

# **ALDRIDGE SOUTH AND STREETLY LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 at 7.00 p.m.**

**at the Main Hall at the Streetly Association Building, Foley Road  
East, Streetly**

## **Present**

Councillor Tom Ansell  
Councillor Gary Clarke  
Councillor Brian Douglas-Maul  
Mr. Phil Griffin  
Mr. Robert Gilham  
Mr. Tony Harrison  
Jenny Henney  
Pauline Heydon  
Councillor John O'Hare  
Mr. Ron Perks  
Mr. Dusan Popratnjak  
Mr. Peter Roberts  
Councillor John Rochelle  
Inspector Dave Storr  
Mrs. Jan Taylor

## **In attendance:**

Miss Kauser Agha  
Mrs. Julie Ball  
Mr. Andy Burns  
Mr. Steve Lewis  
Mr. Frazer Powell

1/04

## **Introductions**

Each member of the Partnership introduced themselves and explained in brief the organisation they represented.

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## **Apologies**

There were no apologies for non-attendance at this meeting.

3/04      **Appointment of Locally Appointed Partners**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

That the persons listed below be appointed as Locally Appointed Partners (LAPs) on the Aldridge South and Streetly Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the remainder of the current municipal year 2004/05.

Mr. Robert Gilham  
Mrs. Jenny Henney  
Mrs. Pauline Heydon  
Mr. Ron Perks  
Mr. Dusan Popratnjak  
Mr. Peter Roberts

4/04      **Appointment of Chairman**

Councillor Tom Ansell was nominated as Chairman of the Aldridge South and Streetly Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2004/05. There being no further nominations submitted it was:-

**Resolved**

That Councillor Tom Ansell be appointed as Chairman of the Aldridge South and Streetly Local Neighbourhood Partnership for the remainder of the municipal year 2004/05.

5/04      **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership held on 13 July 2004, a copy having been circulated to each member of the Partnership be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6/04      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

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## **Presentation - Local Neighbourhood Partnerships**

Councillor Tom Ansell gave a brief presentation to the Partnership and the members of the public present on Local Neighbourhood Partnerships.

The meeting was advised that Walsall Council had launched nine Local Neighbourhood Partnerships (LNPs) in the Borough to work with local residents to discuss and make progress on key community issues. Councillor Ansell advised that the nine LNP areas were based on Ward boundaries comprising:-

Aldridge South and Streetly  
Blakenall and Bloxwich  
Brownhills and Aldridge North  
Darlaston  
Palfrey and Pleck  
Pelsall and Rushall  
Pheasey and Paddock  
St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore  
Willenhall

Councillor Ansell said that Council officers would attend meetings of the Partnership to give advice, answer questions and take a record of the decisions made.

8/04

## **LNP Meetings**

The Partnership was advised that LNP meetings were open to the public and would meet in each LNP area every 3 months, it was confirmed that details of dates, times and venues for meetings would be available on the Council's Web site and by members of the public contacting their Ward Councillor or the relevant officer for their area.

9/04

## **Local Plan**

The Partnership was informed that one of the key issues for LNPs would be the production of a local plan which would highlight local problems and key issues. Background information, statistics and maps would be made available so that LNP members could make an informed series of decisions in respect of their area. Each LNP would manage and monitor its local plan which would be consistent with the vision of the Council and the Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership. Councillor Ansell said that short term task groups could be established to take forward key issues in respect of each LNPs local plan.

As part of the development of the local plan, Councillor Ansell confirmed that this would involve extensive consultation with local residents, businesses, service providers, voluntary and community groups to ensure that each had an input into the preparation and content of each local plan.

In conclusion, Councillor Ansell said that it was important that members of the public were actively involved in the work of the LNP by participating in the preparation of the local plan and by attending LNP meetings.

10/04

### **Petitions**

Councillor Ansell advised the Partnership that this was an opportunity for members of the public to submit their views on particular issues of concern to the LNP meeting.

It was confirmed that there were no petitions for consideration at this meeting.

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### **Public Forum**

Councillor Ansell said that each agenda for an LNP will have an open session for public speaking lasting no more than 30 minutes during which any member of the public who resides, works or has an interest in the area of the LNP will be able to address the LNP on an issue that affects a significant number of residents within the LNP area.

#### **Mr. K. Henney, 68 Beacon Road, Streetly**

Mr. Henney said in the past Streetly and Aldridge had both had similar problems but had received significantly less funding but that millions of pounds had been provided to other areas of the borough. Mr. Henney asked when would Aldridge and Streetly receive a fair share of the monies available from the Council.

Responding to this question, Councillor Ansell said that there were problems with Government funding for local government and some areas did receive a larger share of funding available because they were classed as deprived and this money automatically went to those areas.

Councillor Ansell advised that in the past the Aldridge and Streetly areas were seen to have missed out on Government grants but the Council was seeking to try to ensure that each area did receive its fair share of funding.

Mr. Collin Boswell a local resident said that Aldridge had been classed as a deprived area and he wondered how this description had been arrived at.

Replying to this question Councillor Ansell said that in his opinion he did not consider Aldridge to be a deprived area.

12/04

### **Transforming Your Space Programme**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Councillor O'Hare referred to the second part of the recommendations in the report and that there was no element for local consultation and that if the Partnership did approve the recommendations in the report it should be subject to local consultation.

Inspector Dave Storr said that all of the sites identified in the report were accurate except for an area in Goodwood Drive, Aldridge. Mr. Steve Lewis, Head of Environmental Regeneration thanked Dave Storr for this information and confirmed that this would be investigated and any necessary corrections made.

There then followed a general discussion regarding concerns at the lack of appropriate changing and toilet facilities for sports teams particularly childrens sports teams in the Aldridge and Streetly areas.

### **Resolved**

That the Aldridge South and Streetly Local Neighbourhood Partnership:-

- 1) Note the details of the Transforming Your Space Programme in Walsall;
- 2) Endorse the Transforming Your Space proposals detailed for its area subject to appropriate local consultation arrangements and that these proposals be included in the final Local Neighbourhood Plan.

13/04

### **Local Neighbourhood Plan**

A report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Councillor Ansell advised the Partnership that the production of a local plan was a key requirement for all Local Neighbourhood Partnerships and would involve consultation with and involvement of residents, local businesses, service providers and voluntary and community organisations in the LNP area. He said that each local plan would demonstrate how it influences the Councils vision for 2008 and the themes of the Walsall Borough Strategic Partnerships Community Plan.

Councillor Ansell said that he considered Local Neighbourhood Plans an excellent way of consulting with all local residents, business service providers, voluntary and community groups so that their views and aspirations could be taken in to account.

Responding to a question from Mrs Jenny Henney, it was confirmed that there was not at present a proposal for each LNP to have their own dedicated budget, but that in future years consideration will be given to a delegated amount of funding for each LNP area. Councillor O'Hare confirmed that this matter will be considered in relation to ranked spending priorities and also the overall effect on the allocation of funding to the Council's existing budgetary commitments.

### **Resolved**

That the Aldridge South and Streetly Local Neighbourhood Partnership:-

- 1) Note the revised guidance on producing the first local plan;
- 2) Note the details outlined for the planned workshop following the conclusion of this meeting.

### **Termination of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.05 pm.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....