WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DARLASTON LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

19TH JULY, 2004

TIMES AND VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Summary of Report

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

Recommendations

Members of the Darlaston LNP are asked to:-

 Agree to alternate meetings of the LNP between venues in Bentley and Darlaston North and Darlaston South Wards as identified in the report.

Financial and Legal Considerations

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

<u>Legal Considerations</u>. 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 suitable venues within each Ward should be identified and that meetings of the LNP should alternate between these venues.

To date, enquiries have been made regarding the suitability and availability of a number of venues within the area, including Darlaston Town Hall; Wilkes Avenue Youth Club; the New Community Centre in Poplar Avenue and Moxley People's Centre, Queen Street, Moxley.

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

It is, therefore, suggested that, subject to confirmation of the availability of the venues, the meetings of the LNP are held at the following venues:-

19th July, 2004 Darlaston Town Hall, Victoria Road,

Darlaston

28th September, 2004 Wilkes Avenue Youth Club or new

Community Centre, Poplar Avenue, Bentley

20th December 2004 Moxley People's Centre, Queen Street,

Moxley

21st March, 2005 Venue to be determined

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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