

Wyke Area Committee

15th July 2020

PRESENT: -

Councillors Brabazon (Chair), Akbar (Deputy Chair), Fareham, McMurray and Singh.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

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

Inspector C. Mattinson (Humberside Police) – minute 75

J. Hayton (Planning Enforcement and Policy Implementation Manager) – minute 76

D. Akester (Operations Manager) – minute 77

APOLOGIES:-

Councillors Abbott and Bell.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
PROCEDURAL ITEMS		
72	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations were made in respect of the following items of business.	Members Information
73	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2020 The Democratic Services Officer submitted the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday 15 th January, 2020 for approval. Members raised concerns that, whilst the minutes were correct in context, formal actions recorded by the Committee had not been adhered to and there had been little response to a number of longstanding actions, with specific reference to the Chanterlands Avenue Library and the future of the Avenues Education Centre. Members raised concerns that the lease for the Avenues Education Centre had been extended further, despite any progress being made and there was no further clarity around the future of the Chanterlands Avenue Library, or to the feasibility of the library being moved in to the Centre. Issues also remained around the ongoing deterioration of both buildings. The Chair reiterated that the Library Summary Plan was	

	<p>scheduled for Cabinet in September, with further consultation to follow at a local level; however the two buildings were intrinsically linked and both needed to be addressed in order to ensure that the future of the library service was secured in the Wyke Area.</p> <p>Agreed:-</p> <p>(a) That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday 15th January 2020, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair;</p> <p>(b) that the Committee remains deeply concerned that preparations have been made to extend the lease of the Avenues Education Centre to Goodwin Development Trust, and request an urgent update on the grounds that evidence of a sound business plan and contingency plan is yet to be provided, should they fail in their further attempts to secure funding, and</p> <p>(c) that Members feel that the Library Strategy appears to lack a clear sense of direction and continues to impact upon the future of the Chanterlands Avenue Library and the Avenues Education Centre, which is intrinsically linked in the discussions around the future of the library service in the Wyke Area.</p> <p>As such, Members request that the matter is now referred to Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the overall process and effectiveness of the proposed library strategy in relation to community based library provision, and to seek support for urgent attention and action to resolve the issues relating to the deterioration of these two buildings on the grounds that further delay may jeopardise the future of a library provision in the Wyke Area.</p>	<p>b) Assistant Director Property and Assets</p> <p>c) Governance Manager</p>
74	<p>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</p> <p>A resident of Appleton Road directed a written public question to his local Ward Councillor and subsequently to the Area Committee as follows:</p> <p><i>“As my local hard working councillor all year round, what is the latest on the sensible campaign for a rail station on the Bricknell estate? My wife and I have to go to Hull Royal Infirmary (HRI), the buses are not good and we can’t afford taxis. Please help us and raise this at the next Committee meeting. We think Committee colleagues will follow if you drive it forward for us. There is money available, what are you doing to get it?”</i></p> <p>A Member of the Bricknell Ward presented a proposed written response to the Committee and reiterated that the Government</p>	

	<p>had introduced an array of funding regimes for new railways. Bricknell Ward Members had continued to take great interest in this matter and now sought support of the Committee.</p> <p>Members were informed that, in light of continuing delays around the process, an approach had been made to one of the two eligible MP's to seek the support required to make an application to the Restoring Your Railways Ideas Fund, pending reply. This approach sought to commission a feasibility study to identify community benefits to the opening of a rail halt within the Bricknell Ward.</p> <p>Members raised some concerns that there was little information available at this time and sought clarification as to the level of local support and whether the matter had been subject to a petition. In response, Members were informed that there had not been a petition; however the support of this Committee would enable the Neighbourhood Coordinator to progress with the formation of a local community group to pursue this funding; which would enable officers to move to the next and more complex stage of the application for Governance for Railway Investment Projects (GRIP) funding.</p> <p>Agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That a copy of the Ward Member's proposed written response be circulated to Members off agenda; and (b) that an item be added to the September 2020 agenda to enable the Committee to consider further information around the requirement, process and proposals for a rail halt in the Wyke Area. 	<p>a) Democratic Services Officer</p> <p>b) Director of Regeneration and Assistant Director (Major Projects and Infrastructure)</p>
NON-EXEMPT ITEMS		
Non-Key Decisions		
75	<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE</p> <p>The Local Inspector presented an update to Members on current policing issues in the Wyke Area.</p> <p>A discussion took place around recent policing activity and action taken under Operation Galaxy in the Bricknell Ward to target issues in and around Cropton Park. A number of youths had been identified and officers had engaged with their parents. A number of public order breaches had also taken place during the Covid-19 lockdown period.</p> <p>The Avenues Ward had seen the largest increase in crime and anti-social behaviour in the period between 1st May 2020 and 30th June 2020, which included public order offences around Pearson Park and seven sex offences. There had also been</p>	

some incidents reported within Westbourne House during the lockdown period. The local Inspector reiterated that there were several perpetrators, some of which were in custody in relation to domestic violence. A further 22 offences had been recorded in relation to a local Sainsbury's store. The current opening hours were under review; however the majority of offences had occurred during the busier daytime periods. Several drug warrants had been undertaken in the Central Ward, however the area had been relatively quiet in terms of crime.

Members discussed graffiti in the Beverley Road and Chanterlands Avenue area, further issues related to drug dealing and intimidation in Waterloo Park, and recent garage thefts in the Ella Street area. In response, Members were informed that there was an awareness of organised crime which operated in the area and this is being monitored closely.

A further discussion took place around the criteria and recording of hate crime and hate incidents. Members were informed that there was an increase in confidence to report issues within the community and there had been a decrease in reports year on year across the whole of West Hull. Members reiterated that Central Ward had benefitted hugely from having a prominent BAME Councillor and local Inspector with exceptional knowledge of the area, which had increased working relationships and built confidence within the community, and as such Members were saddened to lose him from the Central Area. In response, Members were informed that Inspector Hart remained in post until 5th October 2020 and work was underway to identify his replacement.

Members raised concerns that they continued to see a number of ongoing issues which were not reflected by the positive downward trend recorded by the police. Members reiterated that strong working relationships with the police were essential to their role however there were some concerns that this had been diluted over the years as the boundaries were no longer coterminous and local Inspectors were now covering more than one area; however there was a keenness to strengthen these working partnerships in the future for the benefit of the community.

Agreed:-

- (a) That the update be noted;
- (b) that hate crime and hate incidents be reflected in all future updates and that the police continue to liaise closely with Councillor Akbar;
- (c) that urgent attention is given to the removal of graffiti along Beverley Road and Chanterlands Avenue;
- (d) that an informal meeting be scheduled between Ward

b) Inspector
Mattinson

c-d) Community
Manager

	<p>Members, Humberside Police and the Neighbourhood Nuisance Team to consider a strategy for action to address some of the wider issues in the Wyke Area and improved targeting of resources;</p> <p>(e) that the Wyke Area Committee are disappointed at the departure of Inspector Hart from the Central Area. Members note the exceptional working relationship that he has built with Ward Members and the local community and recognise his considerable contribution to the Central area. His professionalism, commitment and knowledge of the local issues has been an invaluable asset and Members take this opportunity to wish him well in his future endeavours;</p> <p>(f) that the Wyke Area Committee recognises the importance of close working relationships with their respective Neighbourhood Policing Teams and whilst the Committee continue to maintain an excellent working relationship with their local Inspector, the conflicting boundaries and numerous structural changes have continued to dilute the effectiveness of these relationships at an operational level. Members are keen to forge stronger local partnerships and refer the matter to Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider what action can be taken to reinvigorate the relationship with Humberside Police at a local level; and</p> <p>(g) that Members have concerns with regard to ongoing discussions around pavement café licensing and the consumption of alcohol within the external curtilage of licensed premises on the grounds that there is an increased capacity for antisocial behaviour. Members request that further information is circulated off agenda to ascertain whether consideration had been given as to the likely impact of the Public Spaces Protection Order in operation in the Wyke Area and to enable Members to consider whether further consultation is required at a local level.</p>	<p>e) Inspector Hart;</p> <p>f) Governance Manager</p> <p>g) Assistant Director Economic Development & Regeneration</p>
76	<p>CONFIRMATION OF ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION RELATING TO FRONT GARDEN PARKING AND VEHICLE IN HYMERS SUNNY BANK AND HYMERS AVENUE.</p> <p>The Director of Regeneration submitted a report, which sought the adoption of a further Article 4 Direction to inhibit front garden parking in respect of the Spring Bank West Conservation Area.</p> <p>Members noted to detail within the report, having previously considered this matter in 2019.</p> <p>Agreed –</p> <p>(a) That an Article 4 Direction be made for the Sunny Bank</p>	

	<p>and Hymers Avenue to withdraw permitted development rights in respect of vehicle crossovers and hardstandings; and</p> <p>(b) that the Article 4 Direction covers the area demarcated in the plan attached at Appendix A of the report.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should be noted that vehicle crossovers and hardstandings for dwelling houses are permitted development and as a result the local planning authority cannot exercise any control if the works are completed within the provisions of Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended. As a result there is a potential for a major change to the character and appearance of the street scene and therefore it is considered that this action is necessary to exercise control and manage such development in this particular area in order to preserve the conservation area. 	<p>Assistant Director Economic Development & Regeneration</p>
<p>77</p>	<p>DELEGATION OF WYKE AREA HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGETS 2020-21</p> <p>The Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods and Housing) submitted a report, to consider the delegation of budgets allocated for 2020/21 within the HRA Housing Area Team remit.</p> <p>A discussion took place around possible variations to the proposals outlined within the report on the grounds that email provided sufficient speed and efficiency for Members to endorse requests easily; however Members accepted that the requested delegation of the Estate Management budget was required to enable rapid response to emergencies.</p> <p>Agreed:-</p> <p>(a) That Members note the budget allocation on each HRA budget allocation for 2020/21 as detailed in the report;</p> <p>(b) that the Area Committee notes the budget amounts within the Area Based Spend, Estate Management and Enhanced Environmental Budgets and split per Ward;</p> <p>(c) that Avenues and Central Ward Members agree to the budgets being delegated to the Operations Manager and Housing Tenancy Managers acting on her behalf;</p> <p>(d) that Bricknell Ward consents to delegate the Estate Management Budget to the Operations Manager and Housing Tenancy Managers acting on her behalf;</p> <p>(e) that Bricknell Ward retains the Area Based Spend and</p>	<p>Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods and Housing)</p>

	<p>Enhanced Environmental Budgets;</p> <p>(f) that Committee Members agree any schemes that affect the wider area in their Wards rather than individual tenants for agreement outside of the Area Committee process and can make suggestions to the Operations Manager. If all the Ward Members are not in agreement then the Operations Manager may bring a report back to the Area Committee; and</p> <p>(g) that the East Riding properties are managed with the Bricknell Ward share of the budgets.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The above recommendations as set out in section 2 will allow for the continuation of orders to be raised and projects to be progressed that benefit tenants and leaseholders in the area. This is particularly important in an emergency situation and to avoid any delays in works being completed. 	
78	<p>WYKE WARD BUDGETS DECISION MAKING</p> <p>The Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods and Housing) submitted a report, which reviewed the current delegated decision-making arrangements for Ward Budgets.</p> <p>Members sought further clarification as to when Neighbourhood Coordinators were expected to be back in post. In response, Members were informed that full time officers would continue to support the hub for two days per week until the end of July 2020; however it was anticipated that all officers would be returning to their original posts in August 2020.</p> <p>Agreed: -</p> <p>(a) That the Community Manager - Neighbourhoods be authorised to approve all applications under £50,000 for funding from the Ward Budgets where there is unanimous support from the relevant Ward Councillors for the relevant application;</p> <p>(b) that all Ward Budget applications for and above £50,000 be considered by the Area Committee;</p> <p>(c) that where unanimous agreement cannot be reached or a conflict of interest is declared by a relevant Ward Councillor, the application be considered by the Area Committee; and</p> <p>(d) that a paper be submitted to all Area Committee meetings setting out decisions made under delegated powers and advising members of amounts available to</p>	Community Manager

	<p>spend.</p> <p><u>Reason for Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The aim is to agree delegated arrangements that minimise delays in implementing local projects and initiatives, providing the Community Manager with the ability to respond swiftly to resident and community concerns.	
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