



Brownhills & Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership - 13th September 2005

Partnership Plan and Feedback from Task Groups

Portfolio:	Local Partnerships
Service Area:	Neighbourhood Services
Wards:	Brownhills & Aldridge North/Walsall Wood

Summary of report

The purpose of this report is to inform the LNP of the progress of the various task groups.

Recommendations

1. For LNP members to continue in attendance at the workshop meetings
2. For individual LNP members to encourage wider participation from community members within the task groups
3. For the LNP to complete the actions agreed at the crime workshop
4. For the LNP to note the dates of the future workshops
5. For the LNP to undergo partnership plan review workshops

Feedback from Crime Workshop meeting held on 18th August 2005

The LNP has undertaken a crime workshop which took place on 11th August 2005. The workshop was well attended with 17 participants in total this encompassed LNP members, the police, police support officers and local residents. A presentation was provided by Inspector Sue Spencer on crime statistics, the current policing of the area and how the police prioritise their workload, the presentation has been attached.

Some key points of the workshop:

- Public are more concerned with groups of young teenagers causing a nuisance than being burgled, mugged or being a victim or other crimes.
- Brownhills & Aldridge North LNP has the lowest crime record in the West Midlands, yet past research and experiences has shown that the public feel the area is not policed adequately, this highlights an issue of wrong perceptions.

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- Brownhills & Aldridge North are not a priority neighbourhood and therefore have less resources
- There are now plans that next year a borough wide warden's initiative will commence meaning each area of the borough will have wardens representation irrespective of their crime profile. It is envisaged that this LNP will have 2 wardens.
- Many questions were raised around what the council is doing in terms of youth engagement. The partnership requested Tim Challans and Andy Driver attend the next LNP meeting on the 13th September and provide information on the councils current youth work and future plans.
- The issue of heavy traffic around the high street was highlighted; this has also been mentioned in the past. Members were concerned about the delay to the regeneration project that was going to go ahead which would have tackled issues such as heavy traffic etc. Members agreed for the LNP to write a letter of support to the council outlining the LNP's support to the council's regeneration plans which are now being hindered by neighbouring councils.

Partnership Plan Review workshop

To assist with the 12 month review of the partnership plans, it is suggested that each LNP holds a workshop for their area. This will provide an opportunity for the LNP to revisit the current actions in the partnership plan, review the statistical data, and update the information from partner organisations. As a result the LNP will be able to develop a clear set of actions and pledges for the next 12 months that will demonstrate how they are making a difference and having an impact at a local level.

Transforming Your Space Update

See Annex 1 Transforming Your Space Update Brownhills and Aldridge North LNP. For Information only.

Future Workshop Dates

27 th September 2005	4pm – 6pm	Brownhills Community Technology College, Deakin Avenue
28 th October 2005	4pm – 6pm	Brownhills Community Technology College, Deakin Avenue
24 th November 2005	6pm – 8pm	TBC
16 th December 2005	4pm – 6pm	TBC

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LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

TRANSFORMING YOUR SPACE UPDATES

Purpose: Inform each LNP on progress on TYS schemes in their area.

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Background

A report detailing forthcoming Transforming Your Space (TYS) schemes in the LNPs area was presented and endorsed on 27th September 2004.

Schemes in LNP area

Greenwood Road – play area improvements

Holland Park – new youth shelter

Oak Park – new skating provision

Andrews Road Play Area (Shire Oak Park) – play area improvements

Coppice Road Play Area (Walsall Wood Railway) – play area improvements

Progress

The schemes outlined above are currently being consulted on and the consultation period is due to be complete during September 2005. Examples of consultation undertaken or planned include consultation with Friends Groups and displays in community facilities.

Changes to schemes

The Andrews Road and Coppice Road schemes are as per the details submitted on 27th September 2004; however some changes have been necessary to the other schemes:

Greenwood Road

As a response to consultation the single tower unit in the original proposal is to be substituted with a multi tower unit.

Holland Park

Discussions are currently on-going on the location of the youth shelter.

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Oak Park

Alternative locations within Oak Park for the skate park are currently being assessed in response to local consultation. Discussions are currently taking place to re-locate the skate park to an area to the rear of the Leisure Centre.

Timescale

The timescale for the implementation of the schemes outlined in the September report has slipped. The main reason for this is that the original deadlines did not allow for sufficient and detailed consultation to be undertaken. The revised timescale, detailed below, has allowed for thorough community engagement and does not jeopardise the implementation of the schemes or the funding secured for them.

- On site – Early January 2006
- Practical Completion – March 2006

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