
Halesowen Area Committee – 12th November, 2008

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Report on a meeting of the Halesowen Area Committee (Cradley/Windmill Regeneration Plan Delivery) Working Group

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee of issues raised and matters recommended for approval (if any) arising from the meeting of the Working Group held on 4th November, 2008 .

Please note that this report should be read in conjunction with agenda item nos. 12 (paragraph 3) and 18)

Background

2. The working party at its meeting held on 4th November, 2008 considered the following substantive issues –
 - Lift Scheme – Methodist Church site
 - Use of Compulsory Purchase Order Powers
 - Cradley /Windmill Hill Local Centre Regeneration Plan Progress Report (agenda item 18)
 - Process for disposing of land; and
 - A proposal to co-opt a member of the public to the working group
3. Arising from consideration of these issues the following principal comments/matters were raised:-
 - i) in respect of the Lift Scheme it was noted that the Primary Care Trust and Dudley Infracare LIFT Limited would not be finalising a schedule of accommodation in terms of the services to be provided until the end of December, 2008. Because of this and until that schedule had been completed and assessed an answer could not as yet be given as to whether the Lift Scheme could be accommodated on the Methodist Church site or on any other potential site. This matter would be considered further at the next meeting of the working group to be held in January, 2009.
 - ii) That a further report on the use of compulsory order powers and other powers available to the Council in relation to property be submitted to the next meeting of the working group.
 - iii) That in noting the content of the progress report (agenda item 18), it was noted that the monies for the proposals at paragraph 6 of that

- report in respect of improving public realm needed to be spent before the end of March,2009.
- iv) That in noting the content of the report submitted on the current process for disposing of land it was requested that the relevant Property Manager take no further steps at this stage regarding the request received to declare land at 112-114 Colley Gate surplus to requirements pending clarification of other possible land disposal matters.
 - v) That, arising from further consideration given to the issue of co-option to the working group, the recommendation was made, as set out below ,for the co-option of a local resident.

Finance

4. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

Law

- 5 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

6. The report takes into account the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy and there are no direct implications for children and young people in the report.

Recommendation

7. That the Committee notes the information set out in paragraph 3 (i) to (iv) above of the report and is recommended by the working group to approve the co-option of a Mr Kevin Powis, a local resident of Cradley ,to the working group as a speaking non-voting member for the remainder of the current municipal year..



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