

AGENDA ITEM NO 6

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE – 15th SEPTEMBER 2004

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 JULY 2004

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the written responses made to questions asked at the previous meeting.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of this Committee held on 13th July 2004 questions were raised under the Public Forum item and the responses to those questions are as follows:-
- 2.2 In response to a query by a member of the public regarding speed humps in Howley Grange Road the issue is currently under investigation by the relevant officer.
- 2.3 In response to a written question by a member of the public regarding the lack of suitable disabled toilets in Leasowes Park, the Countryside Manager has written to the questioner stating that given the resources available it would not be possible to make the existing toilet within the visitor centre more accessible or to provide external toilet facilities. It would also not be possible to leave the visitor centre part of the building open and unattended due to vandalism and theft of contents and it has to be locked when staff were not present. However, discussions would continue with officers to seek an agreeable resolution.
- 2.4 In relation to concern expressed regarding poor consultation on the proposed new bus station it was agreed that the matter, following completion of the consultation, would be included as a future agenda item. A verbal update is to be given later in this meeting.
- 2.5 In relation to information on when outstanding work in the Halesowen Town Centre would be completed, a report has been included as an agenda item to this meeting.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the contents of this report.

4.0 FINANCE

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

5.0 LAW

- 5.1 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.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1 The report takes into account the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

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

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