

Proposal to request the Cabinet of Walsall MBC to return the level of LNP funding to at least the 2005/2006 level of £250,000 and explain how they will support Local Neighbourhood Partnerships and the associated support staff in the future, preferably by shifting funding to the Revenue Account.

Ward(s)

Short Heath, Willenhall North and Willenhall South

Summary of report:

The purpose of the report is to express concern at the reduction in the level of funding for Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the current financial year (£5000 per ward) and the reliance on capital funding for the support staff and to call on the Cabinet in this year's budget round to consider returning to at least the 2005/2006 level of spend.

Recommendations

- That the Cabinet return the level of LNP funding to at least the 2005/2006 level which was £250,000, accumulating to £11000 per ward with the remaining £30,000 for cross LNP project funding.
- That the Cabinet give assurances that they will continue to fully fund the LNP and the support staff when the current funding ceases.
- To move towards funding the LNP's through the Revenue Account.

Signed:

Councillor I. Shires
Chair of Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership

Date: 31 October 2006