

Report to Darlaston LNP, 14th February 2007
Regeneration of Moxley Centre: Project Reference Group

1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow further consideration of the composition of the Project Reference Group established to oversee the Moxley centre regeneration project.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Darlaston LNP is recommended to determine the composition of the Project Reference Group.

3.0 Background

3.1 At its meeting on 11th October 2006 Darlaston LNP received a report outlining proposals to establish a priority project aimed at regenerating Moxley centre, in conjunction with whg, as part of the Strategic Regeneration Framework for the borough approved by Cabinet in 2006. I have attached the report for information.

3.2 The LNP resolved, in noting and supporting the report, to:

- I. Support the establishment of a project reference group to oversee the Moxley centre Masterplan and regeneration project;
- II. Nominate up to five of its members to join the project reference group and to suggest up to five local organisations from which representatives should also be drawn;
- III. Receive regular reports from the project reference group on progress on the regeneration project.

3.3 The following representatives were nominated to join the project reference group:

LNP Representatives: Cllr. Burley; Cllr. Wilkes; Gary Fulford (whg); Accord Housing Association Representative - Nominee TBC; West Midlands Police Representative - Nominee TBC

Community Representatives: Rev. Richard Inglesby - All Saints Church; Ms Lisa Walton - Curtin Drive Residents Association; Mrs Margaret Steadman - Moxley Resident; Ms Wendy Pearce - Moxley Peoples Centre; Mrs Amanda Potts

3.4 The report explained the purpose of the project reference group in driving forward the regeneration of Moxley centre. In particular it would oversee the appointment of consultants to produce a framework plan for the area and manage the process of producing that plan in conjunction with the project team of officers and the consultants who will help to deliver the project on a day-to-day basis. The reference group will also act as a link to ensure that the local community and key stakeholders are fully engaged in the process.

3.5 In anticipation of arranging the first formal meeting of the project reference group it has become apparent from representations from the local community since the meeting in October 2006, that further consideration of the composition of the group should take place. This report provides the LNP with the opportunity for that process to occur.

4.0 Next Steps

4.1 Following the LNP's confirmation of the composition for the project reference group a meeting of the Group is to be called for Thursday 8th March 2007 at Moxley Peoples Centre. At this meeting the reference group will be actively involved in agreeing terms of reference, the boundary of the area for which the framework is to be produced and approve the brief for the appointment of consultants to produce the framework plan. From this date the reference group will also agree future dates for meetings.