

WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

ST. MATTHEWS AND BIRCHILLS/LEAMORE LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

12TH JULY, 2005

TIME AND VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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 time and venue, within the LNP area, for their meetings.

Recommendations

Members of the St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore LNP are asked to:-

- Agree to continue to alternate meetings of the LNP between venues in the St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore Wards as identified in the report.

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. It would, therefore, be appropriate for Members to consider holding the meetings at different venues within the LNP area.

In order to provide continuity whilst also making the meetings accessible and convenient for people within the area, it is suggested that, for the 2005/06 Municipal Year, suitable venues in the St. Matthews and Birchills/Leamore Wards, should be identified and that meetings of the LNP should alternate between those venues.

It would appear that during the last Municipal Year, Members favoured smaller, more intimate venues. In view of this, enquiries have been made regarding the suitability and availability of a number of venues within the area.

Venues need to be accessible by public transport, have car parking facilities and be accessible to the disabled. On that basis, subject to Members approval, it is suggested that, subject to confirmation of the availability of the venues, the meetings of the LNP for the remainder of the Municipal Year, be held as follows:-

Monday, 24th October, 2005

Central Methodist Hall, Ablewell
Street

Monday, 23rd January, 2006

Butts School, Butts Road

Wednesday, 19th April, 2006

Burrowes Street Community Room

Alternatively, Members may wish to identify suitable venues in their Wards for consideration.

Time of meetings

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

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