

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**PERRY BARR DISTRICT
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 30
NOVEMBER, 2017**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PERRY BARR
DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 30
NOVEMBER, 2017 AT 1500 HOURS, IN
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, COUNCIL HOUSE,
BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Mahmood Hussain in the Chair

Councillors Gurdial Singh Atwal, Jon Hunt, Morriam Jan,
Keith Linnecor and Waseem Zaffar.

ALSO PRESENT

Andrew Barnes – Employment Manager, Jobs and Skills
Neil De-Costa – Perry Barr District Head
Kate Foley - Senior Service Manager, Housing
Louisa Nisbett - Area Democratic Services Officer

NOTICE OF RECORDING

1099 The Chairman advised that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.birminghamnewsroom.com) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there are confidential or exempt items.

APOLOGIES

1100 Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Tristan Chatfield, Barbara Dring, Paulette Hamilton, Karen Trench and Hendrina Quinnen.

MINUTES

1101 The Minutes of the last meeting on 28 September, 2017, having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

COMMITTEE CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1102 The Code of Conduct related to District Committees was received and noted.
(See document no. 1)

FLEET AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 1103 The item was deferred.

JOBS AND SKILLS DELIVERY UPDATE

- 1104 The following briefing note was attached:-

(See document no, 2)

Andrew Barnes attended the meeting and gave a summary of the briefing note attached to the agenda.

During the presentation and discussion that ensued the following points were made:-

- The total unemployed claimants in Birmingham was 31,660. Perry Barr District had 3,815 representing a claimant rate of 6.6% slightly above the city average and 4th highest of the 10 Districts.
- Ward Figures were
 - Lozells & East Handsworth 2,010 – 9.8%
 - Oscott 210 – 2.6%
 - Perry Barr 560 – 3.7%
 - Handsworth Wood 840 – 4.4%
- City wide Birmingham remained the highest of the UK Core Cities with youth unemployed with 735 in Perry Barr District.
- A summary of Birmingham & Solihull Youth Promise Plus project funded by the European Commission Youth Employment Initiative was given (set out in the report).
- At November 2017 there was 7 months of delivery left. The table at 3.1.3 gave details of the number of young people engaged – 10,739, number of participants A rated – 8,800 and Employment & training outcomes – 1,152. The profile of final outcome reflected a large volume of outputs being achieved in the last few months of project delivery.

- The total outputs in respect of North Birmingham were detailed at 3.1.6 of the report.
- BCC Employment Access function identified work with developers for key sites in Birmingham eg HS2. A partnership has been developed with Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) to assist with recruitment and training of local people. Andrew Barnes informed that they were in negotiations with West Midlands Combined Authority with regards to a Employment and Skills Pilot.
- 4 Local Skills Boards were being set up over the next few years. Andrew Barnes was happy to share details of this in the future.
- Councillor Zaffar welcomed the report and thanked Andrew Barnes for the work they were doing. He made reference to some major partners that had left the area such as BCU and added that the Commonwealth Games could be a catalyst for change in the City as long as local people benefitted. He asked how young people would be equipped with skills to enable them to deliver eg. The village for the commonwealth games. He stressed that it needed to be ensured that young people understood the job opportunities from HS2 and major businesses coming to the City and did not miss out.
- Andrew Barnes was in dialogue with colleagues. An ESF Bid had been submitted and they had attended meetings to discuss future opportunities. The team was keen to take their model of recruitment forward. They would work with colleagues with regard to recruitment packages. They could make a presentation to the Committee in the future on progress with HS2.
- Councillor Hunt noted that the 2 pilot schemes by the combined Authority were in the East of the City.
- In reply to questions from Councillor Hussain the outcomes could be generated by Ward. They were behind with the expected outcomes however they were in proportion in the Wards. There had been one meeting of the Local Employment and Skills Board and they would be meeting next week. Some tasks groups had been set up to look at particular aspects.
- Councillor Hussain requested that minutes of the Board meetings be sent to Members. Andrew Barnes informed there was an open invitation for Members to be engaged. He undertook to re-circulate the last set of minutes.
- Councillor Morriam Jan had received an email notifying her of a meeting of 6 December, 2017. She made reference to Hydraforce and felt it was correct for them to work with the Witton Lodge Community Association. There were a lot of people in Perry Barr and companies should work with people in the area. There were complaints that people were hired from outside the area. Andrew Barnes said there were a links with Hydraforce and YPP but if it not had an effect locally he would look at the issue.

HOUSING TRANSFORMATION BOARD PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 1 - 2017-2018

The following report of the Strategic Director, Place was submitted:-

(See document no. 3)

Kate Foley presented the report highlighting the summary included with the report. During the discussion the following points were made:-

- **Anti-social Behaviour** – This was at a low level compared to other Districts. There had been 76 enquiries. No hate crimes were recorded. A total of 65 cases had been closed. 100% of cases had been responded to on time.
- **Percentage of high and low rise blocks** – There was 1 high rise block in Perry Barr.
- **Lodgers in Occupation for more than 12 weeks** – There was 1 case.
- **Introductory tenanis over 12 months not made secure** – 0%
- **Conditions of Estates** – The score of 27.7 was just below excellent.
- **Voids** – The average days from fit for let to tenancy start date was relatively high at 72%. There were 1 or 2 hard to let properties that were in low demand.
- **Repairs** – The contractors Wates had responded to emergencies to 94.3% of emergencies within 2 hours. Customer satisfaction rate was at 99.6%. The working relationship with the contractor was a lot better.

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RESOLVED:-

That the report of the Strategic Director, Place be noted.

WARD UPDATES

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The following updates were given:-

Handsworth Wood Ward – Councillor Atwal

- Councillor Atwal reported that the following were problems in the Ward:-
 - Waste Collection
 - Anti Social Behaviour. He had complained to the police about drug taking but nothing had been done.

- 20 mph Zone – Residents attending the Ward meeting had indicated that they would like this in the Ward.

Lozells and East Handsworth Ward – Councillor Hussain

The Local Innovation Funds had been agreed a month ago. The next Ward meeting was on 12 December, 2017. Attendance at meetings had declined. They felt that it was a good idea to invite organisations who had received LIF to attend a future meeting to report back on progress.

Oscott Ward – Councillor Linnecor

They had not met since the last District meeting. The Councillors have dealt with residents issues at a local level. Police numbers in the area had been reduced from 14 to 12. Crime had risen. There were also parking and tree issues. Following a tree campaign 1700 trees were to be pruned and 2 cut down. There were concerns about accident blackspots at Aldridge, Greenholm and Hawthorn Roads.

Perry Barr Ward – Councillor Jon Hunt

They had discussed LIF at the Ward meeting. They had reclaimed some derelict land and tackled some flooding. At the next meeting they will discuss the neighbourhood Plan. There were concerns about the traffic on Walsall Road and Neighbourhood Policing. Councillor Morriam Jan added that there had been another accident on Greenholm Road. Residents were losing faith with policing in the area as there were a lot of issues. It was hard to resolve issues with anti-social behaviour, drugs and crime as there was a lack of resources.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1107 Items to be considered for future agendas were suggested as follows:-

- Update from the Depot Manager – Nick Reid, regarding waste management in Perry Barr District
- Cycling

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

1108 **RESOLVED:-**

The following schedule of meetings was agreed for future District Committee meetings in the Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB on the following Thursdays at 1500 hours:-

Committee Room

19 January, 2018	6
23 March, 2018	2

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1109 There was no other urgent business.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

1110 **RESOLVED:-**

That in an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 1552 hours.

CHAIRMAN