
DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 2nd JULY, 2009

REPORT OF THE BRIERLEY HILL AREA LIAISON OFFICER

MATTERS RAISED AT THE BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update Committee on a number of issues raised at the 2nd April 2009 Brierley Hill Area Committee that relate to services provided by the Council.

BACKGROUND

2. The Council provides a number of services that have considerable impact on local communities.
3. Requests for service and information are received at Area Committee on a regular basis from both members and the general public, relating to a range of services. Few enquiries can be answered immediately, with many prompting further investigation, feasibility studies and public consultation, prior to being reported back to Committee.
4. To keep Committee updated, a progress report is attached.

FINANCE

5. There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

LAW

6. Provisions relating to Highways are contained in the Highways Act 1980.
7. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
8. 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.
9. 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.

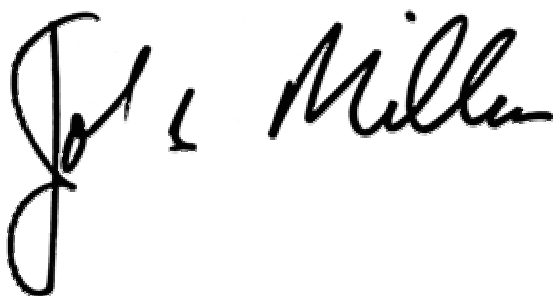
10. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 allows the Council to do anything that it considers is likely to promote or improve the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of its area.

EQUALITY IMPACT

11. This report is consistent with the Council's Equality and Diversity policy and has no direct equality implications.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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AREA LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

PETITIONS

Minute 74 (a)

A petition from The Friends of Broadfield House Glass Museum on behalf of The Glass Association was submitted by Councillor Tyler, regarding Broadfield House Glass Museum, Kingswinford. The petition was received and referred to the Directorate of the Urban Environment for attention.

RESPONSE

As requested, the petition has been formally acknowledged by the Assistant Director Culture and Leisure.

Minute 74 (b)

A petition from residents of Kingswinford was submitted protesting about the possible closure of the access to and from Wartell Bank and Dawley Brook Road, Kingswinford. The petition was received and referred to the Directorate of the Urban Environment for attention

RESPONSE

As requested, the petition has been formally acknowledged by the Traffic and Road Safety team.

MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minute (82.2)

That the Area Liaison Officer be requested to report to a future meeting of the Area Committee on recommendations relating to Wartell Bank and Dawley Brook

RESPONSE

As requested, a report will be presented at the meeting of Area Committee on the 2nd July.

PUBLIC FORUM

Minute 76 (e)

A late question from a member of the public was received as to when the Council would be introducing plastic recycling for residents and cardboard recycling facilities at the Merry Hill shopping centre for traders. The Assistant Director, Environmental Management would provide a written response to the questioner.

RESPONSE

As requested a full written response has been sent to the member of the public

Minute 76 (f)

A late question from a member of the public was received requesting recommendations as to the action that could be taken in relation to the removal of stray horses. The Head of Museums, Greenspaces and Bereavement Services would provide a written response to the questioner

RESPONSE

As requested a full written response has been sent to the member of the public

WARD ISSUES

Minute 83 (e)

In response to a question from Councillor Ms Harris in relation to the Nine Locks Community Centre regarding finding an urgent solution in relation to the level of the pavement outside the Centre, which had been restricting access to wheelchair users, the Area Liaison Officer stated that he would investigate the matter and respond direct to Councillor Ms Harris

RESPONSE

A site meeting was arranged for Highway Engineers to fully investigate the issues raised by Councillor Harris and plans for further works have been agreed that will resolve the issue. A written response was provided to Councillor Harris.