

**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP – 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003**

**REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

**BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY PLAN**

**1.0      PURPOSE**

- 1.1      For Members to consider the draft Area Committee Community Plan attached to this report as Appendix 1.

**2.0      BACKGROUND**

- 2.1      As part of the Council's constitution which was adopted in May 2002 each Area Committee is required to produce a Local Area Community Plan . Brierley Hill Area Committee at its meeting in July 2002 agreed that the Working Group should develop this plan and various meetings have taken place and discussions have taken place at the Area Committee meeting with members of the public and partners/agencies. The draft plan as set out in Appendix 1 to this report pulls together the aspirations indicated at those various meetings and Annex 2 to the plan sets out some of the key areas of concern highlighted during those discussions. Annex 3 to the plan outlines the current programmes which are ongoing.
- 2.2      Members of the working group considered this at their meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2003 and made the following comments/observations:
- a) Over time the on going programme element should include measurable and specific indicators of performance.
  - b) Sections of the plan should be subject to regular reports to the area committee, with partner involvement.
  - c) The plan should be a live document and thus be modified as circumstances related to individual themes or programmes change.
  - d) The community groups section should be converted into a "Directory of Community Groups" with contacts.

**3.0      PROPOSALS**

- 3.1      Members comment on the content of the draft Plan.

**4.0      FINANCE**

- 4.1      There are no direct financial implications within this report.

**5.0      LAW**

5.1      Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, empowers the Council to do anything calculated to facilitate or which is conducive to or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions.

**6.0      EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

6.1      The proposals take account of the Council's policies relating to Equal Opportunities.

**7.0      RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1      That the proposal set out in Section 3 above be approved.

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