

Agenda Item No. 21

North Dudley Area Committee – 23rd June 2010

Responses to Questions Raised at the Previous Meeting Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee on the current status of responses to questions posed at the previous meeting of the Committee.

Background

2. At the meetings of this Committee held on 29th March 2010, it was indicated that written responses would be sent to the questioners concerned. The responses are attached as appendix 1.

Finance

3. There are no direct financial implications at this stage.

<u>Law</u>

4. Section 111 Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its statutory functions.

Equality Impact

5. The proposals take into account the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

6. That the Committee note the report and the appendix to the report.



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List of Background Papers:

Question slips submitted at the meeting Correspondence sent in response by Council Officers

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Petitions

a) A petition was submitted by local residents requesting consideration of Gornal as an alcohol free zone. The petition was forwarded to the Director of Corporate Resources and the West Midlands Police in view of the work that had previously been undertaken in respect of this matter.

Public Forum

- A member of the public questioned the total cost of the demolition and clearance of the site of Coseley baths, the Assistant Director – Corporate Property has written to the questioner advising that under section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 200 it is not possible for him to answer the question asked.
- 2. A member of the public raised the issue of the funding for the football pitches and swimming pool at Ellowes Hall School. The Head of Building Surveying has written to the questioner advising that £725k had been provided from the Department for Children, Schools and Families for artificial turf pitches under the Sports Colleges Sports Facilities Programme for the sports pitches. A total of £130k to replace the boiler and other associated pool plant had been provided through: £80k from the Devolved Capital Central Pot, £30k from the Reward Grant from the Free Swimming Initiative and a further £20k from the Schools Modernisation Programme.