

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**SELLY OAK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2015**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SELLY OAK
DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 18
JUNE 2015 AT 1030 HOURS IN COMMITTEE
ROOMS 3 &4, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA
SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT : -Councillors Alex Buchanan, Barry Henley, Timothy Huxtable, Brigid Jones, Changese Khan, Mike Leddy, Karen McCarthy, Eva Phillips and Rob Sealey.

ALSO PRESENT :-

Karen Cheney – District Head (Selly Oak)
Inspector Darren Henstock – West Midlands Police
Parmjeet Jassal – Head of City Finance
Natalie Potter – Senior Service Manager, Housing
Paul Walls – Leisure Project and Client Manager
Fatumo Abdi – Public Health Team
Chris Baggott – Public Health Team
Amanda Lambert – Public Health Team
Sarah Stride – Committee Manager.

**ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER AND VICE CHAIR FOR SELLY
OAK DISTRICT**

Nominations were requested:

Councillor Karen McCarthy was nominated for Executive Member and Councillor Alex Buchanan was nominated for Vice Chair.

The proposal was seconded and it was -

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Karen McCarthy be elected Executive Member for Local Services for the Selly Oak District Committee and Councillor Alex Buchanan as Vice Chair ending with the first meeting of the Committee in the Municipal Year 2015/16.

(Councillor Karen McCarthy in the Chair and Councillor Alex Buchanan as Vice Chair).

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 266 The Chair advised that the meeting will 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.

MEMBERSHIP OF SELLY OAK DISTRICT COMMITTEE

- 267 The following Membership of the Selly Oak District Committee was noted:-

Billesley Ward

Councillors Susan Barnett, Alex Buchanan and Phil Davis.

Bournville Ward

Councillors Timothy Huxtable, Rob Sealey and Phil Walkling.

Brandwood Ward

Councillors Barry Henley, Mike Leddy and Eva Phillips.

Selly Oak Ward

Councillors Brigid Jones, Karen McCarthy and Changeese Khan.

Co-opted Members:-

Station Commander Kevin Eaves – Kings Norton Fire Station

Inspector Darren Henstock – West Midlands Police

2 District Housing Panel Members

1 Member of the Youth Council (to be confirmed).

APOLOGIES

- 268 Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Susan Barnett, Phil Davis and Phil Walkling, and Station Commander Kevin Eaves, Kings Norton Fire Station and Steve McCabe, MP for their inability to attend the meeting.
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MINUTES

As a point of clarity the District Head (Selly Oak) confirmed that:

- Tiverton Road Baths will remain open until the replacement baths at Northfield have been built.
- This Brummie Girl Can Campaign – events taking place in Cotteridge Park and Masefield Community Centre.

The Chair and Members noted the points raised and it was -

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RESOLVED:-

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 March 2015, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Councillor Rob Sealey declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the West Midlands Fire Authority.

CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Code of Conduct was noted:-

(See Document No. 1)

DISTRICT COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

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The following schedule of District Committee functions and guidelines were noted:-

(See Document No. 2)

**SELLY OAK DISTRICT – INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31 MARCH 2015**

The following joint report of the Service Directors District Services, Housing Transformation, Sport Events and Parks, and the Director of Finance was submitted:-

(See Document No. 3)

Parmjeet Jassal, Head of City Finance introduced the report and highlighted the salient points.

Karen Cheney, District Head (Selly Oak) thanked all District staff and Engineers for their hard work in ensuring savings are made in the District during the Council's period of austerity.

The Chair noted that this was the last financial report to be submitted to the District Committee and thanked Parmjeet Jassal, Head of City Finance for all her hard work and support that she had provided to the District over the past three years.

It was -

RESOLVED:-

- (i) Noted the provisional net underspend of £0.091m for Directly Managed and SLA Services as detailed in Appendix 1 compared to the projected year end overspend position at month 10 of £0.038m (see paragraph 5.7 of the report). This is after taking into account the write off of prior year overdrawn reserves and debit balances from 2013/14 of £0.288m. The net underspend has been utilised to manage the year end and brought forward deficit position as approved by Cabinet on 16 March 2015;
- (ii) Noted the financial position on the Community Chest projects as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (iii) Noted that an appropriation to reserves of £0.023m has been made to meet commitments in 2015/16 relating to projects being undertaken by the District Engineer.

DISTRICT HEALTH PROFILE

The following report of the Director of Public Health was submitted:-

(See Document No. 4)

Fatumo Abdi, Chris Baggott and Amanda Lambert highlighted the salient points in the report and made the following particular points:

- The Public Health Team is working in collaboration with the District Committee to set priorities and improve health outcomes for the local community.
- The Public Health website contained the most recent and up to date information/data concerning all health issues in the Selly Oak District.
- Life expectancy and mortality rate indicators – life expectancy of citizens in the Selly Oak District is similar / on par to other Districts in the Birmingham area. The figures for the Birmingham area are less than the average in England. This was mainly due to:
 - Poor lifestyle choices in Birmingham
 - Child obesity – high in the Selly Oak Ward
 - Mental Health issues – high in Bournville and Billesley Wards
 - Dementia – mainly lone elderly residents living in the Billesley Ward.

Members raised a number of comments, questions and concerns:

- Surprisingly low prevalence of depression in Selly Oak District bearing in mind that the area was largely populated by students/exam stress etc.
- Child obesity – why was there a significant and drastic change in statistics from reception to year 6 ?.
- Infant mortality – need to monitor statistics in relation to Asian families and genetic disorders. Important that the genetic programme is continued and resourced.
- An update was requested on the pilot scheme - Stirchley and Cotteridge Social Innovation Zone around Health and Wellbeing, including the healthy villages initiative.

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The District Head (Selly Oak) responded and stated that all of the relevant information had now been collated and that the next step was to programme a series of future meetings. Members will be advised accordingly in due course.

Officers from Public Health Team responded appropriately to questions raised:

- Data for the prevalence of depression is accessed via GP surgeries and include patients who are registered for being treated for depression. However, it was recognised that students may not seek medical treatment for issues in relation to mental health.

Councillor Jones stated that she was aware that student referral rates for depression was high and that on site University Councillors had a waiting list to treat students. She felt that the prevalence was there but may-be not showing up in statistical information from GP surgeries in the District.

- Child obesity was an issue across the City as a whole and related to the ethnic breakdown of the population, particularly with boys. Rates in the Selly Oak District were relatively high. Child obesity figures are gathered from the geographical area / Ward in which the child resides.

It was -

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RESOLVED:-

That the verbal report on the District Health Profile be noted.

HOUSING TRANSFORMATION PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 4 AND PERFORMANCE NARRATIVE

The following performance report from the Service Director, Housing Transformation was submitted together with a performance narrative that was circulated at the meeting:-

(See Document No's 5 and 6)

Natalie Potter, Senior Service Manager, Housing introduced the performance report and made particular reference to the narrative report highlighting the salient points.

Members raised a concern in relation to the 20 empty residential flats above the Aldi retail store and requested that the issue be investigated and resolved as a matter of urgency as housing was a much sought after commodity in the District.

Natalie Potter, Senior Service Manager, Housing stated that she would investigate the concern and report the outcome to all Members of the District in due course.

Members noted that Natalie was leaving the Selly Oak District to work in another District in the City. Members wished her well in her new role and wished her every success in the future.

It was –

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RESOLVED:-

That the Housing Transformation Performance Quarter 4 report and the Performance Narrative be noted.

CAPITAL ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGET REPORT

The following schedule of reports from the Senior Service Manager, Housing Transformation was submitted:-

(See Document No. 7)

Natalie Potter, Senior Service Manager, Housing introduced the Environmental budget, aerial budget and Housing Liaison Board budget reports and highlighted the main points.

The following projects had been appraised and submitted for approval:

- Improvements to Maypole Grove. Following consultation with residents an additional £13,110 to be spent on improvements to the area.
- Garage work on Kipling Road. Additional £2,000 to be spent on two LED street lighting columns to be erected. No follow on service costs incurred.

Councillor Timothy Huxtable reported that during improvement works to the garages on Kipling Road, contractors had damaged the guttering to the roundabout, creating possible drainage problems, and had also damaged garage roof tiles. He requested that the issue be investigated and resolved as a matter of urgency.

Concern was also expressed in relation to funding allocated to the now defunct Cotteridge Housing Liaison Board. The Chair stated that the issue will be addressed and resolved outside the arena of this District Committee.

It was -

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the Capital Environmental Budget report be noted;
 - (ii) That the two projects as identified in the above preamble, namely Improvements to Maypole Grove and the erection of two LED lighting columns on Kipling Road be approved.
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SPORT AND LEISURE – FRAMEWORK AND WELLBEING UPDATE

Paul Wells, Leisure Project and Client Manager gave the following verbal update report and listed the changes made to the Leisure Service from 1 June 2015, and how the service was currently managed under two new services:

Birmingham Wellbeing Service

The Birmingham Wellbeing Service is managed by Birmingham City Council, and includes some former leisure and Community Centres such as Linden Road Instruction Pool and Tiverton Pool and Fitness Centre both of which will remain open until the new replacement Northfield Pool is built.

The Wellbeing Service will encourage people to be physically active and involved in their local community within leisure centres (now known as Wellbeing Centres), in parks (through initiatives such as Park Lives and Active Parks), and across the City through projects such as the Big Birmingham Bikes programme. Alongside physical activity and other healthy living services (such as stopping smoking and weight management), the service will also look to improve people's sense of community, mental health and wellbeing.

Birmingham Community Leisure Trust

The second of the Council's new services is the Birmingham Community Leisure Trust (BCLT). On 20th March the Council's Cabinet Committee awarded the contracts for North and South Birmingham to Serco Leisure Limited, and its delivery vehicle Birmingham Community Leisure Trust. The contracts commenced on 1st June under a temporary services agreement while the BCLT obtained admitted body status, prior to the transfer of City Council employees.

The 15 year partnership will see the transfer of 8 existing facilities, including Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre and Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre. It was envisaged that there will be substantial capital investment within the facilities, along with 3 new replacement facilities and 1 new additional centre.

The key outcomes of the bid will see:

- A Partnership Approach to managing the contract with key stakeholders
- A significant reduction in the councils operating costs and a significant capital build and refurbishment programme
- The introduction of social marketing and operating models that will increase local participation
- The delivery of quality services via a proven track record of Quest (the Industry standard for external benchmarking of leisure services) and exemplary Health and Safety performance
- Improved customer satisfaction through the implementation of the Serco Management System and its supporting applications
- Energy management reductions with no negative impact to the customer experience.

With regard to key capital improvements within the Selly Oak District:

Cocks Moors Woods is likely to see some significant improvements to the reception and changing room areas, as well as the introduction of a much larger gym and function room area.

Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre will undergo a refresh programme including the replacement of some equipment, as well as new outdoor court lighting which will be funded in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association and Tennis Foundation. This would be supported by a potential rebranding of the centre, and

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a possible name change to “Billesley Tennis and Fitness Centre” to incorporate the wider fitness offering available at the facility.

With regards to existing customers, both service providers, the Birmingham Community Leisure Trust and Birmingham Wellbeing Service, will honor existing rates for the foreseeable future, and will have automatically transferred memberships, including the current terms and conditions, to the service provider managing the leisure centre that records indicate customers use the most.

In addition to these services, it is also important to note that the new Birmingham Indoor Bowls hall on Billesley Common opened its doors in January 2015 and has been a great success, seeing a significant upturn in numbers. This has complemented the new Moseley Rugby Club stand, function room and changing facilities which were used for the final few matches of the rugby season.

He concluded by stating that in his new role as Leisure Project and Client Manager for South Birmingham he would continue to be the lead officer for all leisure related items in Selly Oak District.

In response to questions raised concerning the Serco Leisure Management Contract, the Chair requested that a briefing note from the Cabinet Member for Commissioning, Contracting and Improvement be submitted to a future meeting of this District Committee to relay any concerns in relation the future operating model. It was also requested that a report be submitted to a future meeting of all Ward Committee's in the Selly Oak District.

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RESOLVED:-

- i) That the verbal report on the Sport and Leisure Framework and Wellbeing update be noted;
- ii) That the Cabinet Member for Commissioning, Contracting and Improvement be requested to provide a briefing note on the future operating model for all leisure facilities in the Selly Oak District;
- iii) That a detailed report of all improvements to existing leisure centres be submitted to all Ward Committee's in the Selly Oak District.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2015/2016

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It was noted that future meetings of the Selly Oak District Committee be held on the following dates at 1030 hours in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, The Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham:-

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| 30 July 2015 | 28 January 2016 |
| 24 September 2015 | 24 March 2016 |
| 19 November 2015 | |

UPDATE AND FEEDBACK FROM WARDS; BILLESLEY, BOURNVILLE, BRANDWOOD AND SELLY OAK

Karen Cheney, District Head gave the following update:-

- District Wide Events:
 - Natalie Potter moving on to a new area in the City. Wish her well for the future. Austin Rodriguez will be leaving Selly Oak District during his secondment. Thank all officers for hard work and congratulate those employees on winning individual recognition awards.
 - Stirchley Baths, Pershore Road – work progressing well and most of exterior works completed. Interior work is ongoing – will be running community tours around the building. Appointed Community Heritage Development Manager and the Heritage programme is currently being developed. Opening date of building – to be confirmed.
 - Katy Road play area. Consultation successfully carried out by BOSF.
 - Successful transition of transfer of Masefield Centre to the Wellbeing Service on 1st April 2015.
 - Manningford Hall – confirmed successful transfer to Housing.
 - Reward and recognition is important – nominations for Standing Up for Birmingham requested from Members and suggestion that given out at District Committee to successful nominees.
 - Unable at the moment to give any further specific names information in relation to staff changes in District engineers until the outcome of due process with Trade Unions and staff concerned.
 - Festival Season:
 - Selly Oak Park Festival on 20 June 2015
 - Bournville Village Festival on 27 June 2015
 - Jazz on the Green – 11 July 2015.

Inspector Darren Henstock, West Midlands Police gave a verbal update report and made the following particular points:

- Good news – Selly Oak is the only District across Birmingham South that has seen a recent reduction in crime statistics:
 - Total recorded crime down 4%
 - Burglaries down 20% - 115 less properties being burgled
 - Robbery down 44% - 93 less actual victims of robbery
 - Business crime is even.
- Police Team working well in Birmingham South.
- Public place violence - trying to reduce incidences of this crime. Is a seasonal crime – hot weather, students and public houses etc. Breath testing kits available to all punters and Police using them as an educational tool to deter drinking offences.
- Currently no change to manning levels in Police Stations. Will brief Members more fully in the near future.

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RESOLVED:-

That the verbal update reports be noted.

FUTURE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS / DISTRICT WORK PROGRAMME

280 The Chair stated that the Constitution for District Committee's was amended at the City Council AGM and that roles and responsibilities for District Committee's has changed - no longer have budgetary responsibilities but more building on partnerships with the community and a scrutiny role.

Need to look at a variety of issues for discussion at a future meeting of the District Committee – health, jobs and skills, community safety, Police issues, how partnerships with community groups and organisations can be formed and Ward Committee's operating under a new structure.

The District Plan will be developed following the District Convention in November / December 2015.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (REPORTS BY OFFICERS)

281 No items of urgent business were raised.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRPERSON AND OFFICERS

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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 1222 hours.

CHAIRPERSON