

Time commenced – 6.35pm
Time finished – 7.47pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
11 JANUARY 2006**

Present: Councillor E Berry (Chair)
Councillors Ahern, P Berry, Bolton, MacDonald, Rawson,
Redfern, Roberts, Smalley and West

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Paul Dransfield – Director of Resources
Ruth Hardy – Youth worker
Adam Hind – Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Jody Kirkpatrick – Constitutional Services Officer
Inspector McLaughlin – Derbyshire Constabulary
Rachel Levy – Constitutional Services Officer
Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Graeme Walton – Derby Homes

32 Members of the public were in attendance.

42/05 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown and Latham.

43/05 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

44/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

45/05 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

46/06 Corporate Budget

Councillor Roberts gave a presentation on the Consultation on Revenue Budget for 2006/07 to 2008/09.

It was agreed to note the content of the presentation.

47/05 Petitions

Mr J Lawrence presented a petition objecting to the recycling plant in Spondon on the grounds of noise, pollution, and congestion in the area caused by the lorries.

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Spondon objecting to the planning application for a recycling plant at Spondon.

Agreed to ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

48/05 Update on Progress regarding Community Issues raised at the Area Panel meeting

The Panel considered a new style update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The new report included details of issues raised and various progress to date, details of which council officer was responsible for these issues and a recommended action for the panel against each issue.

A member of the public commented that in items 1.6 & 1.7 there were no timescales for the work taking place. It was explained that costings were still being awaited and that if timescales were given they were normally included within the report.

Resolved to note the report.

49/05 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Road Crossing near the Wyvern Centre

A member of the public raised the issue that he thought a crossing was needed on the slip road off the A52 near Toys r Us, due to the volume of increasing traffic because of new employment in the vicinity. He stated that cyclist and pedestrians were finding it difficult to cross the road safely.

The Panel agreed to ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Footpath on A52

A member of the public raised the issue that on the footpath on the A52 youths had damaged streetlights. Councillor P Berry agreed to report this matter to ensure the lights were repaired.

The Panel agreed to ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Withdrawal of 101 & 102 Bus Service

A member of the public raised the issue about the 101 & 102 bus service being withdrawn, was this to be replaced and where was the funding being transferred to. Councillor Roberts responded that the service had been funded by the Urban Bus Challenge and the level of subsidy was so great the service could not continue to be provided. Also Councillor Roberts commented that the no.27 bus was withdrawn due to the lack of use by members of the public.

Vandalism and Graffiti

A member of the public raised the issue about the high level of vandalism and graffiti in the Perth Street area. Inspector McLaughlin commented that at the moment the police were very successful with recent prosecutions in Derby but that the public still needed to be the eyes and ears to continue to identify the culprits.

Zebra Crossing

A member of the public raised the issue that a light had been missing from the zebra crossing at Sussex Circus for over six months.

The Panel agreed to ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Footpaths on Chaddesden Park

A member of the public asked when the paths in Chaddesden Park were due to be renewed. Councillor Bolton commented that only last year a consultation was carried out and that she would liaise with John Winters and the park staff, but that work was always dependant on budget constraints.

The Panel agreed to ask the Director of Environmental Services to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Railway track on Croft Wood

A member of the public asked if any Councillors were prepared to work with local residents to improve the railway area. Councillor Rawson responded that the Derwent Ward Councillors would all be interested in working with the local residents and that they would take advice from officers on how to proceed.

Litter in Spondon

A member of the public raised the issue of litter of road in Spondon, they commented that the roads were in a bad state at the present. Councillor P Berry said he would talk to officers about the problem.

The Panel agreed to ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Bus Stop Markings on Maine Drive

A member of the public commented that the bus markings on Maine Drive were only 10 metres away from the park. Councillor Bolton responded that she would investigate the matter.

The Panel agreed to ask the Director of Regeneration and Community to investigate and report back to a future meeting.

Anti Social Behaviour

A member of the public raised the issue of anti social behaviour Spondon, and asked what the residents could do to help. Councillor P Berry responded that there was already a dispersal order in process in the Spondon but groups were coming into Spondon from other areas. The Councillors were working with the Anti-Social Behaviour and Youth Team to provide more facilities for the young people in the area. Inspector McLaughlin stated that a dispersal order had been in place in the City Centre for over six months and that this had worked well with fantastic reductions in anti-social behaviour.

50/05 Cosmetic Work to Trees

A report of the Director of Commercial Services was considered which set out details of two trees outside 4 Cypress Walk, Chaddesden and two trees outside 2 Ullswater Close, Derwent, both required work to thin the crowns of the trees.

It was agreed to approve the report.

51/05 Provision of Dual Waste Bins

A report of the Director of Commercial Services was considered which confirmed the location of 12 new bins in the Area Panel 1 area and set out details of the provision of eight extra dual waste bins in various set sites subject to funding from the area panel

It was agreed to approve the report.

52/05 Area Panel Review Progress Report

A report of the Assistant Director – Community Policy was presented to inform Area Panel 1 of the outcome of stage 1 of the Area Panel Review.

It was agreed to note the report.

53/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/06

A report of the Assistant Director – Community Policy was considered, which set out one application for funding which had been received.

It was reported that the application was from Chaddesden Park Allotments Association. They were seeking a grant of £800 towards security fencing for the site.

Decision

- 1. To award the grant of £800 to the Chaddesden Park Allotment Association towards security fencing.**

54/05 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trusts

A 'Briefing on Health Services' paper was considered.

Resolved to note the information about health services contained in the briefing paper.

55/05 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting would be held on 8 March 2006 at The Church on Oakwood, Bishops Drive, Oakwood.

MINUTES END