

# **SPECIAL DARLASTON NORTH/BENTLEY/DARLASTON SOUTH AREA PANEL**

**Monday, 16 December, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.**

**at Darlaston Town Hall, Victoria Road, Darlaston**

## **Present**

Councillor Burley (Chairman)  
Councillor Chambers (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Underhill

## **In Attendance**

Lyndon Parkes - Area Manager  
Jo Stewart - Communications  
Laura Terry - Communities and Partnerships  
Paul Leighton - Traffic Management

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## **Apology**

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor James.

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## **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

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## **Participatory Budgeting - Verge Parking**

The joint report of the Partnership Officer and Communications Manager - Partnerships was submitted:-

(see annexed)

A supplementary report of the Partnership Officer was handed to Members present at the meeting:-

(see annexed)

The Partnership Officer (Laura Terry) enlarged upon the reports and informed the meeting that the voting process for the parking schemes had closed at 6.00 p.m. just prior to the start of this meeting. She reminded Members how the consultation exercise had been carried out and reported that a map of the areas and contact information had been hand delivered to residents in the proposed locations so that they could vote and comment on the suggested schemes. Only seventeen votes had been received for the six proposed schemes, fifteen in favour and two against.

Councillor Burley indicated that she supported the Hawthorne Place verge parking scheme as it had received four votes in favour and none against. There were problems with vehicles parking on footpaths and access for emergency vehicles. There were also some WHG properties in Hawthorne Place and the group had indicated that they might provide funding for dropped kerbs to their properties.

Councillor Chambers stated that he was disappointed with the overall response to the proposals but supported Hawthorne Place. Councillor Burley commented that Moxley Road was a wide road with residents already parking on the grass verges so four or five additional parking spaces there would be inadequate for the number of homes and could lead to tensions arising.

Councillor Underhill asked how residents would be made to use the verge parking provided. She asked if the police would take action over illegal parking. She also supported the Hawthorne Place scheme as the most appropriate.

Councillor Burley asked if the funding allocated would be enough to complete the Hawthorne Place scheme. Paul Leighton (Traffic Management) confirmed that the scheme could be completed from the funding provided.

After further discussion it was,

### **Resolved**

That the Panel agrees that the verge parking scheme for Hawthorne Place should be carried out.

Councillor Burley then thanked officers for all their hard work in dealing with this matter.

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**Funding Report**

The joint report of the Partnership Manager and Area Manager was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The Area Manager (Lyndon Parkes) enlarged upon the report for the benefit of the Panel and drew the meeting's attention to Appendix 1 which summarised budget applications deemed valid against Area Partnership funding criterion and referred to the Panel for approval. He continued that the proposed projects totalled £10,086.00 and added that there was currently £815.73 available for the Panel to distribute during the remainder of the financial year.

Members carefully considered the applications and after discussion it was,

**Resolved**

That the applications contained in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

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**Dates and venues for Darlaston North/Bentley/Darlaston South Area Panel meetings**

It was **agreed** that the meetings of the Darlaston North/Bentley/Darlaston South Area Panel meetings be held on the following dates:-

**2014**

- 22 January
- 26 March

All meetings to be held at Darlaston Town Hall commencing at 5.30 p.m. or 6.00 p.m.

**Termination of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.30 p.m.

Chairman .....

Date .....