

WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BROWNHILLS AND ALDRIDGE NORT LOCAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY 19TH JULY 2004

TIME AND VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is to advise the Brownhills and Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership of the arrangements to date for the venues of future meetings and to seek the views of members of the partnership in this respect and to agree the time the meetings will commence.

Recommendations

- (a) That the Local Neighbourhood Partnership agree to future meetings being held alternatively at Walsall Wood Primary and Shire Oak Schools, subject to the venues being available on the dates allocated for future meetings;
- (b) That members suggest any other venues within the Local Neighbourhood Partnership for consideration;
- (c) That the Local Neighbourhood Partnership agree on a time for the commencement of future meetings;
- (d) To note that Oak Park Leisure Centre has offered the use of a small function room that would seat approximately 10 people free of charge. The room might be suitable for task group meetings.

Background

A number of venues have been investigated within the partnership area and confirmation on availability for the September meeting is still awaited.

The following venues were approached based on suitability and accessibility, including the dates agreed by Council for future meetings of the partnership. It is important that venues are accessible to all who might wish to attend. It would therefore be appropriate for members to consider alternating venues within the Local Neighbourhood Partnership area:-

- (1) Brownhills Community School
- (2) Brownhills Activity Centre
- (3) Walsall Wood Primary School
- (4) Shire Oak (A Science College)
- (5) Oak Park Leisure Centre

With regard to venues (1) and (2) above, although (2) was available there was no disabled access and the geographical location of site (1) might cause difficulties for members of the public using public transport. Site (1) could be used when issues affecting that specific area were being considered. Oak Park Leisure Centre has a small function room which would seat approximately 10 people, this might be suitable for small task group meetings and could be provided free of charge. The remaining meetings will take place on:-

27th September, 2004
20th December, 2004
15th March, 2005

Time of future meetings

The partnership is also requested to approve a suitable time for the commencement of future meetings. Members might wish to consider holding future meetings at 7.00 p.m. to make the meetings accessible to all.

Financial implications

The financial cost for the venue and refreshments will be met from within existing identified Council budgets.

Legal considerations

Meetings of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership will be open to the public. Notice of the meetings therefore need to be posted at the proposed venues in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985.

Contact Officer

Glenys Ensor
Constitutional Services
Tel: 01922 653265
ensorg@walsall.gov.uk