

WARDS: ALL

AGENDA ITEM NO.

**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2004**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT**

**URBAN ENVIRONMENT - MATTERS RAISED AT THE CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE – 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 To update Committee on a number of issues raised at the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004 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 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.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 Traffic Regulation Orders are made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- 5.6 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.

## **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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**Buffery Park Lighting**

**Background**

At the Central Dudley Area Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004, a petition was received from the Friends and Residents of Buffery Park requesting lighting to improve safety and security after the hours of darkness.

**Comments**

Officers from DUE are aware of the petition as it was presented through the Friends and Residents of Buffery Park at their Liveability Consultation Day held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Given the local support, it is anticipated that lighting will be considered when pulling together the local Action Plan. In the interim period Officers from DUE are estimating the cost of an adequate scheme.

**Proposal**

That the Area Committee note the information contained in this report.

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**Buffery Park Fence**

**Background**

At the Central Dudley Area Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004, Councillor John Davis enquired when the proposed fencing work on Buffery Park was due to take place.

**Comments**

Unfortunately, a delay in the delivery of materials did cause some slippage in relation to this project. However, it has been confirmed that materials have now been received and work has commenced on site.

**Proposal**

That the Area Committee note the information contained in this report.

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**Request for Bench and Bin – Netherton Park**

**Background**

At the Central Dudley Area Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004, a petition was submitted by Councillor Rahman, on behalf of Netherton young people, requesting a bench and bin to be installed at Netherton Park.

**Comments**

Officers from DUE will liaise with the Friends of Netherton Park and make them aware of the young people's request. It would be appropriate for improvements of this type to be included in the overall Action Plan for the Park to enable a mutually acceptable location and appropriate funding source to be identified.

**Proposal**

That the Area Committee note the information contained in this report.

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**Dudley Town Hall – Change of Name**

**Background**

At the Central Dudley Area Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2004, opposition was expressed by both Members and the public in relation to the decision to change the name of Dudley Town Hall and the apparent lack of consultation on the proposal.

**Comments**

At the time of writing this report it is understood that a comprehensive statement will be made by the Lead Member for Leisure at the full Council Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004. Consequently a verbal update will be given on the night of the Area Committee Meeting.

**Proposal**

That the Area Committee note the information contained in this report.

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