

Report to Willenhall LNP, 10 January 2007
Regeneration of Central Willenhall: Project Reference Group

1. Purpose of Report
 - 1.1 The purpose of this report, at the request of the chair, is to allow further consideration of the composition of the Project Reference Group established to oversee the Central Willenhall regeneration project.
2. Recommendation
 - 2.1 The LNP is recommended to determine the composition of the project reference group.
3. Background
 - 3.1 At its meeting on 8th November 2006 the LNP received a report outlining proposals to establish a priority project aimed at regenerating Central Willenhall in conjunction with whg as part of the Strategic Regeneration Framework for the borough approved by Cabinet in 2006. I have attached the report for information.
 - 3.2 The LNP resolved, in noting and supporting the report, to:
 - i Support the establishment of a project reference group to oversee the Central Willenhall masterplan and regeneration project.
 - ii Nominate up to five of its members to join the project reference group and to suggest up to five local organisations from which representatives should also be drawn.
 - iii Receive regular reports from the reference group on progress on the regeneration project.
 - 3.3 The following representatives were nominated to join the project reference group:

LNP – Cllrs. Coughlan, Underhill, Creaney, Ian Shires and Eileen Pitt;

Local Organisations - Stan Taylor (Willenhall Traders Forum)
- Tony Webster (Businessman)
- Head Teacher, Fibbersley Park School
- Community Forum representative
- Local resident
 - 3.4 The report explained the purpose of the project reference group in driving forward the regeneration of Central Willenhall. In particular it would oversee the appointment of consultants to produce a framework plan for the area and manage the process of producing that plan in conjunction with a project team of officers and the consultants who will help to deliver the project on a day-to-day basis. The reference group will also act as a link to ensure that the local community and key stakeholders are fully engaged in the process.

- 3.5 In anticipation of arranging the first formal meeting of the project reference group – which would be asked to agree terms of reference, the boundary of the area, and a brief for the appointment of consultants to produce the framework plan - it has become apparent from representations from the local community since the last meeting that further consideration of the composition of the group should take place. This report provides the LNP with the opportunity for that process to occur.