

WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

ST. MATTHEWS AND BIRCHILLS/LEAMORE LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

8th September, 2004

TIME AND VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Summary of Report

The purpose of the report is to enable Members of the St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore Local Neighbourhood Partnership (LNP) to give consideration to the time and venue, within the LNP area, for their meetings.

Recommendations

Members of the St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore LNP are asked to:-

- Agree to alternate meetings of the LNP between venues in St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore as identified in the report.

Financial and Legal Considerations

Financial Considerations. The financial cost of holding meetings of the LNP at venues within the LNP area will be met from existing budgets.

Legal Considerations. Meetings of the LNP will be open to the public. Notice of the meetings, therefore, needs to be posted at the proposed venues in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985.

Potential Venues

It is important for venues for the meetings of the LNP to be as accessible for as many people as possible across the LNP area. It would, therefore, be appropriate for Members to consider holding the meetings at different venues within the LNP area.

In order to provide continuity whilst also making the meetings accessible and convenient for people within the area, it is suggested that two suitable venues, one in St. Matthews and one in Birchills/Leamore, should be identified and that meetings of the LNP should alternate between the two venues.

To date, enquiries have been made regarding the suitability and availability of a number of venues within the area, including Croft Street Community Association, Lewis Street, Central Methodist Hall, Ablewell Street, Birchills Community Association, Farringdon Street, Blue Coat Secondary School, Birmingham Street and Beechdale Centre, Stephenson Avenue.

Venues need to be accessible by public transport, have car parking facilities and be accessible to the disabled.

Beechdale Centre is, unfortunately, not available on any of the dates for meetings of the St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore LNP. Croft Street Community Association was identified as a suitable venue and was, consequently, booked for this meeting. Subject to Members approval, it is suggested that, subject to confirmation of the availability of the venues, the meetings of the LNP for the remainder of the Municipal Year, alternate between the venues as follows:-

12 th October, 2004	Blue Coat Secondary School
18 th January, 2005	Birchills Community Association
14 th April, 2005	Central Methodist Hall

Alternatively, Members may wish to identify suitable venues in their Wards for consideration.

Time of meetings

In order to make the meetings accessible to all, Members may wish to consider holding future meetings at 7.00 p.m.

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