

ALDRIDGE AND BEACON AREA PANEL

Tuesday, 1st July, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

**at Collingwood Centre, Collingwood Drive, Great Barr,
Birmingham, B43 7NF**

Present

Councillor Towe (Chairman)
Councillor Douglas-Maul
Councillor Flower
Councillor Hughes
Councillor Sears
Councillor Wilson

In attendance

Neighbourhood Manager
Asset Management – Team Leader
Head of the Joint Commissioning Unit

59/14 Welcome and Apologies

Each Member of the Area Panel and the officers present introduced themselves.

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Andrew, Bird, Clarke and Murray.

60/14 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th April, 2014, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Responding to a question from the floor, the Chair advised a member of the public that Councillor Wilson would pick up the issue in relation to the toilets in Aldridge Town Centre.

61/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

62/14 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

There were not items on the agenda which required the exclusion of the public under this Act.

63/14 **Update on Walsall Council's Gully Cleansing Programme**

A presentation was delivered for information.

(see annexed)

The Asset Management – Team Leader delivered a presentation and highlighted the salient points contained therein.

Members asked a number of questions and sought clarifications.

In particular, a discussion ensued in relation to whether Severn Trent responded in a timely manner to Council requests for cleaning. The Asset Management – Team Leader advised that he was not aware of an incident to date where Severn Trent had not responded.

A member of the public reported the Shire Oak junction as a particular problem area. The Asset Management – Team Leader advised that the area was due for a 2nd sweep in the near future and would report the issues.

Resolved that the presentation be noted.

64/14 **Urgent and Emergency Care Consultation**

A presentation was delivered.

(see annexed)

The Head of the Joint Commissioning Unit delivered a presentation and highlighted the salient points contained therein.

In particular, the Head of the Joint Commissioning Unit drew the meetings attention to the questionnaire, which had been made available in the circulated presentation and also on line.

Members discussed a number of matters which they felt would help improve Urgent and Emergency Care in the Walsall area.

The Head of the Joint Commissioning Unit responded to a number of questions from both Members and members of the public.

In closing, the Chair urged all present to get involved and respond on the consultation document, either on the internet or by filling out the form circulated at the meeting.

65/14 **Area Community Plan Refresh**

A report was tabled.

(see annexed)

The Area Manager presented the report and highlighted the salient points contained therein.

The Chair advised that he felt it would be appropriate for Members to take the plan away and review it in view of the fact that it had just been tabled. Furthermore, Members who were not present at this meeting would also need to be consulted before the Plan could be finalised.

Resolved that

1. Members review the Plan and respond to the Area Manager on its contents;
2. the Area Manager contacts all Members who are not present at the meeting and ask them to review the Plan;
3. that, upon receipt of all feedback from Members, the Area Manager finalise the Plan in consultation with the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

66/14 **Area Manager Report**

A report was tabled.

(see annexed)

The Area Manager presented the report for information only and highlighted the salient points contained therein.

A Member commented that the document was now growing quite large. He requested if consideration could be given to reformatting future Area Manager Reports so that new information is more easily identifiable.

Resolved that

1. the contents of the report be noted;
2. the Area Manager reformats the report so that, in future reports, new information is more easily identifiable.

67/14

Area Manager Report

A report was submitted.

(see annexed)

The Area Manager presented the report and highlighted the salient points contained therein.

Gratitude was expressed to the Area Panel by the Thomas Project for the grant it had received.

Resolved that all the funding applications, indentified within Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for the amounts identified therein.

Termination of meeting

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 7.35 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: