



Dear Councillor

Re: The Community Hubs project

I wanted to introduce myself and draw your attention to the work I have been asked to do by Cabinet. My role as project leader is to support the area partnerships in delivering a business case on how a community hub or network of hubs could look in each of the six areas of the borough.

I have attached the original cabinet report that contains the policy statement and sets out the aspirations of the council in terms of service delivery, community engagement and more localised decision making.

I have also included a copy of the letter from the Leader of the Council to the Chairs of each area panel asking them to start local debates with councillors, service providers and residents about community hubs and how we can take this exciting opportunity forward.

The first part of the project is for area partnership managers to engage with councillors, partner organisations, community groups, local residents and council services to help stimulate the debate on community hubs and help shape how to deliver the best possible outcomes for the borough.

As a councillor you will have numerous opportunities to feed into this process and I would encourage you to take every opportunity to help shape the future delivery model.

At this initial stage can I ask you to share your thoughts around how we could shape community hubs with your area panel chair or your area partnership manager. Alternatively please contact me if you prefer and we can arrange to meet and discuss.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your area manager or myself

yours sincerely

Karl Dipple
Community Hubs Project Lead
01922 658982
karl.dipple@walsall.gov.uk