

Riverside Area Committee

10th November 2021

PRESENT:-

Councillors Kennett (Chair), Petrini (Deputy Chair), Chambers (minute 53 onwards), T. Dearing, Fudge, Hale, Hatcher, Herrera-Richmond and T. Neal.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

A. Shaw (Community Manager) and N. Stocks (Democratic Services Officer)
Inspector C. Andrews (Humberside Police) – minute 49
J. Jessop (Humberside Fire and Rescue – minute 49
A. Burton (Assistant Director, Streetscene) – minute 50
S. Cornwall (Head of Standards and Partnerships) 51
P. Thomas (Waste Strategy and Contracts Manager) and M. Cornall (Waste Enforcement Team Leader) – minute 52
O. Grantham (Street Cleansing and Waste Operations Manager) minute 53
G. Taylor(Assistant Director, Major Projects and Infrastructure) – minute 54
N. Harne (Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods and Housing) minute 55
D. Davis (Youth Work Manager) minute - 56
A. Kemp (Family Information Service Manager) – minute 57

APOLOGIES:-

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
NON-EXEMPT ITEMS		
Non-Key Decisions		
46	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations were made in respect of the items that follow.	Members Information
47	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2021 The Democratic Services Officer submitted the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th September 2021, for review. Agreed: That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee, held on 8 th September 2021, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded, and signed by the Chair.	
48	PUBLIC QUESTIONS No questions were received from members of the public.	
49	COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE The local Inspector from Humberside Police attended the meeting to update the Committee on current policing issues affecting the Riverside Area and ongoing ward priorities.	

	<p>A discussion took place around antisocial behaviour around the Victoria Dock area and spate of offences around Sherburn Street. Members were informed that there had been some improvement in West Park, however there was evidence that youths had dispersed to other areas. Patrols continued around the Shires and Ward Members continued to receive updates outside of the meeting. Further discussion took place around the Bean Street Action Day's and increased police visibility in the area. Foliage had been reduced to improve visibility across the public areas.</p> <p>A further update was provided around begging and vagrancy in the Riverside Area. Members were informed that repeat offenders were issued with Community Protection Notices.</p> <p>A representative of Humberside Fire and Rescue attended the meeting to update the Committee on comparison data from 2019 to 2021. Members were informed that hot spot areas continued to be monitored.</p> <p>Agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the Community Safety update be noted; (b) that the policing updates continue to update on homelessness, begging and vagrancy statistics; (c) that a briefing paper on homelessness, begging and vagrancy is submitted to the January 2022 meeting; (d) that Members receive further clarification of fire-related hot spots in the Riverside Area, to include any notable trends and any remedial action taken to address these issues; and (e) that Members strongly suggest that representatives of Humberside Police and Humberside Fire and Rescue Service attend the meeting in person, where possible as this provided reassurance to both Members and residents and facilitated a more informative discussion to take place. 	<p>b and e) Inspector Andrews</p> <p>c) Head of Service (Access and Wellbeing)</p> <p>d-e) Humberside Fire and Rescue</p>
50	<p>CCTV GOVERNANCE</p> <p>The Corporate Director for Regeneration submitted a briefing paper, which updated the Committee on the progress of the CCTV infrastructure roll out, the proposed authorisation process to initiate the installation, relocation or removal of a CCTV on the public network to comply with the Code of Practice for Surveillance Camera Commissioner (SCC).</p> <p>Members' views were sought around the commencement of anonymised data intelligence, linked to the cameras in the appropriate Area, in order that consideration of the placement of cameras and their effect could be included in the Common Tasking feedback.</p>	

	<p>Members were informed that the mapping of CCTV cameras could be accessed via the Council's 'My Maps' on a layer within the heading of 'Police and Crime'. Implementation of a new back-office system was ongoing, and this sought to provide more intelligent reporting mechanisms, easier identification of improvements and a catalogue of recommended hardware and associated costs.</p> <p>The new technology included several 360-degree cameras. Further discussion took place around digital encoders and the image quality of upgraded cameras, fly-tipping and antisocial behaviour around the underpasses, safer routes and associated funding bids to improve sightlines, and CCTV monitoring. Members were informed that new cameras could be added to the system, however the need must be evidenced, and all installations must be undertaken in compliance with the Code of Practice.</p> <p>Members queried the role of the Governance Group and raised concerns as to whether Members requests could be declined. In response, Members were informed that this had been recorded on the chart in error and would be amended accordingly.</p> <p>Agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the briefing paper be noted; (b) that Appendix 1 be updated to remove the incorrect reference to reviews undertaken by the Governance Group; (c) that the next update includes assurance as to how CCTV governance linked in with the emergency services; (d) that a clear process is established to ensure CCTV cameras funded by Ward budgets are not removed or relocated without Members' consent; (e) that Newington and Gipsyville Ward Members receive a further update off agenda with regard to the justification for the removal of a CCTV camera on Hessele Road, previously installed to monitor anti-social behaviour, and clarification as to why Ward members had not been consulted; and (f) that Ward Members are advised prior to the removal or relocation of CCTV cameras in the future. 	<p>a-f Assistant Director - Streetscene</p>
<p>51</p>	<p>DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY</p> <p>Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Family Services submitted a briefing paper, which updated the Committee on the implementation of the Dolly Parton Information Library Scheme.</p> <p>The officer provided an overview of the Imagination Library and highlighted the need for future funding.</p>	

	<p>Members welcomed the initiative and sought further clarification around the work undertaken with community centres and parents whose first language was not English. Members were informed that a number sessions were undertaken in local community and children’s centres. Work continued alongside the Regional Directors to ensure that support was provided to those whose first language was not English and there were a number of practitioners who were able to converse in other languages. Whilst not available in braille, audio books had been made available. Members reiterated the importance of engagement with parents and nurseries to provide additional support to children with Special Educational Needs (SEN).</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the briefing paper be noted; (b) that the Riverside Area Committee extend their gratitude to the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services for raising awareness of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and refer the matter to Ward Member meetings to consider whether any additional support can be provided at Ward level, and (c) that Members receive a further update on agenda to provide an overview of the parent and toddler groups that had engaged with the initiative, what languages were spoken, and any strategies identified to address language barriers and special needs to support access to the services. 	<p>b-c) Head of Standards and Partnerships</p>
<p>52</p>	<p>GRAFFITI ENFORCEMENT</p> <p>The Assistant Director - Streetscene Services submitted a briefing paper, which updated the Committee on the graffiti enforcement process undertaken by the Council.</p> <p>Member were informed that new equipment had been ordered to support proactive removal of graffiti. Collection of intelligence and reporting mechanisms had been improved and community engagement continued to be encouraged.</p> <p>Members raised some concerns that the HU3 postcode was not recognised by the online reporting system and the map locator lacked precision.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That with the aforementioned comments the briefing paper be noted, and (b) that consideration be given to the inclusion of a photo upload facility to provide easier and more precise identification of graffiti. 	<p>Waste Strategy and Contracts Manager</p>
<p>53</p>	<p>WASTE AND OPEN SPACES UPDATE</p>	

	<p>The Assistant Director for Streetscene Services submitted a briefing paper, which provided a quarterly performance report relating to waste collection, recycling, street cleansing and grounds maintenance performance.</p> <p>A discussion took place around missed collections and fly tipping. Members were informed that additional fly-tipping data had been received and would be circulated off agenda. The statistics had indicated an increase in incidents; however, this had largely arisen through improved reporting mechanisms.</p> <p>Agreed: - That the briefing paper be noted.</p>	Waste Operations Manager
54	<p>RIVERSIDE REGENERATION PROJECTS – MAJOR PROJECTS</p> <p>The Director of Regeneration submitted a briefing paper, which updated Members on the regeneration projects delivered by Major Projects and Infrastructure Team.</p> <p>Members were informed that discussions were ongoing with the Deep around the impact assessment undertaken and potential resolutions to mitigate their concerns. Members were assured that no undue delays had arisen as a result of these ongoing discussions.</p> <p>A discussion took place around the unveiling of the Guildhall Time Ball. Members were informed that a significant process of restoration was underway to address the stonework and roofing. As such it was unlikely that the works would be complete before June 2022.</p> <p>Members were further informed that whilst Major Projects were involved in the contractual arrangements around the Pickering Park land train and proposed pedalos, the majority of the ongoing works were managed by Streetscene.</p> <p>Agreed: - That the briefing paper be noted.</p>	
55	<p>HOUSING REGENERATION PROJECTS</p> <p>The Head of Strategy, Market Intervention and Growth submitted a briefing paper, which updated Members of Riverside Area Committee on the regeneration projects delivered by Housing Strategy and Renewal.</p> <p>Members were informed that there had been some delays around the handover of new-build properties due to a shortage of materials.</p> <p>Some concerns were raised around recent discussions with Gyroscope, which had suggested that the disused carparks at Perry Street and Waliker Street had been allocated for housing use. Members sought further clarification as this potentially impacted upon the planned green space proposals.</p> <p>During their discussions, Members sought further clarification around an abandoned private property and what action could be taken to</p>	Head of Strategy,

	<p>bring the property back in to use on the grounds that it had an adverse impact upon the neighbouring residents. In response, Members were advised that the Empty Homes Officers were able to conduct a number of enquires to ascertain the identity of the owners and there were a number of options available to the Council, such as Empty Dwelling Management Orders and the Proactive Empty Homes Programme, funded by Homes England.</p> <p>Agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the briefing paper be noted; (b) that Members receive further assurance off agenda that the disused car parks at Perry Street and Waliker had not been allocated for housing use and that the green space proposals could be progressed as planned, and (c) that the Head of Strategy, Market Intervention and Growth liaises with Councillor Herrera-Richmond to address concerns with regard to an abandoned property in the St Andrew and Docklands Ward to ascertain whether any action can be taken to bring the property back in to use. 	<p>Market Intervention and Growth</p>
<p>56</p>	<p>Department for Education - Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) 2021</p> <p>The Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Family Services provided an update on the delivery of the 'Healthy Holidays Summer 2021 Programme'.</p> <p>Members were updated on the summer activity programme and ongoing plans for the Christmas holiday period. Members were informed that the provision was available to all school age children in receipt of free school meals. Officers recognised that it was harder to identify activities which appealed to the older age groups, however officers continued to work alongside the Youth Development Workers.</p> <p>Further discussion took place around the promotion of events and activities, attendance levels and the 'cook and eat' sessions, which supported nutritional development and awareness. Members were informed that further 'cook and eat' sessions were planned for the Christmas holiday period. An extensive marketing campaign had been undertaken, which had been predominantly online due to Covid-19. There had been 72,000 individual visitors to the site.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the briefing paper be noted; (b) that officers be commended for their continued efforts and support in the delivery of the Healthy Holidays Summer 2021 Programme; 	<p>b-d) Youth Work Manager</p>

	<p>(c) that Councillor Fudge receive a further update off agenda with regard to the sessions available for children aged 11+, and</p> <p>(d) that consideration is given to the inclusion of more events in Hull, including the use of West Park and Pickering Park to ensure a more balanced provision of activity across the City.</p>	
57	<p>EARLY YEARS CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT (CSA) 2021</p> <p>The Head of Service for Standards and Partnerships submitted a briefing paper, which updated the Area Committee on the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) 2021.</p> <p>A discussion took place around the modelling of demand against the number of available placements and the number of families struggling to secure suitable childcare, which enabled them to work. Members were informed that there were around 45 places per 100 children in Hull, compared to the national average of 47 places. Demand continued to be monitored on a weekly basis, however the current take up of 80% demonstrated that there were sufficient placements at this time, with the exception of some smaller pockets around certain schools. The purpose of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) 2021 was to identify these areas of concern. One to one brokerage was available to help parents who had struggled to identify suitable provision. Some issues had been identified around wraparound care as a number of childminders had de-registered during the pandemic. Efforts were ongoing to address the shortfall and proactively promote childminding as a career option.</p> <p>Agreed: That the briefing paper be noted.</p>	
58	<p>REVIEW OF THE RIVERSIDE & WYKE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER</p> <p>The Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods & Housing submitted a briefing paper, which outlined the process for a review of the Riverside and Wyke Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for (i) a 3-year extension of the present Order, and (ii) a variation of the Order to extend the geographical boundaries. The Order aimed to control anti-social behaviour associated with the consumption of alcohol in public spaces within the target area.</p> <p>Members discussed the process and effectiveness of the PSPO. Some concerns were raised as to whether an extension of the geographical area would dilute the overall effectiveness of the PSPO and whether it should be reserved to target the areas in most need. In response, Members were informed that evidence of need must be demonstrated to support an extension of the PSPO, which included incident reports, resident and police support.</p>	

	<p>Members raised concerns that a citywide expansion could spread resources too thinly across the City and impact upon the ability to enforce the PSPO effectively. There had only been one Fixed Penalty Notice issued to date, however in reality, the threat of the PSPO and subsequent fine was often enough to deter the behaviour and the PSPO enhanced the existing powers already afforded to the Police. Whilst a PSPO could be extended citywide, there was insufficient evidence to support this at this time.</p> <p>Agreed: - That the briefing paper be noted and Members welcome submission of a report to the next meeting to review the Riverside and Wyke Public Spaces Protection Order.</p>	Community Manager
59	<p>WARD BUDGET AND SECTION 106 FUNDS</p> <p>The Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods & Housing submitted a briefing paper which updated the Committee of the 2021-2022 budgets for the Riverside Area in relation to the Ward Budgets and Section 106 Monies.</p> <p>Members were informed that the Section 106 tabled had been updated.</p> <p>Agreed: - That the briefing paper be noted.</p>	
60	<p>RIVERSIDE AREA AND NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE</p> <p>The Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods & Housing submitted a briefing paper which updated the Committee on ward activity across the Riverside Area.</p> <p>Agreed – That the briefing paper be noted.</p>	
61	<p>PICKERING PARK REPORT</p> <p>The Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report, which provided the Committee as the Trustees of Pickering Park, with an update on activity in Pickering Park.</p> <p>The Chair reiterated that despite recent media reports, the land train operator had no permanent right to run anything in Pickering Park and had only been given a short-term and temporary licence to operate his land train over the summer months. This had expired on the 5th September 2021. No licence had ever been granted for any individual to operate pedalos on the Pickering Park lake. The improvement and enhancement works in the park had been undertaken separately to any specific activity and in terms of the pontoon, this had been constructed to allow the Council's Streetscene Services and any contractors to undertake environmental works on the pond and island. The intention to procure an operator for the park</p>	

	<p>remained, however no decision had been made as to who would undertake this service. Furthermore, the land train operator did not speak for the Council in any capacity at any meetings and no decision has been made with regard to 2022. It was likely that both the operating of the land train and the pedalos would be subject to a separate market tendering processes for a concession agreement, which was not the same as the temporary licences which are granted for events in parks by Hull Culture and Leisure Ltd.</p> <p>Members reiterated that regardless of future outcomes, the contractor's initial proposals had provided a great service to the Park, insofar as it had enabled the Council to refocus and prioritise the needs of the park and to undertake more timely action in addressing the path surfaces and aeration of the lake, which improved the wellbeing of the fish and pondlife. It was also important to note that no individual Trustee had the power to make or veto decisions in isolation and the Trustees looked forward to continued improvement and enhanced use of the park in the future.</p> <p>Agreed: - that the briefing paper be noted.</p>	
<p>62</p>	<p>PICKERING PARK DELEGATIONS REPORT</p> <p>The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships submitted a report, which sought a decision of the Committee with regard to the future management of Pickering Park.</p> <p>Members were informed that the Corporate Trustees Committee had undertaken its annual review on 26th July 2021 and reaffirmed its delegation of the management of Pickering Park to the Riverside Area Committee for the 2021-22 Municipal Year.</p> <p>Since the 2018 Boundary Review, which incorporated Pickering Park within the Riverside Area, this delegation has been retained at Area Committee level and the committee continued to receive regular updates on agenda.</p> <p>Members were further informed that the Corporate Trustee Committee had also determined that, should any situation arise whereby the Committee were unable to reach a decision on any matters related to the park, the decision would be undertaken by the Corporate Trustee Committee. A review of the financial and administrative processes has commenced and on conclusion the outcomes would be shared with both the Corporate Trustee Committee and the Riverside Area Committee.</p> <p>Moved by Councillor Dearing and Seconded by Councillor Petrini:-</p> <p>(a) That all future management decisions relating to Pickering Park are undertaken by the Riverside Area Committee for the 2021-22 Municipal Year;</p>	<p>Director of Legal Services and Partnerships</p>

	<p>(b) that the Riverside Area Committee note the Terms of Reference at Appendix A;</p> <p>(c) that where exceptional circumstances dictate that an event requires an urgent decision to be taken prior to the next meeting of the Committee, the Committee delegates the decision to the Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing, in consultation with the Chair of the Riverside Area Committee;</p> <p>(d) that the Riverside Area Committee receives a further update detailing the outcome of the review of the financial and administrative processes undertaken by Finance and Legal Services, as instructed by the Corporate Trustee Committee, and</p> <p>(e) that the Riverside Area Committee receives an annual report and statement of accounts in relation to Pickering Park.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable decisions relating to the Park to be taken at a local level, making best use of the Committee’s local knowledge of the area and its residents. Retaining the delegation at Area Committee level will minimise the need for additional meetings or resources. • LGA guidance states that the management of the charity and their finances should be kept separate from the business of the Council. The assets must be accounted for separately and any income and expenditure should be channelled through discrete cost centres. The Trust is also required to submit an annual statement of accounts in accordance with charity law. 	
<p>63</p>	<p>RESOLUTION LIST</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>St Andrews and Docklands Ward Members reiterated that they had been dissatisfied with the speed checks undertaken in Woodcock Street and had requested that these be revisited, without further cost to the Ward on the grounds that no consultation had been undertaken with Members around the location.</p> <p>A meeting had taken place with regard to consideration of a site for a citywide hub. As this would enable the pod to be utilised elsewhere in the city, this matter was still under consideration.</p> <p>Agreed –</p> <p>(a) That minutes 28g, 30b and d, 33b, 147 and 164 be deleted from the Resolution List;</p>	

	<p>(b) that all remaining items be retained until such time as matters are resolved;</p> <p>(c) that Members have ongoing concerns with regard to the increasing number of requests for blue plaques in recognition of achievements, on the grounds that the level of requests was likely to be significantly higher in areas with older style properties and greater historic reference than other areas of the city, which had a higher percentage of modern estates and new build developments. The Committee strongly believe that this will create disproportionate pressures on Ward Budgets in some areas. As such, the Riverside Area Committee refer the matter to the Civic Committee to consider the establishment of a Civic Committee Blue Plaque fund for the centralised management of blue plaque applications, and the need to develop a clear process with established criteria to ensure that applications can be fairly and consistently assessed,</p> <p>(d) that whilst the verbal community safety updates were useful it was difficult to refer to or consider the statistics. As such Members request that the Police and Humberside Fire and Rescue Service provide a six-monthly written update on agenda; and</p> <p>(e) that St Andrews and Docklands Ward Members request that the Woodcock Street speed survey be revisited without further cost to the Ward on the grounds no consultation had been undertaken with Members around the location.</p>	<p>c) Democratic Services Officer – LH</p> <p>d) Humberside Fire and rescue Service and Inspector Andrews.</p> <p>e) Head of Highways</p>
64	<p>WORK PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer submitted the Committee’s Work Programme for review.</p> <p>Agreed – That the Committee Work Programme be noted.</p>	
65	<p>PROGRESS REPORT ON PROPERTY DISPOSALS</p> <p>The Corporate Director for Regeneration submitted a briefing paper, which updated the Committee on the progress of property disposals previously agreed by Cabinet and sought Members’ views with regard to any newly identified disposals, prior to consideration by Cabinet.</p> <p>Agreed: - That the briefing paper be noted.</p>	
66	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>Members discussed the grounds for the exemption of the following item of business.</p> <p>Agreed: - That, in accordance with the provisions of Section</p>	

	<p>100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public (including the Press) be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, minute 67, on the grounds that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p> <p>If not kept confidential the content of this report could adversely impact on future negotiations regarding the disposal of corporate assets and directly affect relationships with business tenants.</p>	
EXEMPT ITEMS		
Key Decisions		
67	<p>PROGRESS REPORT ON PROPERTY DISPOSALS</p> <p>The Corporate Director for Regeneration submitted the Cabinet report and associated appendices, which updated the Committee on the progress of property disposals previously agreed by Cabinet and sought Members' views with regard to any newly identified disposals, prior to consideration by Cabinet.</p> <p>Members discussed the potential relocation of Civic 1 and reiterated that any disposal of the existing premises required both the purchase price and proposals to provide the best value and outcome for the site and this would be subject to full consultation.</p> <p>Members were informed that the Council would continue to consider the sale of lesser performing and under-utilised assets, where appropriate and continued to invest and improve the portfolio across the City.</p> <p>Agreed: - That the Riverside Area Committee note the progress of previously approved and completed disposals, and the newly identified assets in the Riverside Area now seeking Cabinet approval.</p>	

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