

Time commenced : 6.00 pm
Time finished : 8.50 pm

AREA PANEL 3 (ABBEY, ARBORETUM AND NORMANTON) 19 JANUARY 2005

Present: Councillor Hussain (Chair)
Councillors Dhindsa, Khan, Lowe, Nath, Rehman and
Williamson

In attendance : Councillor Care

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Sarah Edwards	-	Area Panel Manager Policy Directorate
Justine Fitzjohn	-	Members Services Officer Democratic Services
David Gartside	-	Head of Traffic, Development and Cultural Services
Rachel Levy	-	Constitutional Services Assistant Democratic Services
Wendy Jessop		Local Manager, Derby Homes
Nick Daines	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Paul Dransfield	-	Director of Finance

25 members of the public.

40/04 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burgess and Jackman.

41/04 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

42/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Nath declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 50/04 –

Application from the Hindu Culture and Welfare Society in Derby, as he was a member of the Society.

43/04 Minutes

The minutes of the Area Panel 3 meeting held on 10 November 2004 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

44/04 Corporate Plan and Budget

Paul Dransfield, Director of Finance and Councillor Care, Council Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Environment, gave a presentation on the Council's Vision and Priorities, budget proposals, Council Tax figures and details of a resident's survey.

A member of the public asked for a more detailed breakdown of the costs involved in the PFI schemes for Schools and for Street Lighting. Paul Dransfield responded to this query.

A member of the public expressed concern that only 300 people were involved in the resident's survey. It was explained that the resident's survey was part of the consultation and that the results would be taken into consideration when determining the budget.

Agreed to note the presentation.

45/04 Area Panel Updates

Specific issues

Unauthorised change of use at 51 Mount Street

A member of the public expressed concern that the enforcement action was taking a long time.

DRI – Reduction in Health Hopper Bus Service route

Councillor Lowe informed the Panel that the Traffic Commissioners had been notified of the proposals for additional bus stops on Burton Road but added that six weeks notice was required before an alteration of service could be actioned. A member of the public suggested that the Primary Care Trust ask how people travel to the hospital as part of their customer consultation. Following a question asked at the last meeting, Sarah Edwards, Area Panel Manager, reported how much revenue the Council received from car parking charges and how much of this revenue was used to subsidise bus services.

Railings – Mount Carmel Street

A member of the public reported that repairs were still outstanding. The original request also asked for the railings to be painted. Sarah Edwards to investigate further.

Traffic Issues – Normanton and Pear Tree

A member of the public queried why the pedestrian crossing hadn't been placed on the island to control the traffic. David Gartside, Head of Traffic, responded that at the time the pedestrian crossing had been installed, traffic control on the island had not been an issue. Another member of the public reiterated concerns about the Paks Foods Store car park.

Graffiti in Crompton/Gerard Streets

The Panel agreed to keep this item on the updates as the problem was on-going. It was suggested that the issue be referred to the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

Pavement improvements on Buller Street

It was noted that the improvements had now been completed.

Removal of telephone boxes in the City

It was agreed that Sarah Edwards continue to pursue BT with the request to attend an Area Panel meeting.

Area Panel Agendas

Agreed to recommend to Council Cabinet that it re-examines its decision on Area Panel agenda distribution if public attendance at Area Panels reduces.

Draft Licensing policy

Agreed to invite an officer to the next meeting to discuss the Draft Licensing Policy.

Hartington Street Renewal Area

It was noted that Martin Gadsby had been invited to attend the next meeting to provide a briefing.

46/04 Public Question Time

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

Air Pollution

A member of the public asked if the City Council, in partnership with Primary Care Trust, would acknowledge that the rising levels of air pollution are also contributing causes of cancer, as well as smoking.

Home Zone - Normanton

A member of the public asked whether people could choose whether

or not to have the railings for wheeled-bins as part of the Home Zone scheme. It was suggested that people be made to take the bins off the streets. Reference was also made to the railings being used to protect the trees, it was suggested that these be painted in a bright colour to make them more visible to vehicles.

Dashwood Street

A member of the public asked for action to be taken on the derelict building at the end of Dashwood Street and suggested that the Council compulsory purchase the building.

Eagle Centre Extension

A member of the public asked for an update on the Eagle Centre extension and asked for the cycle racks from the main centre to be relocated to allow public use.

Removal of rubbish

A member of the public thanked the Council for removing rubbish from the rear of Hartington Street and suggested that the Council reviews its policy to allow small vehicles to use the Council tip free of charge to avoid fly-tipping.

Councillor Williamson added that fridges / freezers could be collected free of charge.

It was noted that Derby Homes had recently provided a crusher vehicle at the Austin Estate.

47/04 Petitions

The following petitions were presented to the Area Panel:

Petition regarding use of residents car park by unauthorised vehicles, Harold Court, Reginald Street

The Panel received a petition regarding the use of a residents car park by unauthorised vehicles.

The petition had been referred to the Director of Development and Cultural Services to provide a full response to the next meeting on the suggestion that the part of the problems were being caused by nearby school traffic.

Petition requesting one-way system St Giles Road

The Panel received a petition requesting a one way traffic system on St Giles Road because of traffic congestion. The petition had been referred to the Director of Development and Cultural Services to

provide a full response to the next meeting on traffic issues.

Petition regarding regeneration grant and off road parking at Leacroft Road

The Panel received a petition regarding a regeneration grant and off road parking at Leacroft Road. The petition had been referred to the Director of Development and Cultural Services to provide a full response to the next meeting on traffic issues. The petition had also been referred to the Director of Policy to provide a full response on the requests for regeneration grant funding.

Petition regarding various improvements in Dexter Street

David Gartside presented a report of the Assistant Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste Management responding to a petition. The various requests made in the petition had been passed to the relevant Council departments and the responses were outlined as follows:

1. No parking zone/ vehicle turning space

Officers had looked into various options but requested more time to investigate further and report back to a future meeting.

2. Installation of Double Glazing to reduce noise from trains and nearby factories

The Council has no responsibility in this matter. General advice from Environmental Health and Trading Standards was that standard double glazing would offer limited protection against railways noise. Acoustic or secondary glazing would be recommended, although it may be more expensive.

3. Problems with sewerage

The issue had been forwarded to Severn Trent Water limited who are responsible for damage to drainage / sewer pipes. No response had been received.

4. Request for improved street lighting

It had been recognised that the lighting was not up to current British Standards but the Council did not have any funds to rectify the problem. The request would be kept on file and reviewed should funds become available, particularly if the Council secured funding via a Private Finance Initiative (PFI).

48/04 Traffic Management Group Programme - Priorities

David Gartside introduced a report on the priorities for the Traffic Management Group Work Programme. It was noted that Area Panel 3 generated a large number of issues for investigation that generally required thorough investigation. The section was finding it

increasingly difficult to deal with all the requests received from the Area Panels and the Panel was asked to prioritise the outstanding requests to ensure that the residents concerns were dealt with in the most efficient manner.

It was noted that there was insufficient resources available to enable the Traffic Management Group to respond to every request.

Agreed that Sarah Edwards and David Gartside look at the outstanding requests and report the proposals for prioritisation back to a future meeting.

49/04 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trust

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.

50/04 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/05

Applications for Area Panel Funding

A report of the Director Policy was considered which set out details of five applications for funding, which were all key decisions, as follows:

- To consider whether to support the application received from the Bishops Lonsdale CE(Aided) Primary and Nursery school for a course for parents/carers on strengthening families and community parenting programme – Amount requested £200.
- To consider whether to support the application received from The Duke of Edinburgh Award Group to purchase equipment for the scheme – Amount requested £2,000.
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Hindu Culture and Welfare Society in Derby for a Friday luncheon club. Amount requested £2,500.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Indus Project for how to drug proof your kids. Amount requested £1,096.
- To consider whether to support an application from One Voice Ek Awaaz for One Voice Ek Awaaz new initiative. Amount requested £ 2,000

Options considered

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the applications for funding against priorities. The Panel considered the recommendation from the Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel for each application.

Key Decisions

To award grants to the following applications:

- Bishops Lonsdale CE (Aided) Primary and Nursery school – Grant for £200 for a course for parents/carers on strengthening families and community parenting programme.

Reasons

1. The application provided a service in response to the needs of local residents
 2. The application promoted strong and positive neighbourhoods
 3. The application would help protect and support people
 4. The application enabled residents to participate in their community or at area panel meetings
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Group – Grant for £1,500 to purchase equipment for the scheme

Reasons

1. The application provided a service in response to the needs of local residents
 2. The application would help protect and support people
 3. The application promotes strong and positive neighbourhoods
- Indus Project – Grant for £892 approved in principle, subject to the funding not being available from the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.

Reasons

1. The application provided a service in response to the needs of local residents
2. The application directly benefits people living in the geographical area covered by the area panel

To defer grants to the following applications

Councillor Nath left the meeting during consideration of the next item

- Hindu Culture and Welfare Society of Derby – Deferral of the application for a grant for £2,500 to provide a luncheon club

for Hindu Asian elderly on the grounds that more evidence was required of the need for the Friday Luncheon Club and what additional needs the luncheon club will meet.

- One Voice Ek Awaaz New Initiative – Deferral of the application for a grant for £2000 towards publicity and running costs on the grounds that further information was required.

51/04 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

To note that:

- 1. the next meeting of the Area Panel would be held on Wednesday 23 March 2005 at 6.00pm at St Giles Church Hall, Village Street.**
- 2. Councillor Williamson would be the Chair**

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