

# ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.30 pm  
Time finished : 9.00 pm

## **AREA PANEL 4 (BLAGREAVES, LITTLEOVER AND MICKLEOVER WARDS)**

**18 January 2006**

Present: Councillor Carr (Chair)  
Councillors Allen, Care, Hird, Jones, Skelton, Troup and  
Winter

Also present: Councillor Roberts

Derby City Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue  
Service Officers:

Ellen Bird	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Richard Smail	-	Area Panel Manager
Paula Solowij	-	Derby Homes
Ray Dring	-	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Keith Howkins	-	Finance Officer
Andrew Flack	-	Director for Children and Young People

45 members of the public were in attendance.

### **38/05 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Marshall

### **39/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

### **40/05 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Carr and Care declared a personal and prejudicial interest in all items relating to Planning which were raised in minute number 45/05. They left the room whilst these issues were being discussed and Councillor Skelton took the Chair.

### **41/05 Minutes**

**Agreed that the Minutes of the Area Panel 4 meeting held on 30  
November 2005 be confirmed as a correct record**

## 42/05 Corporate Budget

Councillor Roberts gave a brief presentation to the Panel on the Council's budget proposals for 2006/7 to 2008/9.

A resident felt that a lot of people did not pay their Council Tax and asked what the Council was doing to collect the debts. Councillor Roberts reported that collection rates for Council Tax were very good in Derby and that non payment was taken very seriously.

A resident asked what the rates for the Fire and Police authorities would be. Councillor Roberts reported that these were set independently of the Council and that they were currently consulting on their budgets.

A Littleover resident raised concerns about the cuts to the front line library services. Councillor Roberts explained that difficult choices had to be made if the Labour Group was to meet its election manifesto promise in relation to keeping the Council Tax levels below the rate of inflation.

A resident highlighted that the rates for hiring space at the Assembly Rooms would increase by 100% over the next year. Councillor Roberts agreed to investigate this and agreed to contact the resident on this issue.

Councillor Skelton highlighted that the proposals to cut the Area Panel budgets varied depending on how many Wards made up each area panel. Councillor Roberts agreed to look into this issue and see if a solution could be found.

**Resolved to note the presentation**

## 43/05 Petitions

### To Receive new Petitions

There were none.

### To Consider Petitions Received Since the Last Meeting

a) Car Parking Uttoxeter Road, Mickleover, Derby

The Panel received a petition from local residents concerned about car parking and requesting that double yellow lines be included in the improvements being carried out on Uttoxeter Road.

**Resolved to request that the issues raised in this petition be investigated by officers and that a report be brought back to a future meeting.**

## Responses to Petitions Received

### b) Station Road Pedestrian Crossing

The Panel received a report from the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management responding to the petition requesting pedestrian crossings on Station Road, Mickleover. The report outlined that investigations have shown that the criteria for a crossing near to East Avenue have been met and it will be considered for inclusion in the preparation pool for 2006/7. The criteria was not met for the crossing near Onslow Road. The lead petitioner submitted a letter in response to the report asking that the council reviews the decision about Onslow road crossing. Councillors on the panel felt that it may be possible to gain funding for an additional crossing through the Safer Routes to schools programme or the Cycling initiatives that are being developed.

#### **Resolved to:**

- 1. approve the proposed action to install a crossing at East Avenue as detailed in the report.**
- 2. request that a further report be brought to the panel if there had been no improvement in securing a second crossing at Onslow Road through safer routes to schools.**

### c) Resident's Only Parking on Warner Street

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste detailing a response to residents request that on-street parking be restricted to residents only. The report outlined the impact of the changes to parking enforcement including the introduction decriminalised parking enforcement later in 2006. The report proposed that the streets around Mickleover District Centre, including Warner Street, are put on a list of sites for future investigations into residents only parking.

#### **Resolved to agree the recommendations in the report**

### **44/05 Area Panel 4 Community Issues Update Report**

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at previous meetings. The report included details of the issues raised, the proposed actions and the progress to date. The following issues in the report were discussed in detail:

#### **Millenium Wood**

A resident felt that the wood needed more than one entrance. She suggested that Tiller Close will be the ideal place.

**Resolved to ask Andrew Morgan to attend a future meeting.**

## **Housing Developments in Blagreaves**

The Panel felt that it was important to keep this issue under review.

**Resolved to review the impact of traffic on the area in the future connected to the housing developments.**

## **Parking Problems Devonshire Drive**

A resident confirmed he was there when the police had visited the area. He hoped that this was not a one off and that it would happen again in the future.

## **Planning Application at East Midlands Airport**

It was noted that the airport would be doing a series of presentations in the East Midlands area shortly to highlight their plans for expansion. A special exhibition will be arranged for the Littleover/Mickleover area. Councillor Care informed the Panel that a Council representative would be appointed to the Consultation Committee.

## **Recycling**

A resident highlighted the need for a recycling facility in Mickleover. She said that the overflowing bins at Tescos demonstrated a willingness to recycle in the area.

The Panel agreed.

**Resolved to note the update report.**

## **45/05 Public Question Time**

### **Mickleover Royal British Legion.**

A resident queried what the Panels views were about the threat to the Scout Groups and Youth Clubs that operated from the Mickleover Royal British legion. Councillor Jones reported that she had arranged a meeting with planners to discuss the terms of the Section 106 agreement and would highlight the need to protect the clubs that use the premises.

Councillor Hird said that Sports England had raised concerns about the plans and that the access Officer was also unhappy with some of the proposals. Councillor Hird was hoping to speak at the Planning Meeting to help protect the clubs using this site.

### **Damage to Bendall Green**

A local resident complained that Bendall Green had been damaged by contractors working on Council houses in the area. She said there were problems with dust and litter and that the contractor's vehicles driving over the Green had turned it into a mud bath.

A representative from Derby Homes reported that a surgery was held at the site office in Littleover every Wednesday between 10am and 12 noon and complaints should be raised there or directly with Derby Homes.

### **Lighting on Bendall Green**

A resident reported problems with youths on Bendall Green and requested that white lighting be installed as soon as possible in the area.

Councillor Care reported that the Street Lighting PFI bids were now in and that 70% of the Council's lighting would be replaced over the next 5 years. She advised the resident to contact officers directly to establish when Bendall Green was likely to receive new lighting.

### **Pavilion Association, Mickleover**

The Panel were thanked for the recent grant for the Mickleover Pavilion Association. He asked Mickleover Councillors to assist them to get another Section 30 order in the area.

### **Trees in Blagreaves Lane**

A resident reported that 3 trees on Blagreaves Lane had been severely cut back by an arboriculturalist. Councillor Skelton informed the Panel that the trees were diseased and that they would be replaced.

## **46/05 Proposed Operation of Trial for Cosmetic Work to Trees**

The Panel received a report from the Director of Commercial Services detailing proposals for work on 6 trees on Stenson Road.

The panel requested that in future, wherever possible pictures be circulated with the report.

It was suggested that a report be brought to a future meeting regarding trees on Wilson Avenue.

**Resolved to agree the recommendations in the report.**

## **47/05 Provision of Dual Waste Bins**

The Panel received a report from the Director of Commercial Services regarding the provision of dual waste bins.

**Resolved to adopt all of the bins detailed on the first page of the report and the first page of the appendix apart from those on sites which are not adopted.**

## 48/05 Health Briefing from Primary Care Trusts

A briefing from the Primary Care Trusts was considered.

**Resolved to note the Health Briefing from the Primary Care Trust**

## 49/05 Area Panel Review

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director Community Policy regarding the progress on the Area Panel Review.

The Panel informed members of the public present at the meeting that if they would prefer to receive the front sheet of the agenda papers they needed to tick the relevant box on the signing in sheet.

**Resolved to:**

- 1. Note the report.**
- 2. Investigate whether the distribution of agendas for this meeting could revert to the front sheet only of the agenda papers.**

## 50/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals

A report of the Assistant Director Community Policy was considered which set out details of two applications for funding which had been received. These were:

1. The Panel considered whether to support the application received from the Asian Friendship Group for £2,000 to fund a project to provide healthy living activities for men in the Heatherton area.

The Panel felt that the applicant could ask its members to make a more significant contribution to the costs of the running of the group and felt that the estimates for the costs of speakers were excessive. The Panel felt that the Friendship Group needed to make progress quickly on setting up a group for women or an integrated group.

The Panel agreed to part fund this application.

**Resolved to approve the application for £1100 towards the rent costs.**

## 2. Derby City Youth Service

The Panel considered whether to support the application received from Derby City Youth Service for £2,000 to provide equipment and resources for a new youth club.

The Panel queried why sufficient funds for capital costs had not been made available in the original budget. The applicant explained that the project had been delayed in starting due to delays in staff's clearance from the Criminal Records Bureau. This had led to budgetary problems.

**Resolved to approve this application.**

## 41/05 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

The Panel noted that the next meeting would be held at Silverhill Primary School, Draycott Drive, Mickleover at 6.30pm.

Minutes End