

WARDS: ALL

AGENDA ITEM NO.

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 4th SEPTEMBER 2003

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

URBAN ENVIRONMENT - MATTERS RAISED AT THE CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE - 18TH JUNE 2003

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To update Committee on a number of issues raised at the 18th June 2003 Central Dudley Area Committee that relate to services provided by the Directorate of the Urban Environment.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Directorate of the Urban Environment provides a number of services that have considerable impact on local communities. This diverse range of technical services focus on regenerating the Borough, maintaining our environment to high standards, protecting our communities and promoting leisure and other community services for all.

2.2 Requests for service and information are received at Area Committee on a regular basis from both members and the general public, relating to matters such as traffic management, leisure and recreation, regeneration and new development. Few enquiries can be answered immediately, with many prompting further investigation, feasibility studies and public consultation, prior to being reported back to Committee.

2.3 To keep Committee updated, progress reports are attached as appendices and the proposal resulting from the update is set out at the end of each appendix.

3.0 PROPOSAL

3.1 The proposal is set out at the end of each report in the appendices.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 LAW

- 5.1 Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 empowers the Council to provide recreational facilities in its area.
- 5.2 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, enables the Council to do anything that is likely to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Borough.
- 5.3 Section 51 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 places a duty on the Council as Waste Disposal Authority for its area to provide places where its residents may deposit their household waste free of charge.
- 5.4 Traffic Regulation Orders are made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- 5.5 The Traffic Calming Act 1992 amends the Highways Act 1980 to allow works to be carried out to promote safety and to preserve or improve the environment.
- 5.6 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 authorises the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the exercise of any of its functions.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1 The proposals take into account the Council's equal opportunities policies.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That the proposals contained in each of the attached appendices be approved.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 See individual appendices.

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