

WALSALL COUNCIL

ST. MATTHEWS AND BIRCHILLS/LEAMORE LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

19TH APRIL, 2006

VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

Summary of Report

The purpose of the report is to enable Members of the St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore Local Neighbourhood Partnership (LNP) to give consideration to the venue, within the LNP area, for its next meeting.

Recommendations

Members of the St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore LNP are asked to approve the use of the St. Mary's The Mount Pastoral Centre, Glebe Street as the venue for the first meeting of the LNP in the new Municipal Year (subject to its availability).

Financial and Legal Considerations

Financial Considerations. The financial cost of holding meetings of the LNP at venues within the LNP area will be met from existing budgets.

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

Potential Venues

It is important for venues for the meetings of the LNP to be as accessible for as many people as possible across the LNP area.

A survey of potential venues has been commenced. At the present time, only one additional venue has been identified.

St. Mary's The Mount Pastoral Centre, Glebe Street, is within the St. Matthews Ward. It is newly refurbished, has disabled access, sufficient parking and is within easy reach of several bus routes. The venue has apparently been used recently for the funding workshop for the LNP.

Venues need to be accessible by public transport, have car parking facilities and be accessible to the disabled. St. Mary's The Mount Pastoral Centre would appear to fulfil this criteria.

The schedule of dates for LNP meetings in the new Municipal Year is not yet available. It is, however, possible that under the new regime, LNPs will meet on a more regular basis (eight times per year as compared to the current quarterly meetings). In view of this, I am trying to identify more venues for meetings in the area covered by the LNP.

It is suggested that the next meeting of the LNP be held at St. Mary's The Mount Pastoral Centre, Glebe Street (subject to availability). A further report will be submitted to that meeting seeking approval to the use of other venues for meetings for the remainder of the next Municipal Year.

Time of meeting

In order to make the meetings accessible to all, Members may wish to continue to hold future meetings at 6.00 p.m.

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