

**Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council**

**Central Area Committee – 22 March 2004**

**Report of the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning**

**Area Planning for 2004/05**

Purpose

1. To update the Committee on the progress that has been made on the Area Plan 2003/2004 that was approved by the Committee in February 2003 and to advise the Committee on the content of the Area Plan for 2004/05

Background

2. Members will be aware that when the Committee approved the Community Education & Development Division's Central Area Plan for 2003/04, it included the plans for Youth and Community, Lifelong Learning, Health Promoting Schools, Performing Arts and Student Support.
3. The report and Area Plan before you tonight has expanded on this partnership working and includes joint work from other aspects of the Council, such as the Neighbourhood Management Team as well as the voluntary sector.
4. A great deal has been achieved this year, and we are extremely proud of our achievements to date.
5. There are a number of objectives set out under some of the themes that will be ongoing and appear in the Area Plan for 2004/2005. There are also some additional objectives, with partnership working, agreed activity and targets in response to specific identified needs.

Finance

6. The Action Plan does not have financial implications for the Division outside of the revenue budget; any additional resources will be sought through partnership working and external grant applications.

Law

7. 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 statutory functions relating to youth and community.

Equal Opportunity

8. The proposal contained within this report and the relating Area Plan comply with the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Recommendations

9. Subject to any other comments the Area Committee and the public forum may have it is proposed that this Area Plan be fully supported.



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