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**AREA PANEL 4 (BLAGREAVES, LITTLEOVER AND MICKLEOVER
WARDS)
WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2007**

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

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers

Sarah Dosunmu	- Area Panel Manager
Susana Pando	- Constitutional Services Assistant
Jody Kirkpatrick	- Constitutional Services Officer
Richard Smail	- Area Panel Manager

38 members of the public were in attendance.

14/07 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Carr.

15/07 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

16/07 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hird declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute number 00/07.

1. 124th Derby (Mickleover) Scouts as she knew the applicant
2. Bollards on Cavendish Way as she was the applicant
3. Friends of Ravensdale Junior School as her daughter attended the school
4. Mickleover Library User Group as her husband was the treasurer

17/07 Minutes

Agreed that the Minutes of the Area Panel 4 meeting held on 27 June 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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18/07 Chair's Report

Members of the public received a brief oral report from the Chair and members of the Panel on current activities and progress on projects in the Area Panel 4 area.

Agreed to note the report.

19/07 Petitions

To receive new petitions.

The Panel received a new petition:

- Pedestrian Crossing at the bottom of Carlisle Avenue
- Access Road to new housing Development on Bosworth Avenue, Sunnyhill

To consider petitions received since last meeting.

Closure of Gayton Swimming Pool, Blagreaves

It was noted that the group who send in the petition were not the group who have taken legal action against the Council.

To consider responses to petitions received.

Petition Moorland Road, Mickleover

The Panel received a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation in response to a petition relating to Moorland Road, Mickleover. The proposed action was to note that an additional storm drain would be installed in the area of house numbers 3 to 9, which would be done as quickly as possible as soon as the location was identified. The route would continue to be inspected every six months and any defects exceeding the intervention levels would be repaired.

Resolved to note the report

Petition requesting investigation of accidents and vehicle speeds – Hedingham Way, Mickleover

The Panel received a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation in response to a petition requesting the investigation of accidents and vehicle speeds on Hedingham Way, Mickleover. The Panel received a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation in response to a petition relating to Moorland Road, Mickleover. The proposed action could be to implement two humps, to control the vehicle speeds, this could be recommended for inclusion in the 2008/09 work programme subject to the Neighbourhood Board agreeing it a priority.

Comment [s1]:

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The lead petitioner was concerned that speed humps were not the answer and that this issue should be looked at more widely at the Neighbourhood Forum. He outlined other concerns with the response in the report:

- Speed monitoring was done during school holidays which is not the best time
- Speed monitoring was done at the wrong place on the road in relation to the bend
- There was no reference to the suggestions to consider signs or road layout

p the issue.

The lead petitioner asked that:

- signs are considered to warn drivers of the bend – the current lay out with the bus stop gives drivers an impression that the bend is not very tight.
- Construction of the bend is reviewed

Councillor Care requested that the issue is considered along with speeding problems on Haven Baulk Lane.

Resolved to:

- ask Highway officers to hold a site visit with Mickleover Ward Councillors
- ask Highway officers to consider the use of signs, to consider the removal of the bus layby subject to discussions with bus companies and to consider redesigning the road lay out.
- refer the matter to the Mickleover and Littleover Neighbourhood Boards

20/07 From Areas to Neighbourhoods

The Panel received a report from the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit, setting out an update on the decision and actions agreed at Full Council on 18 July 2007 to approve in principle the transformation from Area Panels into Neighbourhood Forums.

The panel noted the following amendments to the information given in Appendix 1:

- The Blagreaves Neighbourhood Forum would take place at St Andrews Church Hall.
- The Littleover Neighbourhood Forum date was yet to be confirmed.

Concern was raised by members that partnership agencies would be attending duplicated meetings.

Resolved to note the report.

21/07 Update Report

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of the issues raised, proposed actions, progress to date and the City Council or partner officer responsible. Unless expressly stated below, the information contained within the update report complete with officer recommendations for action were agreed.

Resolved to:

- 1. Refer 1.1 to the Littleover Neighbourhood Board along with Mickleover Neighbourhood Board.**
- 2. refer all the outstanding ward issues for Blagreaves, Littleover and Mickleover Wards to the relevant Neighbourhood Boards**

22/07 Public Question Time

The public raised the following issues during public question time:

Housing Development on Bosworth Avenue

A member of the public asked what the council could do with regard to the proposed housing development. It would not be in character with the area and a suggestion had been made to extend the footpath across a home owners garden.

Councillor Skelton reported that the application was at outline stage and that the developer would not be able to build across the homeowner's garden. It was

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suggested that the homeowner contact Planning Aid East Midlands for advice.

Sunnydale Park

A member of the public informed the Panel that recently this area had become a meeting area for groups of youths ranging from 20 to 100 at any one time. This caused noise issues and that was concern over underage drinking. It was reported that Youth Officers had been in attendance along with the police.

It was reported that Members had been in contact with the local police concerning this and that they were aware that it was a big issue and that the Licensing Officers had been made aware and were investigating where under age drinkers were buying alcohol from.

Bendal Green Open Space

A member of the public informed the Panel that previously an agreement had been made to maintain the open space twice a year but only 1 seasons work had been carried out so far.

Millennium Wood

A member of the public asked whether the farmer who owned the land had been stopped from selling his property.

Councillor Skelton reported that at Council Cabinet would be discussing a new city park for which £2m had been set aside on 2 October and that there would be future consultation in the local area.

Zig Zag Crossing outside Carlyle Infant School

A member of the public asked why the lines outside the school had been painted yellow rather than white.

Councillor Care reported that yellow lines were advisory and that white lines needed a traffic regulation order.

Resolved to refer the issues raised to the relevant Neighbourhood Board.

23/07 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2007/08

A report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities was considered which set out details of fourteen applications for Area Panel funding which had been received.

The applications were:

1. To consider whether to support the application received from 124th (Mickleover) Derby Scouts – funding for a replacement scout hut – grant requested £4,700.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from

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Councillor Hird – bollards on Cavendish Way – grant requested £3,815.

3. To consider whether to support the application received from Friends of Ravensdale Junior School – funding for Trim Trail – grant requested £500.
4. To consider whether to support the application received from Mickleover Library User Group – start up funding – grant requested £833.
5. To consider whether to support the application received from 126 (City of Derby) Squadron Air Training Corps – funding for catering and climbing – grant requested £600.

The Panel agreed to award Area Panel funding to the applications in the following way:

1. 124th (Mickleover) Derby Scouts - £4,700
2. Bollards on Cavendish Way – refused
3. Friends of Ravensdale Junior School - £500
4. Mickleover Library User Group - £833
5. 126 (City of Derby) Squadron Air Training Corps - £600

24/07 Health Briefing from the Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

Agreed to note the information about Health Services contained in the briefing paper.

25/07 Events Diary

26/07 Date of next meeting

Resolved to note that there would be Neighbourhood Forums set up for Blagreaves, Littleover and Mickleover wards. The Panel noted that this was the final meeting of Area Panel 4

Littleover Community Panel would meet on 26 October at Donnington Close at 6.30pm.

MINUTES END