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## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### DISTRICT COMMITTEE - HUDDERSFIELD

**Tuesday 6th December 2016**

Present: Councillor Sheikh Ullah (Chair)  
Councillors N Mather, K Allison, C Burke, R Eastwood,  
J Homewood, J Hughes, M Kaushik, M Khan, P McBride,  
B McGuin, A U Pinnock, M Sokhal, J Stewart-Turner,  
L Wilkinson and G Wilson

Apologies: J Calvert, E Hill, C Pattison and M Sarwar

In attendance: Approximately 15 members of the public were in attendance

**1 Welcomes and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and Councillors introduced themselves.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 September 2016 were approved as a correct record.

**3 Interests**

Councillor Sokhal declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 7, for the reason that he is a member of the Kirklees Active Leisure Board of Trustees.

**4 Admission of the public**

**RESOLVED** – That all items were considered in public session.

**5 Deputations / Petitions**

There were no deputations or petitions.

**6 Estate and Environmental Works Budget - 2016-2017**

A progress update was provided by Lisa White, Operational Manager from Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing on schemes funded from 2015/16 and went through the 2016/17 proposals for the Committee to consider funding from the Housing Revenue Account – Estate and Environmental Works Budget.

**RESOLVED** – Members considered the report and agreed that the HD4 project (Dalton Ward – Town Estate/Springbank Estate, Leeds Road) be removed from the prioritised list until further information about the Kirklees Green Corridor scheme is provided to the Committee. This project will be considered at a future meeting.

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The Committee considered the remaining prioritised schemes in Appendix 1 and approved the funding and requested that more information on the breakdown of the costings for the HD17 project (Dalton Ward – Rawthorpe Lane) be provided to the Dalton Ward Councillors.

### **7 Kirklees Active Leisure and Kirklees Council's Sports and Physical Activity Team**

The Committee received an informative update from Alastair Brown, Chief Executive on the opportunities Kirklees Active Leisure (KAL) is providing across the district. Martin Gonzalez, Sport and Physical Activity Team also provided an update including an overview on the Try it, Walk, Jog, Bike it initiative the Committee previously funded.

Kirklees Active Leisure was established in 2002:

- (1) There were three major factors for establishing Kirklees Active Leisure:
  - (i) Need for capital investment
  - (ii) Addressing declining revenue
  - (iii) Need to reduce the operating subsidy
- (a) Kirklees Active Leisure's overarching aim is to get more people across Kirklees active in order to improve the health and wellbeing of its citizens
- (b) A Partnership agreement was put in place in 2012 and extended for a further 20 years. However, Kirklees Active Leisure operates separately from the Council as an independent, charitable trust, established as a company limited by guarantee
- (c) Kirklees Active Leisure is governed by a Board of 12 Trustees, which includes two Councillors; Councillors Dodds and Sokhal
- (d) Kirklees Active Leisure has approximately £15.5m turnover (which has increased from £8.5m in 2007/08) and has 280 full time equivalent staff (750 staff) and is the largest local employer of young people under 25 years old, which makes up 55% of its work force
- (e) Kirklees Active Leisure has 13 sites across Kirklees, Huddersfield Leisure Centre being the most recent investment
- (f) Kirklees Active Leisure facilities have over 3.5m visitors every year and over 88% of its customers are either satisfied or very satisfied with its services
- (g) From 2017 the Council are having to reduce the funding by £750k but the Chief Executive confirmed there are no planned closures in the short-term as 8% of Kirklees Council's funding contributes to Kirklees Active Leisure's overall budget so external funding is continually being sought to ensure the universal offer of provision is maintained.

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- (2) The Council's Sports and Physical Activity Team's (SPAT) key focus is on:
- (a) Strengthening the community and voluntary sector and providing support and training to volunteers, for example, walk leader's courses
  - (b) Providing targeted interventions, for example, weight management and mental health schemes and;
  - (c) Working with a wide range of partners to support citizens to become more active
  - (d) 407 residents recently took part in the Try it, walk, jog, bike it beginners programme. Approximately 120 of which took part in the zero to hero 5k 9 week programme which resulted in approximately 60 hero's doing the 5k park run on the last session. 20 have now gone on to join the new 5k beginners group established by the Acre Street Runners in Lindley

**RESOLVED** - The Chair thanked the officers for their presentations and agreed to have further discussions with the Committee on taking forward any joint working opportunities in the future.

### 8 Schools as Community Hubs

The Committee received an overview from Carol Lancaster, Head of Schools as Community Hubs Programme on the progress the hubs are making across Kirklees. She was joined by Head Teachers, Kathy McCauley from Almondbury Community School and Melanie Williams from Royds Hall Community School. Both Head Teachers gave an informative update on the Aspire and Shine Hubs and talked about how partners can get more involved and support these local partnerships to help bring the broadest offer for children and families into a school and community setting.

The Head Teachers emphasised that many children come to school not ready to learn because they or their families are facing difficult circumstances. Consequently, they already contribute significant resources to supporting children and families beyond the traditional role of teaching and learning. Changes across the public sector are too significant for any one organisation or sector to handle on their own, therefore, partnerships will be key to maximising and making the most of everyone's combined resources.

School leaders have been keen to develop a greater role for schools within the wider community and have been forming partnerships with a range of organisations with an offer for children and families.

In order for the vision for community hubs to be realised a number of schools are trialling and testing new ways of working with the Council and other partners. It is about doing things differently not about doing what the council can no longer do. It's about achieving the best outcomes for children and families in an environment of reduced public spending.

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Typically, between 7 and 20 schools are coming together and identifying about 3 people to provide leadership (usually head teachers and staff with a pastoral lead). They also organise some co-ordination which is resourced through the partnership. It's not about 'more money' it's about better use of collective resources to create capacity.

Together schools and their partners are trialling and testing new ways of delivering and providing a rich community environment which delivers a wide range of services and activities, and is doing it differently. The role of the council is to support, facilitate and share good practice.

The way each 'Hub' is developing is as unique as the community it serves but there are some common features and stages that Hubs have tended to work through and this learning helps support other emergent community hubs.

For further information or advice please contact the Programme Team at:  
[schoolsascommunityhubs@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsascommunityhubs@kirklees.gov.uk)

**RESOLVED** - The Chair thanked the officers for their presentations and agreed to have further discussions with the Committee on taking forward any joint working opportunities in the future.

### 9 **Devolved Budget Report**

The District Committee budget balances were noted and applications for funding were considered.

The Committee noted the following:

#### **Discretionary Grants:**

- (i) Lindley Community Group – Apple Day – Lindley Ward - £500 revenue
- (ii) Love Lindley and Lindley Community Group – Christmas Evening – Lindley Ward - £500 revenue
- (iii) Celebratory Heritage – Black History Month – All Wards - £500 revenue (£71.43 per ward)

#### **Fast Tracks:**

- (i) Feasibility Study for car park resurfacing and street lighting for YMCA Car Park – Lindley Ward - £500 revenue
- (ii) Community Drop In Banner at Salendine Nook Shopping Centre – Lindley Ward - £115 revenue
- (iii) Traffic Calming changes on Larch Road, Beech Street and Fir Road, Paddock – Greenhead Ward - £1,000 revenue
- (iv) Supply of two keys for Newsome Village Notice Board in Newsome – Newsome Ward - £29.66 revenue

#### **Underspends to be returned to District Committee Revenue Budget 2016 -2017:**

- (i) £1,416.00 underspend – Dalton Ward Community Newsletter – Dalton Ward (£1,500.00 approved 20.03.2012 revenue)

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**RESOLVED** – That the following projects be funded:

- (i) £1,732.00 grant revenue - Greenhead Ward – Storage Facility – Friends of Norman Park
- (ii) £1,962.00 revenue – Newsome Ward – Purchase of mini fridges for Clare House
- (iii) £3,000.00 revenue – Ashbrow Ward – Ashwood Close, Sheepridge – footpath repairs
- (iv) £1,240.00 capital – Newsome Ward – Replacement seat
- (v) £7,500.00 capital – Lindley Ward – Steps – New Hey Road/Goldington Recreation
- (vi) £9,900.00 – grant revenue – Lindley Ward – Lindley Community Weekend 2017 (which includes £1,500 for Acre Street Runners to rent the Focal Building for 12 months)
- (vii) £53,000.00 New Homes Bonus – Programme of Huddersfield Town Centre Activities
- (viii) £20,000.00 New Homes Bonus – Temporary track way for use by community groups
- (ix) £5,000.00 New Homes Bonus – Try It, Walk It, Bike It, Jog It – Phase 2 – Jog Leaders Accredited Course and Starter Kits

### **10 Public Question Time**

No public questions were received.

### **11 Dates of future meetings**

The next public meetings will be held on 14 February 2017 and 21 March 2017 – 7pm at Huddersfield Town Hall.