

Central Dudley Area Committee – 13th March 2007

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee of the written responses made to questions asked at a previous meeting.

Background

2. At a meeting of this Committee held on 16th January 2007, it was indicated that written replies would be sent to the questioners concerned. The responses are as indicated.
3. The Central Dudley Area Community Plan Working Group, at its meeting held on 6th December 2006, considered “Regeneration Activities”, as identified in the Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan. In the light of comments made by the Working Group, Members of the Committee made the following resolutions:
 1. That, in view of the relatively high levels of social deprivation in the five Central Dudley wards, the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration be requested to consider the possibility of increasing capacity within the Council’s Regeneration Unit to facilitate the annual submission of an additional five regeneration funding bids relating to those wards.
 2. That, failing the identification of additional capacity as referred to in resolution (i) above, the Chief Executive be requested to consider the possibility of restructuring the Neighbourhood Management Team to enable one member of staff to be dedicated solely to working with community groups, specialist officers and other partners in the Central Dudley area to coordinate high quality regeneration funding bids relating to the five Central Dudley wards.
4. Following the meeting, the first resolution, as detailed above, was forwarded to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration for his consideration. The Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration has made a written response, a copy of which has been forwarded to all Members of the Committee on 16th February 2007.

Finance

5. There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report.

Law

6. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

7. The report takes into account the Council's Equality and Diversity Policies.

Recommendation

9. The Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.



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List of Background Papers

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16th January 2007
E-mail message sent to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration
Written Response sent to Members of Central Dudley Area Committee