

**LNP pledges review**

**Purpose of the Report**

To provide members with an update on progress of pledges, the process of the pledge review and request recommendations for each pledge (stage 1 of the pledge review).

**Recommendations**

1. For LNP members to note progress against each pledge
2. For LNP members to note the pledge review process
3. For LNP members to put forward suggestions for LNP pledges for 2007-2009
4. For the LNP to discuss each pledge and agree to either:
  - Sign off pledge as completed or completed as much as possible
  - Cross off pledge as unachievable by March 2007 or no longer a priority
  - Carry pledge forward to be considered in the new set of pledges as pledge has not been completed and is still a priority

**Pledges Review**

As the end of the municipal year is rapidly approaching it is time for the LNP to reflect on their achievements and revisit the pledges that were agreed in 2006. Over Feb/Mar/Apr the LNP, via CAG's and community consultation will go through the process of forming a set of new pledges for 2007-2009.

The pledge review process will consist of:

1. **Reviewing current pledges and agreeing to:**
  - Sign off pledge as completed or completed as much as possible
  - Cross off pledge as unachievable by March 2007 or no longer a priority
  - Carry pledge forward to be considered in the new set of pledges as pledge has not been completed and is still a priority

**A summary of the current progress against pledges is attached.**

2. **Setting new pledges:**

This will incorporate feedback the LNP team has received from the networking lunches and the bus tour the LNP team are undergoing in partnership with physical regeneration. Both events have allowed local people to have a say in what the LNP could look at. In addition to this CAG's will allow members and the public to put forward their suggestions for pledges. The CAG scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> March will provide the opportunity for LNP members and the public to put forward their suggestions. LNP members are encouraged to attend this CAG.
  3. **Finalise new set of pledges:**

Before and during the finalising of pledges service providers will be involved to indicate how they can support the LNP in delivering local priorities. The list of pledges will be prioritised to form a realistic work plan for the LNP. The final set of pledges will be approved at the June/July LNP meeting (first LNP meeting for the municipal year yet to be scheduled).
  4. **Action planning for new pledges:**
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Each pledge will be delivered via an action plan which will set out the actions the LNP will complete to achieve that particular pledge. The action plan will set out timescales and more importantly which partner or service deliverer will be responsible and lead for each stage of the action plan.

The LNP are requested to note and comment on stage 1 'reviewing current pledges'

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## **Brownhills & Aldridge North Actions Progress Report**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Progress to Date</b>
<b>Reduce problems around Dog Fouling</b>	Engage with relevant departments to gain more dog bins and enforcement signs	LNP held a CAG around dog fouling enforcement. Following the CAG the LNP decided to fund 20 dog fouling signs to be placed around the LNP area.
	Interact with the dog warden	Dog warden has been engaged and took part in the planning of new signs.
	More information on legislation regarding dog fouling offences	LNP members were provided with information on the current legislation around dog fouling during the CAG which focused on this issue.
	Look at completing a survey of current enforcement signs	This idea was discussed at a CAG where relevant officers provided all the information around current enforcement signs. This was also supported by a ward walk. Action could be further developed by completing a formal survey however as the LNP have now bypassed this stage and purchased signs it may be irrelevant.
<b>Improve public health &amp; the local environment</b>	Look at future of ravens court toilets by engaging relevant departments	These public toilets have been discussed in length within CAG's however relevant council departments have informed due to land ownership the council cannot enforce action.
	Encourage regular fast food checks on local outlets	Environmental health attended a CAG and explained how they carry out fast food checks and the frequency of checks. It was agreed that if any concerns are highlighted regarding a specific fast food outlet the LNP would be consulted.
	Gain up to date legislative information on the council's obligations to deal with empty/derelict shops.	Information around councils obligation to deal with empty and derelict properties was discussed and disseminated during a CAG.

<b>Improve facilities for young people</b>	Engage with housing partners and other relevant bodies to explore future investment plans to build commercial facilities	The action is very broad and may be seen as not being achievable as to provide commercial facilities major investment would be required.
	Engage youth services and detached youth workers	Youth services have attended a number of meetings with the notion to improve facilities for young people. Although they have been involved no progress on improving facilities are evident. This is mainly due to funding restraints facing youth services.
	Explore other possible youth related projects	LNP have not discussed possible youth activities apart from current projects being delivered. This is partly due to the lack of progress around youth services funding
<b>Attain regular up to date information on economical development</b>	Engage with the urban regeneration company and gain information on their future plans	The LNP have not done any work around this pledge due to other pledges/actions taking priority.
	Gain information on any economical developments affecting the LNP from relevant departments and agencies	The LNP have not done any work around this pledge due to other pledges/actions taking priority.
	Explore developments of the Brownhills master plan	The LNP have not done any work around this pledge due to other pledges/actions taking priority.
<b>Monitor obesity and heart problems in the LNP</b>	Explore idea of setting up healthy living classes	The LNP have held a number of CAGs discussing health issues. The LNP in partnership with PCT have bided into the new healthy trainers programme which will initiate in September 2007. This will provide healthy living classes within the LNP area. The LNP have also received various presentations around health issues and priorities.
	Engage with Education Walsall to identify what they are doing to promote healthy living within schools,	The LNP have attempted to engage with education Walsall. Due to the delay in attaining education Walsall representation on LNP's, engaging this partner

	children and their parents	has proved difficult. However the LNP has now identified a suitable person to talk about this topic. Education rep is due to attend a CAG in Feb 2007 where this information will be provided.
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**Project links to pledges**

**2005/2006 projects:**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Pledge Link</b>
Brownhills Activities Centre refurbishment - completed	£12,000	Improve facilities for young people
Heritage Project – In progress	£5,000	No direct link
Brownhills Common improvements - completed	£4,930	Improve public health & the local environment
Planter/Ornament at the parade – in progress	£70	Improve public health & the local environment
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£22000</b>	

**2006/2007 projects:**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Pledge Link</b>

Dog fouling signs	£400	Reduce problems around Dog Fouling Improve public health & the local environment
Bins outside St John CE primary School	£520	Reduce problems around Dog Fouling Improve public health & the local environment
Brownhills Island Christmas lights for 2007	£2950	Improve public health & the local environment
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£3870</b>	