

Darlaston Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 11th October 2006

Community Action Groups

1.0 Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on the progress of the Community Action Groups

2.0 Recommendations:

1. For LNP members to continue in attendance at the Community Action Group meetings.
2. For the LNP to note progress of Community Action Groups

3.0 Update:

The following CAGs have taken place. A synopsis of discussions are also included:-

Health and People - 23rd August 2006

1. Designing A Better Walsall -
 - A presentation on Designing a Better Walsall Framework was made and the LNP were asked for feedback in the form of questionnaires about good and bad design within the LNP area and why they thought that. Copies of the adopted version of the Walsall Statement of Community Involvement were also circulated.
2. Local Accessibility Action Plan:-
 - A presentation was made by Marie Newton about the future of the Local Accessibility Action Plan in Walsall

Safer & Stronger Communities CAG – 18th September 2006

Feedback on the Environmental Action Plan (Placecheck) / Bus tour was given. An update was given to which issues have been completed and still outstanding. Attached to appendix 1 is the presentation which gives an update on projects. A list of issues have been identified which will be costed (estimated) and fed back to the next future S&SC CAG on the 20th November.

Health Event – 27th September, 2006

The Health event was held at Pinfold Street JMI School. Publicity for the event included 100 posters, 200 leaflets, 2 articles in the Express and Star and letters to all those on LNP database (50 people), Health and Social Care practitioners (GPs, Pharmacists etc) and CEN database. Attendance at the event was limited - 23 people in total, primarily health care professionals and 2 LNP representatives.

The information from the event is being written up currently, and feedback will be given at the next Health and People CAG on 23rd October, 2006.

4.0 Forthcoming CAG meetings

The following CAG meetings are scheduled. Please note that a Drop in session will take place between 6.00 and 6.30PM for members to log their issues with the LNP team. These issues will then feed into services and partner agencies for responses:

23 rd October 2006	People & Health
20 th November 2006	Safer & Stronger Communities
18 th December 2006	People & Health
22 nd January 2007	Safer & Stronger Communities
19 th February 2007	Health & People
19 th March 2007	Safer & Stronger Communities
12 th April 2007	People & Health

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Darlaston Local Neighbourhood Partnership Bus Tour 2005- Action Plan Update 2006

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Action Plan Update 2006

- A bus tour with members of the Darlaston LNP took place in the summer of 2005
- The environmental problems identified during the bus tour were captured in the 'Darlaston Local Neighbourhood Partnership Environmental Action Plan'
- The document highlights **99** issues identified during the bus tour



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Action Plan Update 2006

- The identified issues were grouped into different categories;
 - Maintenance Issues
 - Masterplanning Issues
 - Other Issues
 - Project-based Issues
- By grouping the issues into categories this enabled actions to be brought by partners and service areas within the Council



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Action Plan Update 2006- Maintenance Actions

- A total of **38** projects were categorised into the maintenance category
- Of those **38** projects **17** have been completed by a range of partners such as Darlaston Housing Trust and service areas such as Walsall Streetpride Services.
- Of the **21** projects still to be completed **5** are being followed up by service providers.
- **16** projects remain with no action taken/ resolved



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The Good News!



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Action Plan Update 2006- Masterplanning Actions

- **12** of the environmental issues identified during the bus tour will be included in the masterplanning process for two areas of the LNP;
- The Bentley Masterplan- including sites in and around Bentley Local Centre on Churchill Rd/ Queen Elizabeth Avenue and the Old Hall Pool Estate
- The Moxley Masterplan- including sites such as Harrowby Rd/ Belmont Gardens and the former Moxley Tip



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More Good News!



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Action Plan Update 2006- Other Actions

- A total of **23** issues were categorised into the 'other category'
- **7** were planning enforcement issues, **5** were public protection and **7** were Safer Walsall Borough Partnership related issues, the remaining were the responsibility of other service providers
- Between June 06 and August 06 the Community Safety Intervention Group focused its activities in Darlaston and they report **865** interventions undertaken
- **6** of planning enforcement actions are being followed up, with 1 case closed
- **1** of public protection issues are complete, 4 require further work with other agencies



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Even More Good News!



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Action Plan Update 2006- Project-based Actions

- For all those issues that could not be categorised in any other way, their action is considered best through a project-based response
- There are **26** 'projects' that the LNP could consider as a priority to receive action- some issues have been grouped together;
 - Bull Lane Road Safety Project; improve parking at Dorothy Purcell School; develop a school travel plan, road safety awareness, physical measures
 - Bradley Locks Restoration Project
 - Moorcroft Wood Enhancement Projects; physical improvements, friends group and activities with local groups
 - Bentley Linear Walkway Project- access & perimeter improvements
 - Poplar Close Enhancements- car parking, security interventions, fencing
 - Poplar Ave to Rowlands Avenue alleyway closure feasibility project
 - Lime Close alleyway closure feasibility project
 - Banfield Rd alleyway closure feasibility project
 - Bills Street Parking Improvements- feasibility study/ options appraisal
 - Rough Hay School- as Dorothy Purcell School above
 - Darlaston Recreation Grounds- management arrangements and enhancement plan



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Action Plan Update 2006- Actions for the future

- Darlaston Housing Trust (DHT) have undertaken activities with young people living in the LNP area and they have identified environmental issues that matter to them. There is some overlap between the Bus Tour and the work of DHT and we will work in partnership to ensure actions are taken

The young people have also highlighted 2 additional project-based actions that the LNP may wish to consider for the future; Walsall Canal 'clear- up' project and Great Bridge Road Playing Fields enhancement project

- Continue to work with Streetpride to ensure outstanding maintenance actions are taken
- Ask for feedback from planning enforcement and public protection on actions taken
- Ask for feedback from Safer Walsall Borough Partnership on outstanding issues
- Deliver LNP priority projects
- Involve the LNP in masterplanning activities in Bentley & Moxley
- Set a review timetable for outstanding issues



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Tonight's Task

- Consider whether to add additional 2 projects to Bus Tour list from Young Peoples' priorities.
- Need to identify a ranking of these projects by agreeing which are:-
 - "Musts" (action within next 1-2 years)
 - "Shoulds" (action within next 2-3 years)
 - "Coulds" (action in 3 years or longer)
- For "shoulds" projects – agreeing a budget and funding arrangements for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008



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