated that libraries would re-open for browsing around the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 or shortly thereafter and a communications plan would be in place by March 2022.</p> <p>Members discussed the importance of libraries from a social aspect and links with the University Literature department. Members were informed that this remained high on the agenda. A number of volunteers had engaged from the University and this included reading to those with poor sight, phone sessions and discussion groups and online book clubs.</p> <p><b>Agreed: -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) That the briefing paper be noted;</li> <li>(b) that officers be acknowledged for their extensive support and contribution to the Library Service; and</li> <li>(c) that Library Services consider facilitating the collection of donations in support of the Period Dignity Project.</li> </ul>	Library Services Director
124	<p><b>ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT 2020</b></p> <p>The Assistant Director of Learning and Skills submitted a</p>	

	<p>briefing paper, which provided the Committee with a summary of the key areas of activity within the Education Service during 2020.</p> <p>Members were informed that, there had been no statutory or Ofsted assessments undertaken during 2020 due to Covid-19 and there were no planned statutory assessments currently scheduled for 2021, however the Education Boards had continued to meet and there had been no changes in the quality of education.</p> <p>A discussion took place around the return to school following the third national lockdown; and efforts to address any gaps in learning that had occurred as a result of the lockdown. Members were informed that schools had a clear learning recovery plan in place to identify and address any gaps in learning. There were a number of Government initiatives, which included the national tutoring programme and summer active grants and schools were able to determine the best use of resources. The majority had opted to continue with the planned provision and tailored the provision to the requirements of their school community, whilst some had opted to open for Year 10 and 11 pupils over the Easter period. Work also continued in conjunction with Healthy Holidays and Early Support to increase activities and support mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Members reiterated that despite the longevity of the changes, many residents still perceived that schools were operated by the Local Authority, and sought further clarification as to what action could be taken if there were concerns around Special Educational Needs provision. In response, Members were informed that the Local Authority continued to oversee the delivery of Education and Health Care Plans (EHCP). The first point of contact was the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) within the individual school. Where there was no EHCP in place, it was the school's responsibility to determine the level of support and ensure that this met the child's needs. The Local Authority continued to maintain positive working relationships with the local schools.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b> - That the Annual Report be noted.</p>	
125	<p><b>NORTH WARD BUDGETS AND SECTION 106 FUNDS</b></p> <p>The Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods &amp; Housing submitted a briefing paper, which advised the Committee</p>	

	<p>of the 2020-21 budgets for the North Area in relation to the Ward Budgets and Section 106 Monies.</p> <p>Members were informed that Neighbourhood Coordinators continued to work with Members at Ward level and all ward budgets were committed. Section 106 tables had been provided for information. The deadlines for commitment of S106 was set out within the planning agreements and as such, this was not required to be committed by the end of the financial year.</p> <p><b>Agreed:</b> - That the briefing paper be noted.</p>	
126	<p><b>NORTH AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE</b></p> <p>The Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods &amp; Housing submitted a briefing paper, which updated the Committee on Ward activity across the North Area Team.</p> <p><b>Agreed –</b> That the briefing paper be noted.</p>	
127	<p><b>RESOLUTION LIST</b></p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer submitted a list of actions that had been agreed at previous meetings. Members commented on the progress of the actions contained within the Resolution List.</p> <p><b>Agreed: -</b></p> <p>(a) That minutes 78b, 91b, 104b, 105e, 109c, be deleted from the resolution list;</p> <p>(b) that Members have concerns with regard to delays around the adoption of Ellerburn Avenue and request that a meeting be scheduled with Highways officers at Ward level to determine a suitable way forward; and</p> <p>(c) that all remaining items be retained until such time as matters are resolved.</p>	<p>a and c) Democratic Services Officer – NS</p> <p>b) Head of Highways, Transport Strategy and Design</p> <p>and Neighbourhood Coordinator -JS</p>
128	<p><b>WORK PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer submitted the Committee's Work Programme.</p>	

	<b>Agreed</b> –That with the inclusion of an additional update on Youth Development and the delivery of the Easter and Summer programmes, the Work Programme be noted.	Democratic Services Officer
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Start – 6.00 p.m.  
Finish – 7.25 p.m.  
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