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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

DISTRICT COMMITTEE - HUDDERSFIELD

Tuesday 27th September 2016

Present: Councillor Sheikh Ullah (Chair)
Councillors N Mather, K Allison, C Burke, J Calvert,
R Eastwood, J Homewood, J Hughes, M Kaushik,
B McGuin, M Sokhal, L Wilkinson and G Wilson

Apologies: A Cooper, E Hill, M Khan, P McBride, C Pattison and
J Stewart-Turner

In attendance: Approximately 20 members of the public

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 12 July 2016 were approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

Councillor Jean Calvert from the Ashbrow Ward declared 'an other' interest in Agenda item 8 – report 2 for the reason that she is the Chair on the Boards of Local Services 2 You Ltd and DBI Ltd.

4 Admission of the public

RESOLVED – That all items were considered in public session.

5 Deputations / Petitions

There were no deputations or petitions.

6 Huddersfield Town Centre

The District Committee received an informative presentation from Andrew Jackson, Investment and Regeneration Service on some of the key developments taking place in the town centre. Andy outlined that a town centre is never made up of more than 35% of retail because lots more is now on offer from; food, coffee shops, leisure, offices, housing to education opportunities. He stated that over 40,000 students are now attending the University of Huddersfield (with over 120 nations attending), Kirklees and Greenhead Colleges and the town has seen a significant growth over the past few years in student accommodation for example, Standard House, Palace Theatre, Oldgate House.

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Andy emphasised that the town needs to be seen as a 'one of' rather than a 'one off' and needs to be differentiated from anywhere else. A town centre experience needs to be personal to counteract the 'couch surfing' culture (on line shopping) to ensure its future success. On that note he asked the audience to write a postcard from the future; *'As a resident I love Huddersfield because*' A summary of feedback received included:

- Excellent transport links
- Friendliness (need to bottle what Huddersfield has)
- Exciting and energetic place
- Manageable size – easy to get around
- Has a sense of arrival
- Steeped in history
- Multi-cultural place – people integrate well
- Has a number of micro-breweries we should promote more

Andy fed back that he had a visioning workshop recently with Huddersfield Councillors and issues they would like to see prioritised in the short/medium term related to:

- More marketing/PR – create a strong brand
- Talk up the town – its unique selling point
- Advertise its cultural offer
- Maximise its open spaces
- Promote its markets

Discussions then followed with residents on creating a shared vision for the town and exploring any potential short-term priorities the District Committee could support and champion. Feedback received included:

- Work with the youth council and the Student Union at the University to explore how they can help develop and deliver a pledge with young people – who are significant spenders and visitors to the town.
- Develop an exhibition which can be rotated around the town which promotes the things that are manufactured in the town for example; suits, sports equipment – sell what we do and develop a town label – 'made in Huddersfield'....truly champion the brand of Huddersfield through a proactive marketing campaign. Potentially use the "Town" programme to celebrate Huddersfield.
- Identify opportunities to show what independent enterprises offer in the town – demonstrating we are a one off not one of! Hold 'independence days' so independents can showcase what our pound means to them – promotes the person and their products - potentially linked to Small Business Saturday.
- Invite local poets to write about the town – hold an event and showcase the positives.

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- Have a rotating 'what's on board' in key town centre venues for example; the railway station – that promotes what's good about the town, what's on where and when.
- Investigate the 2 hour parking disc scheme administered by town centre retailers (for example; which has been successfully operating in places like Halifax and Harrogate) to encourage visitors to stay in the town and enter shops.
- Campaigns to promote our markets
- Work with partners such as Healthy High Street and Making Spaces to provide animation in Huddersfield Town Centre

RESOLVED - The Chair agreed to feedback the Committees comments to relevant Senior Officers and Partners and identify which priorities could potentially be taken forward and supported by the District Committee.

7 **Roebuck Memorial Homes**

The Committee considered two nominations to the Roebuck Memorial Homes Charity, two Managing Trustees were considered for a further four year term of office (no other nominations were received).

RESOLVED: The Committee agreed to appoint two Managing Trustees for a four year term of office (Cliff Preest and Ray Ram) to Roebuck Memorial Homes.

8 **Committee Budget Report**

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

The Committee noted the following:

Fast Tracks:

- £335 Heaton Road, Paddock – Pedestrian Guard Rails – Greenhead Ward - Revenue
- £163 Abingdon Street, Fartown – Keep Clear Marketing – Greenhead Ward – Revenue

Underspends to be returned to the District Committee budget:

Following a financial monitoring exercise underspends to be returned to the District Committee budget include:

- £3,295 revenue
- £813 capital

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RESOLVED: -

That the following projects be funded:

- (i) £4,400 revenue grant – Ashbrow CCTV – Ashbrow Ward – Local Services 2 You
- (ii) £1,975 capital grant – Branch Out Project – Greenhead Ward – Paddock Community Trust
- (iii) £10,648 revenue – Christmas Trees/Lights 2016 – six wards (excludes Dalton)
- (iv) £10,000 capital – Taylor Hill Footpath – Newsome Ward

9 Public Question Time

No public questions were received.

10 Dates of future meetings

The next public meeting will be held on the 6th December 2016 – 7pm at Huddersfield Town Hall.

Tuesday, 14th February 2017 – 7pm at Huddersfield Town Hall

Tuesday, 21st March 2017 – 7pm at Huddersfield Town Hall

Dates may be subject to change. Please check, the Kirklees Council website, Huddersfield District Committee on Facebook, or local press for updates.

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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. The Committee considered the remaining prioritised schemes in Appendix 1 and approved the funding and requested that more information on the breakdown of the

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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.
- (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.

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- (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.

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.

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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

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)

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

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- (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

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Tuesday 14th February 2017

- Present:** Councillor Sheikh Ullah (Chair)
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B McGuin, C Pattison, M Sokhal, L Wilkinson and
G Wilson
- Apologies:** K Allison, E Hill, M Kaushik, M Khan, A U Pinnock and
J Stewart-Turner
- In attendance:** Approximately 25 members of the public were in
attendance.

1 Welcomes and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone and introduced members of the Committee to the public.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 December 2016 were approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

Councillor Calvert informed the Committee that she is no longer the Chair of Local Services 2 You Limited, which has a grant being considered under item 8, as there may be a delay in the Council being formally notified. Councillor Eastwood also wanted the Committee to be aware he is an active Scout Leader in Huddersfield given the Lepton Scouts Group were having a grant considered under item 8.

4 Admission of the public

RESOLVED – That all items be considered in public session.

5 Deputations / Petitions

There were no deputations or petitions.

6 Comoodle Project Update

The District Committee received an informative presentation from Duggs Carre, Comoodle Manager. Duggs encouraged Members and residents to register their interest with the initiative on the online platform via www.comoodle.com in order that communities can access (borrow and share) stuff, space and skills that are unused or not used to capacity.

Duggs emphasised the need to create a strong culture of sharing in Kirklees, so that we can help each other to do good things in our communities. This means making the best use of our stuff, space and skills by lending things to each other and by sharing what we know. But it will only work if we all have a good understanding of what we can offer each other, and what we need to get good things done.

A number of questions were raised which Duggs responded to including whether Council officers' skills eg. a plumber, bricklayer, funding adviser could be loaned to community groups where there are skill/funding gaps. Duggs emphasised that as well as equipment being offered through the platform, space and skills is the next challenge for Comoodle.

RESOLVED – The Chair thanked the officer for his informative presentation and encouraged everyone to sign up and take part in the initiative.

7 Crime, Community Safety, Cohesion and Victim Support Update

The District Committee received 3 presentations from Sergeant Paul James, Chris Walsh, Safer Kirklees Manager, and Andrew Dolman, Engagement and Cohesion Manager. An overview was given on the ongoing partnership work in relation to crime, community safety and cohesion across the district and an update was given on the new Kirklees Victim Support Service which is based in Huddersfield.

Chris Walsh explained that the **Community Safety Partnership** has a evolving Partnership Plan which uses multi-agency data and consultations with local people to identify key community safety issues for the district. The current plan has four key themes:

- Improving confidence and satisfaction
- Reducing crime
- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Protecting people from serious harm (for example, Domestic abuse, violence, extremism, child sexual exploitation)

Safer Kirklees has a four tier approach to its delivery and aims to tackle them at the earliest point, ideally preventing them in the first place. The approach is:

- Prevention (building relationships with residents)
- Early resolution (officers and local communities taking ownership)
- Partnership problem solving (to recurrent and emerging shared hotspots)
- High risk/intensive cases (more specialist support for example, mental health and enforcement and prosecution where earlier interventions have not been successful)

Information was also shared on the recently developed Victims Support Hub based in Huddersfield. This provides free, confidential support and advice to victims of crime. <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/crime-and-safety/victim-support.aspx>

Sergeant Paul James shared the challenges in **policing** and although the total "recorded" crime has risen by 24.5% during the past 12 months, this is due to a significant proportion of changes in recording practices coming into place.

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He shared the Police and Crime Plans four key community safety outcomes:

- Tackle crime and anti-social behaviour
- Safeguard vulnerable people and protect those most at risk
- Make sure criminal justice works for communities
- Support victims and witnesses

He acknowledged these outcomes are all inter-connected and cannot be delivered by any organisation alone and everyone needs to work together to improve people's lives across Huddersfield. He assured the public by confirming that more staff are visible, responsive and accessible within our communities extending the use of body-worn cameras, number plate recognition equipment and the roll-out of hand-held devices for example, mobile computers to allow officers to spend more time in communities. Recruitment to over 500 police officers is being undertaken over the next year to bring a real preventative, problem-solving approach to difficult issues such as missing people, child and adult safeguarding and policing the digital space. Ensuring the bedrock of the police service will continue to be through strong networks of neighbourhood policing, currently Huddersfield has ten ward officers and two PCSO's.

A number of Ward Councillors expressed concerns over the lack of feedback to them as elected representatives and the wider community when crimes take place and often hear of local issues via the press not from the Police. The Sergeant offered to have ward discussions with colleagues to identify how communication could be improved going forward whilst balancing the sensitivities and confidentiality of police investigations.

Finally, Andrew Dolman shared some of the work currently being undertaken on improving **cohesion** across the district, whilst acknowledging parts of the district have experienced tensions and separations between communities over the years and more recently. Perceptions of unfairness, in international and national events as well as in local circumstances can stoke tensions and divide communities. Occasionally, these tensions can result in hate crimes or even the potential for violent extremism. The Connecting Communities Programme which leads cohesion work is wanting to work closely with Members and communities to:

- Help understand what is important to people at a local level
- Stimulate and encourage more opportunities for more people to know more people
- Breakdown barriers that exist between people and communities
- Enhance community pride and civic participation whilst tackling intolerance and extremism.

Over recent months evidence has been reviewed which includes looking at qualitative information such as the CLIK survey and factors which we think have an impact on cohesion such as housing, crime, schools and community facilities. Overall stats are positive, for example, Huddersfield over 78% of local people are satisfied with their local area as a place to live and 72% of older people and younger people get on with each other.

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A number of concerns were raised by residents and Members, therefore a workshop to facilitate a discussion on cohesion across Huddersfield was offered in order to examine local challenges and opportunities to connect communities in a way that improves community resilience.

RESOLVED – Andrew Dolman to arrange a cohesion workshop for residents, Youth Council representatives and Elected Members in the coming months to examine the local challenges and opportunities that connect communities across the Huddersfield district.

8 Committee Budget Report

The District Committee budget balances were noted and applications for funding were considered. The Committee noted the following Fast Tracks and Discretionary Grants:-

- (a) £100 revenue – Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward – 2017 Partnership Network – 2017 Meetings – Fast Track
- (b) There is an amendment to note to the Brecon Avenue/Blackthorn Drive Footpath Improvements scheme – Lindley Ward. The project was approved on 12 July 2016 at £4,875. The scheme has cost £8,098. £1,000 has been fast tracked by the Committee and £2,223 will be funded through the Parks Service to meet these additional costs – Fast Track
- (c) £472 revenue – Almondbury ward - Huddersfield and District Archaeology Society - Re-excavation of 3 Varley trenches in the annex to Castle Hill – Discretionary Grant
- (d) £200 revenue – Lindley Ward – Lindley Community Group for the St Philips Dramatic Society - BSL Interpreter for Pantomime – Discretionary Grant

RESOLVED – That the following projects be funded:-

- (a) £8,040 Capital – Almondbury Ward - 35th Lepton Scout Group: replacement of damaged flooring in Scout Hall
- (b) £4,060 Revenue – Lindley Ward – Paddock Community Trust - Digital IT Mobile Clinics
- (c) £1,495 Revenue - Lindley Ward – Mount Forum Community Activities
- (d) £543.99 Revenue – Lindley Ward – Lindley Community Choir – Instruments
- (e) £700 Revenue – Lindley Ward – Malham Court Action Group Community Activities
- (f) £2,067.99 Revenue – Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward – Crosland Moor Community Learning Centre - IT Server Equipment

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- (g) £1,000 Revenue – Greenhead Ward – Defibrillator outside Westbourne Surgery in Marsh Village
- (h) £1,000 Revenue - Ashbrow Ward – Local Services 2 You Ltd - Ashbrow School Traffic and Car Parking Scheme
- (i) £13,300 – New Homes Bonus – Lindley Ward - Streetscene and Housing – Huddersfield YMCA – Park and Stride Scheme
- (j) £14,000 – (£7,192.00 Capital/ £6,808.00 Revenue) – Greenhead Ward - Streetscene and Housing – Traffic Calming – Paddock Village

9 Public Question Time

Bob Mortimer raised some concerns about the foul and abusive language displayed by spectators and players at various football matches in the community that he has been witness to and asked if the Council could help tackle these types of issues with the referees in the first instance.

RESOLVED - The Chair advised the resident to provide further information on these incidents to Cheryl Reid who will then liaise with the Sports and Physical Activity Team Manager.

10 Dates of future meetings

Dates of future meetings were noted as below:

21 March 2017, 7pm-9pm at Huddersfield Town Hall